

Nantmel Community Council Annual Report 2021/22

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Introduction

This annual report sets out to inform the residents of Nantmel about the activities undertaken by Nantmel Community Council during the 2021/22. It is based on the financial year 1^{st} April -31^{st} March. The report contains a brief outline of the structure of the Council, an overview of the Council's activities throughout the year and a financial summary.

Contact

The Council does not have an office space and the Clerk works from home, the contact details for the council are:

Jane Johnston PSLCC, CiLCA (Wales)
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
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The Council

The Council consists of eight Members (Councillors) and the area does not have wards.

The Council elects a Chair and a Vice Chair at the council's Annual Meeting in May. The Council is supported by one part-time member of staff; the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer who is currently Jane Johnston.

Members

The following members were in place during 2021/22

Cllr Anne Bates Chair
Cllr Roger Lewis Vice Chair

Cllr John Price Cllr Kelvyn Curry Cllr John Morgan Cllr Phil Bowen Cllr Jeffrey Harris Cllr Carol Lewis

Services & Facilities

Nantmel Community Council provides the following services & facilities:

- Community Noticeboards
- Interpretation Board
- Kiosk Library
- Lease of Recreation Land (Nantmel)
- Community Website

Grants & Donations

The Council operates a grant system for the benefit of local groups who may apply for grant funding to carry out work for the benefit of members of the community within the electoral boundary of Nantmel.

The grants application system is open throughout the year. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Clerk containing as much supporting information as possible. The council has a limited budget allocation.

Below is a list of grants allocated during 2021/22

Group	Amount £	Purpose	
St Marks Church	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance	
Nantmel Church	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance	
Dolau Nantmel Chapel	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance	
Wales Air Ambulance	200	To Provide Cover	
Poppy Appeal	30	Poppy Wreath	

Financial Information

a) Financial Summary

Budget Heading	Budget Set 2021/22	Total Budget (Including Ear Marked Reserves)	Actual Expenditure 2021/22
Salary	4000	4000	3406
Clerk's Expenses/Home	356	200	357
Wkg Clerk's Training		200	60
SLCC Subs	40	40	35
	270	270	258
Insurance Audit Fees	400	400	33
Elections	100	1500	0
PCC Land Lease	5	5	5
One Voice Wales Subs	130	130	109
Members Travel	0	200	0
Members Training	0	500	0
Members Allowance	0	500	0
Care Costs (Statutory)	0	500	0
Stationery	50	50	0
Photocopying	100	100	95
Meeting Room Hire	50	50	0
Zoom Hosting	0	0	35
Website	180	180	818
IT Back Up	350	350	403
Poppy Appeal	40	40	30
Wayleave (Noticeboard)	25	25	25
Grants	360	360	560
Devolved Services	300	500	0
War Memorial	100	1000	0
School Building	3500	7400	0
Miscellaneous	100	500	655
VAT (to reclaim)			339
Total	10456	19000	7223

b) The Budget

The Community Council raises its budget via the local government precept. The precept for 2021/22 equated to £10456 this was a reduction of £765 on 2020/21 made possible from financial council reserves.

Budget Monitoring

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presents expenses/budget update reports to the council on a quarterly basis.

The Community Council is committed to using local contractors and suppliers wherever possible and believes in the value of the "Powys Pound."

Council Financial Reserves

The Council holds financial reserves some of which are held within individual budget headings and others are held within general reserves. It is crucial the Council holds sufficient reserves to maintain its operations effectively and in preparation for future projects and services. A full list of financial reserves is provided to members at the end of each financial year (1st April.) These are also reported via the external audit process.

Facilities

During 2021/22 the Council continued to provide the following facilities:

- Noticeboards
- Interpretation Board
- Kiosk Library

Projects

During 2021/22 the Council worked on the following projects:

- Launched the Community Broadband Scheme in partnership with Powys County Council and Broadway Partners
- Research the history of the former School building and kept the community updated developments and its future

Next Steps

The Community Council will now continue to work for the benefit of the community and work to obtaining the former school building for use as a Community Hub.

The Council also invites ideas from local residents on projects to be developed within the community.

The Council will also continue to work on the Community Broadband scheme.