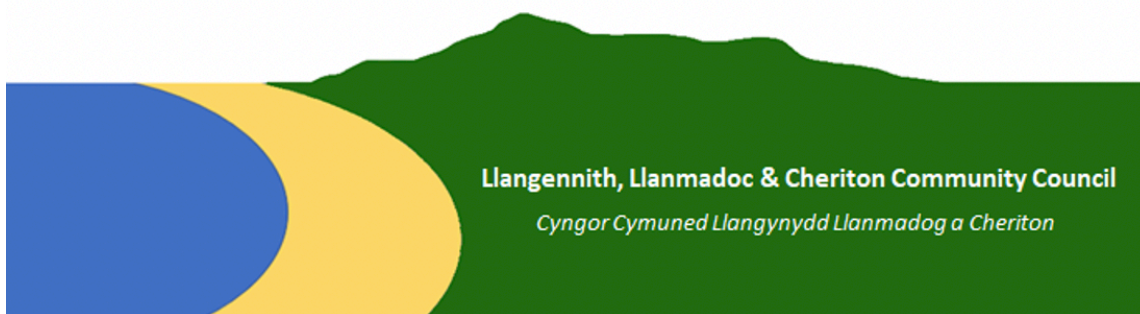




Llangennith, Llanmadoc & Cheriton Community Council Annual Report 2025/26

Council Members

Chair: Martin Pashley

Vice Chair: Jackie Royall

Councillors: Jane Howells, Debra Woolley, Vicky Dickeson, Rob Lewis, Morgan Dickeson, Ian Burman, Gareth Hopkins

Clerk: Kathy Browning

Community Council Annual Summary (Chair's Report)

During 2025/26, the Council strengthened its governance, expanded its membership, and progressed key priorities in biodiversity, community engagement and infrastructure.

A Biodiversity Action Plan has been adopted and implementation commenced, supported by external partnerships and funding. The Council has continued to support local initiatives through grants and engagement activities while operating within its approved budget.

Preparations are underway for the confirmed merger with Llanrhidian Lower Community Council in May 2027.

1. Introduction

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It provides a summary of the Council's governance, activities and financial management for the 2025/26 financial year.

2. Council Responsibilities

The Council delivers a range of statutory and discretionary functions, including:

- Representation of local residents
- Maintenance of community assets
- Consultation on planning and infrastructure matters
- Grant funding for community initiatives
- Promotion of biodiversity and environmental sustainability
- Partnership working with principal authorities and local organisations

3. Council Membership and Governance

3.1 Membership Changes

The Council records its thanks to the following members who stood down during the year:

John Barker, Tom Wentworth, Jonathan Bale, Matthew Cowley, and former Chair John David

New councillors appointed:

Jane Howells, Debra Woolley, Vicky Dickeson, Rob Lewis, Morgan Dickeson and Ian Burman

3.2 Leadership

- Chair: Martin Pashley
- Vice Chair: Jackie Royall

3.3 Staffing

The Council is supported by the Clerk, Kathy Browning, whose contribution to the effective administration of the Council is formally acknowledged.

4. Governance and Compliance

Meetings

- Held monthly (excluding August)
- Open to the public with participation encouraged

Policies Reviewed

- Standing Orders
- Financial Policy / Regulations
- Risk Management Policy (ongoing)

- Training Plan

The community Council registered with the ICO and is in the process of updating the data protection and information management policies.

Training

- Induction and Code of Conduct
- Biodiversity and species surveying
- Participation in regional forums and partnership meetings

5. Strategic Planning

Annual Plan

The Council approved its 2026–2027 Annual Plan, setting out key priorities and objectives.

Structural Change

Preparations have commenced for the merger with Llanrhidian Lower Community Council.

The new authority (Gower North / Gogledd Gŵyr) will be established in May 2027.

6. Activities and Service Delivery

Environmental Management & Biodiversity

- The biodiversity report was published and is on our website
- Biodiversity Action Plan adopted and implementation underway
- Partnership working with Swansea Council, One Voice Wales and Gower National Landscapes
- External funding secured for Burry Green improvements
- Volunteer group established for delivery and maintenance
- Wildflower seed initiative delivered
- Community engagement events promoting sustainability

Land Management

- Ongoing works following the January 2026 tree survey
- Focus on public safety and biodiversity outcomes

Infrastructure & Public Access

- Highways concerns raised (potholes, flooding, verges)
- Public rights of way issues identified and reported
- Telephone boxes in Llanmadoc and Llandimore adopted for community use
- Action taken on parking issues on common land
- Communication regarding seawall footpath reinstatement

Public Safety & Emergency Planning

- Traffic management concerns raised for large events
- Joint emergency planning work with Rhossili Community Council

Community Support

- Grants awarded for community events, facilities and environmental projects
- Support for digital inclusion initiatives

7. Financial Management

Summary

- Budgeted Expenditure: £11,900
- Actual Expenditure: £11,700

Key Areas of Spend

- Land management
- Defibrillator maintenance
- Community grants

Position

The Council operated within budget.

8. Community Engagement and Communication

- Public participation welcomed at all meetings
- Ongoing engagement through community events and initiatives
- Council presence at local events, including Llangennith Dog Show (26 July)
- Regular communication via:
 - Council website
 - Gower Magazine
 - Social media platforms

9. External Matters

Boundary Review

The merger with Llanrhidian Lower Community Council has been confirmed.

Planning Policy

Concerns have been raised regarding proposed changes affecting protections for the Gower National Landscape.

10. Conclusion

The Council has maintained effective governance, delivered its functions within budget, and progressed key priorities in biodiversity and community engagement.

It is well positioned to continue supporting the community and to manage the transition to the new authority in 2027.

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