

Chair Report 2024-25

Another 12 months have passed where I have again been proud to serve as Chair of the Community Council.

With the last 12 months again focussing on the issues around the emerging LDP, the ongoing saga of Llannerch Bridge and more local community issues we have again remained focus on one thin, seeing our village improve and thrive. As a community council we don't necessarily agree on everything but we certainly agree that what we discuss should, where possible, result in the best possible outcome for the residents.

On those very matters, here we are, another 12 months have passed with very little movement on the Llannerch Bridge and only tiny bits of information coming forward that we read in the local press, dialogue from the local authority has been poor at best. Now we read the issues around the aquifer may mean the work can't happen, or certainly not any time soon.

We continue to monitor this situation as closely as possible.

This brings me to the engagement as a whole from the Local Authority, we have very little in terms of updates on the LDP with the information on the website remaining fairly stagnant and no information on the existing candidate sites. The replacement of the recycling systems dominated the press for a long time in the autumn, again with many residents feeling this had been poorly planned out, our approaches regarding planning issues and approvals have received little or no responses, another issue we are keeping a close eye on.

In terms of our own work in the community, we continue to seek areas where we can be more active and the last 12 months has seen us invest in a replacement defibrillator, a very important piece of kit in our communities, and assisted with other events in the community over the last 12 months. We have also updated our website to make it more informative and user friendly. This is still an ongoing action but hopefully will be fully complete soon. In the meantime, the website is still operational.

We have committed to supporting events and community activities where possible over the next 12 months and reinvesting the funds received from our precept directly back into activities that our residents can take part in. Again, my hope, is that we can invest in community wide events on an ongoing basis and demonstrate where we as a community council strive to give something back to our residents.

Being involved at any level of government is difficult whether that be local communities, county council or Senedd and parliament. We will do everything within our remit to support the people of Trefnant and its visitors. We continue in our quest to be a proactive community council who put the thoughts and needs of our residents first.

I'd also like to thank our Clerk who has is very close to completing her first year, her support has been much valued and of course all of my fellow councillors who have supported me and our residents over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank James for continually being our link into the Local Authority. Thank you all.

As we discussed last year, when I was very kindly proposed as Chair in 2022, we agreed the role of Chair should be offered as a rotational position on an annual basis. I have been extremely fortunate to have held the position for 3 full years and as the year comes full circle I will again now formally stand down. I will step outside the room for you to discuss the issue of Chair and return when any decisions have been reached.

Many thanks.

Shane