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BRYNCRUG
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT

2025/26 started with seven elected/co-opted Council members. Two seats remain but they are proving somewhat difficult to fill.

We have worked tirelessly this year to maintain Dolgoch Falls (R J Roberts Charity) which sustained substantial damage from Storm Darragh with a section above the first waterfall having to be cordoned off permanently due to being unstable. On top of this we have lost numerous trees to Ash Die-Back and have worked alongside Eryri National Park with a view to dealing with this. The Falls encourage many visitors to the area which generates substantial income, and benefits many of the businesses in the locality which are dependent on the seasonal trade so keeping on top of maintenance is crucial.

Maintaining assets of the village has continued and a grant of £7500 was obtained which was used to purchase a new Cantilever Bus Shelter.

For Dolgoch Falls a new defibrillator was purchased and installed on to the Hydro building which is registered on the Circuit to assist the Ambulance Service in the event of an emergency.

The Internal and full External Audit for Bryn-crug Community Council (24/25) has been completed and Certificate of Completion received and published. The 2025/26 Audit is a basic audit and is prepared and ready for submission to Gwynedd Council Internal Auditor.

The 25/26 Audit for the R J Roberts Charity is in order and ready to be submitted to Gwynedd Council for inspection.

For the year 25/26 Councillors annual allowances remained at £208 - £156 towards home working expenses and £52 towards office consumables. This year, five Councillors claimed a sum of £156 each, and two claimed the full £208.

Our Precept for 25/26 has remained the same since 23/24 as our finances show a stable position, which ultimately means we can hold off any increase. With the current climate as it is, things are not easy for many people and therefore any small saving on the Council Tax bill is beneficial.

We continue to pay £2,000 per year to Gwynedd Council to keep the public toilets in Bryn-crug open and maintained throughout the summer months, which benefits both tourists and locals.

I would wish to thank all the Councillors for their continued support and especially those who have assisted with volunteering work when requested. The achievements of the Community Council would not be possible without the dedication and diligent work of our Clerk, and I would like to thank Jane for the service she has provided in the day to day running of the Community Council this last year.

Hopefully we will continue to provide the community with the level of service expected in the 2025/26 year and can continue to make Bryn-crug a better Community.

Alan Jones - Chairman of Bryn-crug Community Council Date : 20/04/2026

BRYNCRUG

The Area is covered by Bryn-crug Community Council along with the community ward of Dolgoch.

Bryn-crug falls within the Eryri National Park and has a population of 622 on its Electoral Register (2011) with the community ward covering Dolgoch. The River Fathew flows through the village and into the River Dysynni. To the southwest of the village stood Ynysmaengwyn, a mansion built in 1758 but now demolished. To the south stood Cynfal motte-and-bailey castle, built in 1137 by Cadwaladr ap Gruffydd, brother of Owain Gwynedd. Mary Jones, famous for walking to Bala at the age of sixteen to buy a Bible, lived in the village when older, and was buried in the village after her death in 1864. The football club, Tywyn & Bryn-crug FC play their home matches in the village.

Bryn-crug Community Council are Trustees for the R J Roberts Charity, referred to locally as the Dolgoch Charity. The Charity is responsible for the maintenance of land open to the public. There are walking trails, bridges and a series of three waterfalls. Dolgoch is listed 4th on Trip Advisor as an attraction within the Eryri National Park and is within a 10- minute drive of Bryn-crug.

1. Bryn-crug - Our Area and Community Council Annual Report Community Council Annual Report 2025/26

In February 2021 the Community Council was advised of the introduction of a new duty under the Local Government and Democracy (Wales) Act, to produce an annual report as soon as practicable after the 1st of April 2022 and annually thereafter.

There is no template for a community council annual report as the format and level of detail is expected to reflect the size and scope of council activity. However, the overarching purpose of the report is to provide the Community Council with an opportunity to detail its governance and financial arrangements, and demonstrate the work undertaken to both address any local concerns and improve the local area.

This is the fifth Annual Report for Bryn-crug Community Council, which covers the financial year 2025/26.

2. Councillors and sub committees

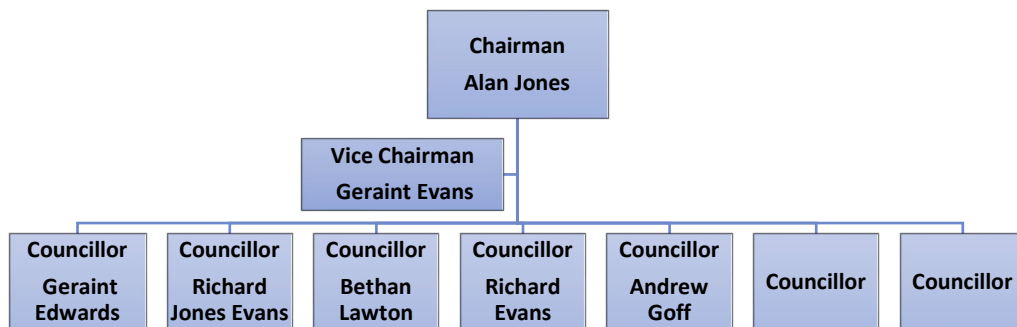
Bryncrug Community Council at 31.03.26 has seven elected members and holds eleven formal meetings a year. The meetings take place on the third Monday of the month except for August when there is no meeting.

A Chair and Vice-chair are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in May. Community Councillors are elected every five years. The next election will be in 2027. The present Councillors are members of the Community Council until May 2027.

The County Councillor for the ward is invited to attend every meeting.

