



Cwmlllynfell Community Council

Annual Report 2022-23

(Section 52 Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021)

Community Council Members 2022 - 2023

Councillor Hugh Jones (Chairman)

Councillor Mat Scarll (Vice Chairman)

[Councillor Cathy James \(County Borough Councillor\)](#)

Councillor Delyth Thomas

Councillor Helen Williams

Councillor Martin Evans

Councillor Louise Salmon

Councillor Derryl Watkins

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Cwmllynfell Community Council's Aims and Objectives:

- 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 represent the views of the community
- 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
- Support community projects

The Community Council has responsibilities for many different services including:

- Maintenance of Cwmllynfell Cemetery
- Floral displays in Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr
- Maintenance and servicing of Llynfell Skate Park
- Maintenance and servicing of Rhiwfawr playground, BMX track, the Rushlands, and Rhiwfawr Playing fields
- Defibrillators at CKs, Well Chemist and Rhiwfawr Hall
- Christmas lights and Christmas trees

The Council's Activities in 2022-23

Secured grant funding investment to improve playground facilities at Llynfell Skate Park

The Community Council made significant improvements to Llynfell Skate Park by securing £20,000 in grant funding from the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Members Community Fund and the East Pit fund. The Community Council also provided match funding of £10,000 towards the cost of the project.

During the course of 2022-23, the Community Council provided financial assistance through grant funding to the following:

- Cwmllynfell Short Mat Bowls - £200
- Cwmllynfell Hall – contribution towards Jubilee celebrations - £100
- Rhiwfawr Community Hall – grant funding for improvements to the tuck shop - £2820
- Miners Memorial - £650
- Cwmllynfell Hall- Improvements to Lounge area - £1000
- Christmas selection boxes given to every child in YGG Cwmllynfell - £200

If your organisation would like to apply for funding from the Council, you can apply by clicking on the [link](#) and completing the grant application and returning to the clerk

Halloween and Christmas Festivities 2022

To get our residents into the spirit, we started our festivities with our annual "best dressed house" competition. We were blown away with the entries and it was very difficult for our Councillors to choose a winner! Well done to all that entered!



Our Christmas 2022 activities included a Christmas parade throughout Rhiwfawr and Cwmllynfell which saw Santa meet and greet our residents and give out sweets to the children. A best dressed house competition with the winner receiving a £50 gift voucher and selection boxes given out to the children of YGG Cwmllynfell.



Rhiwfawr Community Hall

Cwmllynfell Community Council secured a new Community Group, Rhiwfawr Community Hall Association to take over the running of the Community Hall in Rhiwfawr. This will allow many more funding opportunities to be made available to the hall and who better to run the hall than the residents themselves. Many improvements since made to the hall since they have taken over and there have been many successful community events held there too. Keep an eye on their facebook page for details of future events.



. Governance and Accountability

- The Community Council has maintained standards of governance and accountability and administered its own affairs effectively, as evidenced by both internal and external audits, ensured good governance and held regular monthly meetings in Rhiwfawr, Cwmllynfell and online. Meetings of the Community Council usually take place on the third Thursday of the month with notice of meetings displayed on our website, 3 clear wdays before the meeting. All meetings were open to members of the public to attend. Agenda's and Minutes of all our meetings can be found [here](#)
- The Community Council filled one membership vacancy during the year and has a further 3 vacancies for the Cwmllynfell ward.
- The Community Council's main funding in 2022-23 was a precept of £42,000, an increase of 2.43% which was far below inflation. The Community Council also secured grant funding of £20,000 which enabled us to make improvements to Llynfell Skate Park
- All members of the Community Council opted out of receiving the £150 annual remuneration available to them, to pay for basic sundries, instead Members opted to divert this funding to allow to pay for flowers in the villages.

Priorities for 2023-2024

- Continue to support Community Groups with Grant Funding opportunities and support local events
- Fill Community Councillor vacancies to ensure a full compliment of Membership
- To be open, transparent and visible to our residents and to ensure their voices are heard and considered