

<b>TREARDDUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24</b>															
<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction.</b>														
	<p>Trearddur Community Council is served by 12 councillors who were fully committed to representing the residents and providing them with services and facilities designed to enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we started the year on a very sad note with the loss of our most experienced councillor. Councillor Eric Roberts passed away on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, he had been a dedicated member of the Community Council for many years and his knowledge and experience had been invaluable.</p> <p>The remaining councillors were: Anwen McCann, Jack Abbott MBE, Susan Conrad-Smith (Chairman), Abi Jenkins, Cyndy McDermott, Stephen Magee, Geoff McGinn, Paul Norris, Keith Roberts, Dafydd Rhys Thomas and Stephen Williams.</p> <p>Cllr. Sara Wyn Robers was Co-opted on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</p> <p>There was more sad news in January 2024 when Members were informed that Councillor Cyndy McDermott had passed away on the 1st January. She had been another dedicated member of the Community Council for several years and she was also sorely missed by her friends and colleagues on the Community Council.</p>														
<b>2.</b>	<b>Financial Information.</b>														
	<p>Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2024 is summarised as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Balances brought forward from 2022/23</td><td>81,362</td></tr> <tr> <td>Income from local taxation/levy</td><td>36,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total other receipts</td><td>1,340</td></tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td><td>6,609</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total other payments</td><td>21,076</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balances carried forward to 2024/25</td><td>91,017</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total fixed assets and long-term assets</td><td>65,922</td></tr> </table> <p>The accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23 have been audited by Audit Wales and an unqualified audit opinion was given for both financial years.</p>	Balances brought forward from 2022/23	81,362	Income from local taxation/levy	36,000	Total other receipts	1,340	Staff costs	6,609	Total other payments	21,076	Balances carried forward to 2024/25	91,017	Total fixed assets and long-term assets	65,922
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Relationship with the Principal Council.</b>														
	<p>The County Council provided a regular cascade of information via the clerk and there was a regular dialogue between the community council throughout the year.</p> <p>County Councillors Keith Roberts and Dafydd Rhys Thomas have also served as a Community Councillors for many years, they not only provided a good insight into the work of County Council but took up matters for action with relevant officers as appropriate.</p>														
<b>4.</b>	<b>Complaints.</b>														

	There have been no complaints from members of the public against any of our Councillors or the services we provide.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Code of Conduct.</b> The Clerk is fully conversant with the Code of Conduct and associated guidance and our councillors receive training on the Code of Conduct.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Governance.</b>
	The clerk ensured that the Council's actions and decisions were made strictly in accordance with statutory procedures, policies and procedures and that each related document and financial return was published in a timely manner.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Assets managed and the services we provide:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We own the play equipment and manage the children's play area on Lon Isallt;</li> <li>• We own and maintain 10 bus shelters;</li> <li>• We own 8 recycled plastic planters on Lon St Ffraid and Lon Isallt</li> <li>• We own and maintain 12 benches and 2 picnic tables</li> <li>• We own and maintain 2 recycled plastic notice boards and two Trearddur Bay welcome signs</li> <li>• We represent our residents, we convey their concerns to the Community Council and, through it, to the County Council and Welsh Assembly Government;</li> <li>• We report back to residents on issues affecting the community;</li> <li>• We negotiate with, and influence, those other organisations that make decisions that affect the community;</li> <li>• We are consulted and give our views on planning applications;</li> <li>• We are consulted and give our views on highway maintenance issues, traffic calming matters, parking issues, street naming etc.</li> <li>• We deal with public rights of way issues</li> <li>• We serve on the Holyhead Joint Burial Board as well as other Committees and Boards on behalf of the community.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Action taken during 2023-24.</b>
	<p>During the year we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained the play area and footpaths to a good standard;</li> <li>• Provided additional waste collection service for the play area on Lon Isallt</li> <li>• Carried out maintenance and repairs to 10 bus shelters.</li> <li>• Responded to consultation requests on 41 planning applications</li> <li>• Providing grants to a range of local organisations.</li> <li>• Carried out ongoing flood alleviation discussions with relevant bodies to safeguard the village from increasing sea levels and increased storm severity caused by global warming.</li> </ul> <p>Whilst summer 2023 was a difficult time for Trearddur Community Council residents with the constant parking, wild camping and waste disposal problems created by the huge influx of tourists in the area, winter 2023 saw some residents on Trearddur Road facing extreme problems with flooding. It was hoped that the persistent lobbying by the Community Council would eventually lead to solutions in 2024/25.</p>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Key Objectives for 2024-25</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue to provide an effective and cost effective service to our community</li> <li>2. To obtain a solution to the drainage and flooding issues in the village</li> <li>3. To continue to monitor environmental / waste disposal issues</li> <li>4. To continue to improve the facilities in the play area</li> <li>5. To continue to upgrade the street furniture</li> <li>6. To continue to provide support for the upgrade of the Village Hall</li> <li>7. To pursue the acquisition of the recreation ground on Lon Isallt</li> <li>8. To review and impliment our Council Training Plan</li> <li>9. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats.</li> <li>10.To promote the use of the Welsh Language</li> </ol>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Training Plan</b>
	All Community Councillors attend training courses as appropriate and the Community Council is a Member of One Voice Wales which undertakes most of the training needs of local Councils. A separate Training Plan has been produced to reflect the needs of the Council.
<b>11.</b>	<b>SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2023-24</b>
11.1	<p>Trearddur Community Council provides a range of services to, and undertakes a range of procurements on behalf of its local communities, which have a potential impact on biodiversity. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of our open space play areas;</li> <li>• Maintenance and stewardship of sundry assets (noticeboards, bus shelters and public seating) and</li> <li>• Identification / control of environmental risks and /or invasive botanical species such as Japanese Knotweed.</li> <li>• Flooding / environmental issue</li> </ul> <p>We promoted sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing appropriate practices wherever possible.</p>
11.2	All planning applications submitted to the Community Council for consultation were scrutinised with a view to identifying any adverse impact on the environment. Particular care was given to ensure that any developmental impact on surface drainage, tree cover or impact on existing resources such as public rights of way was duly notified to the Planning Officers.
11.3	We also monitored, maintained and protected all public footpaths and rights of way within our area of jurisdiction, and ensured that they continued to provide access and amenity to residents and visitors alike.
11.4	We have adopted a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring office supplies such as paper, envelopes and furniture were sustainably sourced (e.g. purchased locally and/or made from recycled material).

11.5	The Community Council has no direct responsibility for waste collection, however we remain vigilant in ensuring that the village was kept clean and rubbish free.
11.6	<b>Review of s6 duty</b>
	<p>What has worked well - A number of volunteers have work extremely hard in maintaining the dog waste bag dispensers etc, maintaining the planters, planting wild flowers etc.</p> <p>What have the barriers been? - Lack of expertise in identifying how best to manage biodiversity in a coastal environment.</p> <p>What will you change? - Work closer with the County Council and encourage more community involvement.</p> <p>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? - The duty will be monitored through regular inclusion on the Community Council Agendas.</p>