2.1 Our Councillors in 2025/26

During 2024/25 the elected and co-opted members comprised: - further details on page 10



County Councillor for Bryncrug – Mrs Bethan Lawton

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Clerk to the Council – 15th May 2024 – present - Mrs Jane Jenkins

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2.2 Meetings in 2025/26

In 2024/25 there were twelve formal meetings held on the following dates: -

April – 21.04.25	May – 10.05.25 (AGM)	June – 16.06.25	July –28.07.25
August – <i>no meeting</i>	September – 15.09.25	October –20.10.25	November – 17.11.25
December – 08.12.25	January – 19.01.26	February – 16.02.26	March –16.02.26

Dates of Meetings along with Minutes of the meetings held are made available on the village notice board and on the Bryncrug Community Council website.

2.3 Sub committees

There was no sub committees held during 2025/26

3. Key contact and information

The key contact for the Community Council is

Clerk– Mrs Jane Jenkins

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4. Governance and Compliance

Bryncrug Community Council has several policies to support the governance of the Council which are updated and/or reviewed annually. These policies are available to view on the Council website.

Code of Conduct for Members

Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

S6. Biodiversity Report

Biodiversity Action Plan

Donations Policy

GDPR – Data Protection

Asset Register

Risk Assessment Register

Training Policy

Training Plan

5. Our finances and how we spend the annual Precept

5.1 INCOME - The total income received in 2025/26 was **£25,182.86**

Precept	£13,350.00
VAT	£ 773.45
Interest	£ 218.88
Maintenance	£ 103.23
Other (incs Grant £7500)	£ 10737.30

5.2 EXPENDITURE – In 2025/26 the total expenditure was **£21,899.91**

Administration	£17,572.23
Maintenance	£ 2,960.00
Donations	£ 1,150.00
VAT	£ 217.68

The administration and the running costs for the Community Council form part of the highest spend in the year and includes insurance, audit payments, clerk's salary and expenses which during this year were higher due to additional admin required, licences and membership of the One Voice Wales.

The second largest area of spend relates to maintenance works and this includes grass cutting, public footpaths, and the playpark, replacing benches, maintaining defibrillators and a contribution of £2,000.00 to Gwynedd Council to keep the public toilets open throughout the summer months in Bryn-crug.

5.3 Grants and Donations 2025/26

The Community Council obtained a £7,500 grant from Gwynedd Cronfa NI Fund in this period which was used to purchase a new Cantilever Bus Shelter within Bryn-crug village.

Bryn-crug Community Council made charitable donations in 2025/26 totalling £1,150.00 to help support important local services and local organisations.

Those donations were to:

Dail Dysynni	£100.00
Dysynni Hockey Club	£100.00
Y Ganolfan, Bryn-crug	£850.00

Bryncrug Litter Pickers	£ 50.00
Swaddfa NFU	£ 50.00

5.4 Audit and Compliance

Audit for financial year 2025/26

As a small Community Council there are several annual financial actions that are required to be completed throughout the year. In 2025/26 the audit actions will comprise of preparation of the budget, receipt of the Audit Notice, close and balance the cash book for the year, and completing the annual return. An internal audit will be carried out by the Auditor's Office at Gwynedd Council and when complete will be sent to Audit Wales for the external audit. 2025/26 is a Basic Audit for Bryncrug Community Council. The Certificate from Audit Wales confirming completion of the 2024/25 financial year has been received and published.

6. Our Activities and Achievements in 2025/26

The activities and achievement of the Community Council in 2025/26 to improve the local area were many and include: -

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

- Responding to Snowdonia National Park planning applications.
- Responding to planning notifications from Gwynedd Council Planning.
- Responding to licensing matters from Gwynedd Council.
- Responding and Reviewing of Government consultations as requested.

ROADS, HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- Reviewing of Gwynedd Highways works programmes.
- Liaising with Gwynedd Council, Highways Department on highway issues, including road closures and traffic management issues
- Liaising with Gwynedd Council, Footpaths Department on footpath issues such as broken fences, gates, fallen trees etc.
- Liaising with Tim Tacluso, Gwynedd Council on clearance of undergrowth and other maintenance issues.

SAFETY

- Arranging for annual ROSPA inspection to be carried out at play park.
- Reporting of overgrown trees and weeds, drainage issues, boundary wall damage, blocked footpaths, road marking refurbishment to Gwynedd Council
- Dealing with overgrown trees and weeds on public footpaths.

REPRESENTING COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Site visits with organisations i.e. Gwynedd Highways/ /ROSPA/Welsh Water/National Resources Wales
- Continuation of partnership with Gwynedd Council, and contribution made, for the provision of public toilets in Brynchrug.
- Maintenance of Dolgoch Falls and its associated assets
- Attending Remembrance Sunday to represent the local community.

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

- Successful Internal and External Audit achieved for 2024/25.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- No increase in local precept for 2025/26 due to a stable financial situation
- Updated Asset Register, Risk Assessment Register for insurance purpose.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Updating and reviewing Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct for members, Donation Policy, S6 Environment Policy, and Training Policy.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

- Represented the Brynchrug area at Remembrance Sunday Church Service.
- Representation on local committees (Y Ganolfan) and community events.

ASSET MAINTENANCE

- Bus shelters, historic water pumps, Little Garden, benches and planters maintained and updated where required

REPRESENTATION

- Approximately 65% of Council meetings achieved 100% attendance.

7.Our Councillors

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Cllr. Geraint Evans – stwmper75@hotmail.co.uk

Cllr. Richard J Evans – richlesa@aol.com

Cllr. Geraint Edwards – geraintnigeria@gmail.com

Cllr. Richard C Evans – cmjcynfal@hotmail.com

Cllr. Bethan Lawton – cynghorydd.bethanwynlawton@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

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