

# Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council

## Annual Report 2023-24

### Chairperson's Report - Cllr Norma Cabble

Dear Residents of Llanbradach and Pwllypant,

As Chairperson of our vibrant Community Council, I am pleased to present the annual report for the year 2023-24.

It has been a busy year and a few changes occurred during it with Cllr Nicola Hewer being coopted to serve the Pwllypant Ward. Her appointment follows the untimely and sad passing of our dear colleague Cllr Adrian Stone and Cllr Vikki Alexander was co-opted in January 2024 following a resignation on the council.

Despite the changes, I feel like it has been a year of progress, community engagement and positive initiatives.

Let's have a peek into some of the highlights:

#### Community Projects and Initiatives

##### 1. Youth Sports Development

o We continue to support local youth sport by providing grants to Llanbradach AFC and by running the Summer Sport Scheme and Skateboarding sessions. As a result our young athletes are thriving!

##### 2. Community events

###### Halloween Party

The Halloween party was a fantastic event. Children arrived in delightful costumes, and they enthusiastically participated in various fun activities and crafts.



###### Christmas Pantomimes

Our Christmas pantomimes were an enormous hit! Tickets sold out rapidly, and families enjoyed the magical performances.





## Winchester Christmas Market Bus Trip

Our bus trip to the Winchester Christmas market was thoroughly enjoyable, even though the weather was dreadful.

### Christmas Lights



There were some lovely Christmas LED lighting and decorative windows again this year which always raises a smile and our spirits around the villages of Llanbradach and Pwllypant.

Vice Chair Cllr Ann West and I surprised some residents with tins of biscuits and chocolates as a show of our appreciation for putting on such nice displays.

### Easter Disco

Another enjoyable occasion was the Easter Disco. We had plenty of activities and craft stations for everyone to celebrate the season. And every child happily hopped home, clutching a delightful yummy chocolate Easter egg.



**These events brought our community together  
to create everlasting  
happy experiences and memories  
for our children!!**



### 3. Eco / Biodiversity

Our yearly community engagement initiative, which encourages residents to plant window boxes, flower-ing baskets, and colorful planters, has become incredibly popular. Travelers passing through our villages delight in the vibrant blooms and greenery.

The Vice Chair, Cllr Ann West and I faced quite a challenge in judging and selecting the winners!



In December 2023, we planted native daffodil bulbs, and come spring, we were all able to enjoy their vibrant blooms.



- o We continue to support LARC (Llanbradach Area Regeneration and Conservation) wherever we can.
- o We continue to support PALS (People Against Litter Society) through joining the group on monthly litter picks and the provision of equipment.
- o We support Grounds Work Wales with River Clean ups



**RIVER RHYMNEY  
COMMUNITY  
CLEAN UP**

Join us to clear litter from  
in and around the River  
Rhymney.

All equipment is provided.

**TIR-Y-BERTH**  
Thursday May 30th 10am -12pm  
Thursday June 13th 10am -12pm  
Thursday June 27th 10am -12pm  
Thursday July 11th 10am -12pm

**RHYMNEY**  
Friday April 5th 10am -12pm  
Friday May 3rd 10am -12pm

**PONTLOTTYN**  
Friday May 24th 10am -12pm  
Friday April 12th 10am -12pm

**LLANBRADACH**  
Wednesday June 19th 10am -12pm  
Wednesday 3rd July 10am -12pm

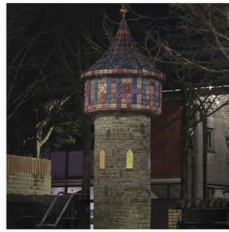
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In march and April 2024, we saw a hive of activity in the village whereby our partnership with Tfw (Transport for Wales) and businesses undertook a big deep cleanse in the village and the installation of wooden planters.



Habitat boxes were kindly donated by Tfw to the Community Council which were distributed to residents to install in their gardens and allotments.

#### 4. Other projects

##### Llanbradach AFC Solar Panels Grant Application

We provided administration assistance to Llanbradach AFC in preparing a grants application for the provision and installation of solar panels. The goal was to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability.

##### Pwllypant Village Hall Solar Panels Grant Application

Additionally, we prepared and submitted an application for solar panels at Pwllypant Village Hall. This project is currently in progress whilst a further application for funding is being prepared by the clerk.

##### Ornate Memorial Benches

We installed a beautiful bluebell memorial bench outside the Medical Centre to remember all those that have sadly passed. A further daffodil bench was installed in Pwllypant near the bus stop, in memory of the late Cllr Adrian Stone.



## **Children's Playground in Pwllypant**

We submitted a planning application for the installation of a small playpark in Pwllypant back in January 2022.

The delightful and much awaited small playground was finally installed , much to the joy of local children. They are thoroughly enjoying the new play area!!

### **BEFORE**



### **AFTER**



These initiatives contribute to the well-being and vibrancy of our community.

Other annual projects we continue to support is the purchase and installation of Christmas figurines and tree lights, Santa's Sleigh ride, the installation Lamp post poppies and banners and the maintenance costs for our 5 defibrillators.

## **5. Grants to Clubs and Charities**

We supported the following groups:

- Caerffili & District Twinning Association
- Caerphilly County Borough Council Mayor's Charity
- Caerphilly RFC U'14s
- Eisteddfod y Cymoedd
- Llamau Llanbradach
- Llanbradach AFC
- Llanbradach OAP & Over 50's Club
- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
- Marie Curie Cymru
- Pwllypant Village Hall (Kin's Coronation party)
- Wales Air Ambulance

## **5. Financial Overview**

An Annual Return and necessary paperwork is submitted to an internal auditor which is then examined by council before submitting to Audit Wales. Copies of all financial statements are available on our website [www.llanbradachcc.co.uk](http://www.llanbradachcc.co.uk)

## **6. Meetings**

Our meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at Llanbradach Community Centre, 6.15pm, except for August, or you can join us remotely, but you will need to email the clerk on [llpcc@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:llpcc@caerphilly.gov.uk) for log on details.

## **Acknowledgment**

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to my fellow councillors, community volunteers and residents who contribute to enhancing our community.

Your dedication makes Llanbradach and Pwllypant a wonderful place to live.

## **Contact Information**

Feel free to reach out to me or any of our councillors if you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

We're here to serve you.

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Thank you for your continued support.  
Let's continue working together for a brighter future!