

**TREARDDUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

1. Introduction.

During the year 2021/22, Trearddur Community Council comprised of 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.

The councillors in office during the year were: Stephen Magee (Chairman), Jack Abbott MBE, Susan Conrad-Smith, Anwen McCann, Cyndy McDermott, Geoff McGinn, Paula Parry, Eric Roberts, Keith Roberts, Bill Rowlands, Dafydd Rhys Thomas and David A. Williams.

2. Financial Information.

Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2022 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 2020/21	56,502
Income from local taxation/levy	36,000
Total other receipts	5,002
Staff costs	5626
Total other payments	22,242
Balances carried forward to 2022/23	69,636
Total fixed assets and long-term assets	65,432

The accounts have been submitted to Audit Wales and an audit opinion is expected later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as 'Not yet Audited'

3. Relationship with the Principal Council.

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.

County Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas has also served as a Community Councillor for many years, he and County Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE were very regular attenders of our meetings and provided not only provided a good insight into the work of County Council but took up matters for action with relevant officers as appropriate.

4. Complaints.

The Council received two complaints from members of the public regarding the actions of a Community Councillor, the clerk responded to each complainant advising them that all such complaints would have to be made directly to the Public Ombudsman for Wales as Community Councils have no jurisdiction to deal with them locally. The Community Council are not aware of any follow up action on those complaints.

	<p>Two more complaints were received during the year, one regarding the unauthorised cutting of a hedge and the other about the appearance of non-bilingual signs in the village. The clerk dealt with both of these in consultation with the Chairman. The Council did not commission any such work and had no knowledge of any intention by a third party to do so. However, both served as good examples of how the actions of individual councillors and volunteers could be misinterpreted.</p>
5.	<p>Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Clerk is fully conversant with the Code of Conduct and associated guidance and our councillors receive training on the Code of Conduct. In addition the Chairman arranged for a mid-term discussion on the Code of Conduct in October 2021. The session was based on examples contained in Ombudsman's guide and served to remind Members of their obligations, how to declare personal interests, proper and improper use of councillor position in terms of behaviour, perceived power etc. It was noted that Trearddur Community Councillors were generally well informed on these points and tended to err on the side of caution in all such matters.</p>
6.	<p>Governance.</p>
	<p>The Community Council was very fortunate in having two of its Councillors – County Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas and Councillor Keith Roberts as representatives on the County Council's Standards Committee.</p> <p>The Chairman and Clerk ensured that all members were kept up to date on all governance matters including the contents of the news letters issued by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>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.</p>
7.	<p>Assets managed and the services we provide:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We own the play equipment and manage the children's play area on Lon Isallt; • We own and maintain 10 bus shelters; • We own 8 recycled plastic planters on Lon St Ffraid and Lon Isallt • We own and maintain 12 benches and 2 picnic tables • We own and maintain 2 recycled plastic notice boards and two Trearddur Bay welcome signs • We represent our residents, we convey their concerns to the Community Council and, through it, to the County Council and Welsh Assembly Government; • We report back to residents on issues affecting the community; • We negotiate with, and influence, those other organisations that make decisions that affect the community; • We are consulted and give our views on planning applications; • We are consulted and give our views on highway maintenance issues, traffic calming matters, parking issues, street naming etc. • We deal with public rights of way issues • We serve on the Holyhead Joint Burial Board as well as other Committees and Boards on behalf of the community.

8.	Key achievements during 2021-22.
	<p>The key achievements during the year were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided and installed 8 recycled plastic planters (with funding for plants) on Lon St Ffraid and Lon Isallt. • Maintained the play area and footpaths to a good standard; • Provided additional waste collection service for the play area on Lon Isallt • Carried out maintenance and repairs to 10 bus shelters. • Responded to consultation requests on 59 planning applications • Providing grants to a range of local organisations. • 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. <p>Summer 2021 was a particularly 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. It was hoped that the persistent lobbying by the Community Council would eventually lead to solutions in 2022/23.</p>
9.	Key Objectives for 2022-23
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to provide an effective and cost effective service to our community 2. To obtain a solution to the drainage and flooding issues in the village 3. To continue to monitor environmental / waste disposal issues 4. To continue to improve the facilities in the play area 5. To continue to upgrade the street furniture 6. To continue to provide support for the upgrade of the Village Hall 7. To pursue the acquisition of the recreation ground on Lon Isallt 8. To review and impliment our Council Training Plan 9. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats. 10. To promote the use of the Welsh Language
10.	Training Plan
	<p>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.</p>
11.	SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2021-22
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"> • Maintenance of our open space play areas; • Maintenance and stewardship of sundry assets (noticeboards, bus shelters and public seating) and • Identification / control of environmental risks and /or invasive botanical species such as Japanese Knotweed. • Flooding / environmental issue

	We promoted sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing appropriate practices wherever possible.
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 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 Cllr. Bill Rowlands had a good rapport with the Waste Management Department and was particularly vigilant in ensuring that the village was kept clean and rubbish free. Cllr. Rowlands also arranged the installation of dispensers for the Dog Waste Bags and encouraged volunteers to help maintain them.
11.6	Review of s6 duty
	<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>