

Penybontfawr Community Council Annual Report

April 2025- March 2026

During the year the Community Council continued to work on behalf of the local community throughout the year on a variety of issues. The volunteer community councillors were assisted by several other groups and individuals, notably County Councillor Bryn Davies, Powys County Council, NRW and PCSO Pocock. This report highlights the main achievements and activities of the Community Council throughout the year.

Penybontfawr Community Council's Aims and Objectives

The Council's key aims are:

- To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects including the environment, planning, community facilities, community safety and other issues affecting the area
- To develop a picture of community needs in order to influence services and policies
- To represent the views of the community
- To provide a wide range of advice, information and support for the community and local voluntary groups
- Identify concerns and issues and seek to develop solutions with other partner organisations
- To support community projects and groups

The Council's Activities in 2025-26

- The Community Council has continued to organise and pay for fibre internet provision for all users of the hall to use.
- On-going discussions with PCC regarding positioning two electronic speed signs in the village including the organising of a public meeting regarding the issue.
- Continued to maintain the accessible toilet in the carpark.
- Reported numerous potholes, highways issues and road sign problems to PCC
- Has continued to maintain Hirnant burial ground and has ensured that there are sufficient funds to execute any necessary repairs.
- Has continued to maintain the war memorial at Hirnant and the two village defibrillators that are situated outside Canolfan Pennant and opposite the Railway Inn (next to the phone kiosk).

- Continue to provide financial support to ensure that Llanfyllin library continues to operate for the next four years at least.
- Liasing with PCC to renew lease on the playground so that we can apply for grant funding to renew/replace play equipment.
- We have been pivotal in the setting up of a Senedd petition calling for adequate funding for rural medical practices which would enable Llanfyllin Group Practice to continue operating from its Llanrhaeadr-ym-mochnant site. A number of councillors have attended joint meetings with other local community councils to discuss this important issue.
- Councillors have attended public meetings regarding proposed windfarms in the locality.

Assistance provided to local community groups

- Provided financial support towards grass cutting at St Thomas' and Capel Bethania
- Provided financial support to Canolfan Pennant, provides broadband service to the Canolfan Pennant which is used by groups and for events in particular to ensure card readers can work.
- Has provided financial support to Hirnant Community Centre to help ensure that it can reopen as a community hub.
- Supported the Bacon Butty community events in the village by paying the hall hire fees.