

TROEDYRAUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Annual Report 2023/24

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Foreword by the Chair of the Council

I am pleased to present the annual report of Troedyrour Community Council. It provides an overview of the Council's work during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

The council met monthly at village halls rotating between Coedybryn, Ffostrasol and Rhydlewis.

I would like to thank all the Council members along with the Clerk for their support and contribution throughout the year.

Councillor Ceri Jones

2023/2024 Chair of Troedyrour Community Council

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Roles and Functions of Troedyrour Community Council

The Council's Role

Work done by the Community Council

The 1972 Local Government Act states that every part of Wales is in a community. In England, the term "Parish Councils" is still used but in Wales, however, the legal and constitutional term for these units of local government administration is termed "Community Councils"

The Community Council represents the lowest tier of local government and is closest to the public as regards meeting local needs. The Council has several statutory rights and duties.

The Community Council provides funding for many local clubs and events and also make observations on planning applications which are eventually decided upon by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the Council structure?

A list of your local councillors is provided in section 3. The Community Council has 11 Councillors. They are elected every 5 years. A part time Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer is employed to handle all arrangements for meetings and preparing an agenda to deal with the records and financial and administrative matters linked to implementing the Council's work. Contractors are also employed to carry out specialist work such as repair and maintenance.

How does the Council work?

Any work done by the Council will be implemented following decisions taken at open meetings. Any work is paid for with public money which the Council receives through raising a precept which is part of the Council Tax set by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the Council's precept?

In 2023/24 the Council's precept is set at £12,000. The precept is raised to finance the Community Council's responsibilities such as defibrillator maintenance, general maintenance and upkeep of community bus shelters and benches etc, spring and summer flowers and contributions to local organisations.

All of Troedyraur Community Councillors waived their annual allowance for the year 2023/24

Can the public attend the meetings?

Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings. They are not entitled to take part in Council discussions or give their opinion during the meeting. Should members of the public wish to add an item to the agenda or make a comment/statement regarding an item on the agenda they must give notice at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The Chairperson can allocate a 10 minute window at the start of the meeting for any issue concerned where the public can engage.

Council meetings are held monthly, except for August, and are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at either Coedybryn, Ffostrasol or Rhydlewys village Hall.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as stated by the Local Government Act 1972. The annual meetings must be held during the month of May. Council decides on the date. The first item on the agenda must be the election of the Chairperson of the Community Council for the next twelve months.

Election

To be elected as a Councillor a member must be qualified under the law, be a British Citizen and must have attained the age of 21.

The applicant must also be-

- a local government elector
- has, during the whole twelve months preceding that day, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the same area
- principal, or only place of work, during twelve months before election, has been in that area.
- resided during the whole of twelve months in that area, or within three miles of that area

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Membership of the Council

2023/2024

**Troedryaur Community Council has 11
Councillors**

- **Councillor Ceri Jones (Chair) 2023-24**
- **Councillor Roger Davies (Vice Chair)**
- **Councillor Mark Davies**
- **Councillor Carol Davies**
- **Councillor Llyr Evans**
- **Councillor Teifi Evans**
- **Councillor Emyr Jones**
- **Councillor Rob Jones**
- **Councillor Maldwyn Lewis**
- **Councillor Sharon Thomas**
- **Councillor Sian Williams**

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The Council's Work in 2023/2024

Flower Planters

The Community Council purchased and placed planters in all the villages within the parish with summer flowers planted. Daffodil Bulbs were planted later in the year ready for the Spring.



Hanfu Experience

An 11 year old girl working on a 'Arts for well being' project arranged an exhibition at Rhydlewis Hall in May. The exhibition consisted of Japanese, Chinese and Korean arts from catering, hairdressing and costumes. Our Council contributed by funding for the hire of the hall for the day.

Bus Shelter repair

Repair work was carried out on the roof of Coedybryn bus shelter as the old roof had become unsafe.



New Defib Boxes

After numerous old boxes within our Parish showed signs of old age and were no longer water tight it was proposed and agreed to replace 3 of our old defib boxes. Coedybryn, Ffostrasol and Croeslan.



Defib Pads/Batteries

All defib pads and batteries have been replaced and kept up to date as and when needed.

Bwcabus

After hearing of the sad news of the termination of the bwcabus service a letter was sent to our local MP stating the importance of this service within our community. During one of our monthly meetings members of the public joined us to express their concerns regarding the loss of such a valuable service. A further letter was sent to see what can be done to resolve the issue.

Christmas trees

As in previous years the Council erected Christmas trees within our Community. This year an additional set of solar lights were purchased for each tree.



Coedybryn hall wifi

It was agreed to help fund the installation of wifi in Coedybryn hall. Coedybryn being one of the 3 venues for our Community meetings wifi will prove to be essential if we are to use technology to facilitate hybrid meetings in future.

Community benches

The Council have kindly been donated 2 wooden benches by Ceredigion 'Community Youth Work + Prevention Team' to place within our Community. Work is in progress to allocate a new home for the benches.



Training programme

A new training plan was implemented to ensure all councillors are fully aware of the processes and responsibilities of the members and the council.

PCSO

Our local PCSO officer attended a few of the Council meetings. It proves very beneficial in maintaining a good relationship between the Council and our community.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications are considered at every meeting and comments are sent to the Planning Service accordingly.

Financial Donations (Section 137)

- All wales Ploughing
- Coedybryn village hall
- Tivyside Agricultural show
- Hanfu Experience

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Future Priorities

Priority areas for the Troedyraur Community Council to consider in 2024/25 are :-

- Purchasing and installing new hybrid conferencing equipment.
- Improving the Community Council's Website
- Finalise a location for 2 Community benches which have been donated
- Restore 'T Llew Jones' information board at Coedybryn hall
- Ensuring continuity and progression with our Training programme
- Replace Community Council notice board at Ffostrasol
- Salt boxes for affected areas
- Continuing dialog between members of our community and various other bodies.
- Support Public footpaths and rights of way maintenance within our Community.

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Attending Troedryaur Community Council / Contact us

Attending meetings of Troedryaur Community Council

Troedryaur Community Council is open for Members of the public to attend their monthly meetings.

With the exception of confidential items, all business is held in public.

All of the public agenda papers are published online 7 working days in advance of the meeting

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