

Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council

Chairman's Report May 2022 - 2023.

May 2022 Elections saw four new Councillors join the Council. Unfortunately Cllr. Ann Thompson resigned shortly after but was soon replaced, as we welcomed back ex-Councillor Bryan Williams.

Achieving online access to monthly meetings has not gone without technical hitches, this has been enhanced by online provision at Abermule Community Centre and Council installing WiFi in Llandyssil Hall.

The Council has continued to oppose Powys County Council development of recycling facility on the Business Park. In November 2022 Council commissioned a report from RSK Environment Ltd on the Odour Impact Assessment, submitted by PCC as part of their application to NRW for a permit to operate the facility. We still await NRW the decision on the permit application.

PCC further development on the Business Park to accommodate Business Units has been completed with some businesses now operational, with other units still to be occupied.

Following the Consultation in 2022 for 53 dwellings on land to the rear of The Meadows, developers have now progressed the application. This Council lodged objections to the application in April 2023. Changes to the new application fail to address Councils concerns particularly on highways safety for residents.

Sadly our villages continue to lose services, with the closure of the Abermule stores and Community Groups struggle to find volunteers to run the Groups, essential for the wellbeing of users and the Community.

Councillors have formed working groups to develop the Councils 'Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report'. Following on from the creation of a wild flower meadow on the Dragon Field in Llandyssil, we have reduced mowing, planted fruit trees and wild flowers on the Millfield, in Abermule. Councillors are also working on a Community Survey, to ensure we are meeting the needs of our residents.

Ongoing projects on the Millfield, include installing an inclusive use roundabout in the play area, a Memorial and bench to commemorate those lost in the Abermule Train disaster 26th January, 1921.

May I express my sincere thanks to fellow Councillors for their support and commitment to this Council. Finance Committee, Working Groups, and representatives on One Voice Wales Area Committee, Vale of Montgomery Cluster Group, Montgomery Patients Association and Community Associations. County Councillor Pugh for his advice and direction. Last but not least our Clerk and Financial Officer Gwilym, for the admin, accounting, updating the website and his expert knowledge of Council procedure.

Thank you.
Jane Rees
Chair of Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council