

# Chairman's Report

*Croeso-Welcome*  
**PARC VALLEY PARK**  
*Chwareon a Hamdden*  
*Sports & Leisure*

## Summer 2022

For the attention of:  
-the Full Council

Written by N R Tuck, Chair of Valley Community Council

# Foreword

## Note from the Chair

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your trust in me once again, in electing me and the Chair of the Community Council for the second time. There have been some significant changes in the council membership since last term and we saw now long serving councillors leave us. Mrs Hazel Wilson and Mr Colin Torr left us after decades serving the community and I would like to pay tribute to dedication and service and I'm sure as a council we wish them well for the future. We also saw Mrs Ceri Seeley, Vice-Chair, leave us in June. We wish Ceri well and she continues to support the community both in her work and with 'Keep Valley Tidy'. Many congratulations to our fellow councillor Cllr Ken Taylor on his election to the County Council. We welcome new members to the council, and I am sure they will contribute a lot to the community and they have already rolled up their sleeves and got involved with a lot during the summer.

We have now started to meet face to face again after covid, with the option of hybrid too. The last couple of years have been difficult, and I would like to place on record my heartfelt thanks to everyone or a group in the community that have gone over and beyond to ensure that the vulnerable in our community were looked after. I would also like to express my sincere condolences to anyone that has lost a relative or friend in the pandemic.

The feedback I have had over the summer is that the council has moved forward in many ways. It is important that we look at what we need to improve on, set a strategic direction and vision, set priorities and work towards them through working groups and committees. One of the underlining priorities is the work we do with the school and I want to thank the Vice Chair, Cllr Gordon Browne for his ongoing commitment with this drive. The planning presentation in June was outstanding and there is scope to develop this further. Last year, Cllr Gordon Browne told us that the pupils would like a picnic bench in the park next to the school and we made sure this happened so the young people of our community felt that their views were listened to.

Last year, we made appointing a young representative a priority, and we were successful in appointing one individual to that role. Throughout the next year, we will continue to make this a priority and develop the role further, and look into appointing groups to feedback to the full council.

I think as a council, we are developing to be a good team and it is promising that we are having new members being appointed onto the council. Valley is a vast village split into four wards. There are over 2,700 residents that are on the electoral roll and it is fundamentally important we focus on every corner of the village. We are here to serve, we are one team, and I am sure that the commitment that we show towards our community that we, as a council, will go from strength to strength.

I take my role as Chair seriously and I am absolutely determined to bring the community as a whole as we embark on new challenges. Over the summer I have been in regular contact with the Vice-Chair, every councillor and the clerk. I will involve and communicate with you as much as I can to update on what is going on and report back in report form so you can question the content.

Please get in touch anytime! I want to be as open and approachable as possible and I am open to meeting face to face, virtually or a chat over the phone.

With best wishes,



Neil Webb

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# Vision

to be a council that engages fully with the wider community and to strive to do our utmost for every resident in Valley.

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# Mission

01

To further strengthen our work with the young people, and consolidate our links with the primary school. To appoint a member of council to be a older people champion to gain the voices of the young and older people around the council table.

02

To continue to maintain and manage existing services provided by the Community Council - Ynys Wen Cemetery, Parc Mwd, Children's Play Area, Benches, Footpaths, Bus Shelters as outlined on the Community Council's website.

03

To work with Anglesey County Council to maximise road/pedestrian safety both on Station Road, through the possible provision of a pedestrian crossing and on the A5 entrance to Valley from Holyhead through the provision of a flashing sign indicating the speed limit.

04

To take forward our initiative to engage with the community as a whole. Will listen, engage and meet many residents as possible. We will develop strategies on how to consultate with residents and increase links with businesses and voluntary bodies in Valley.



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# Members

## Chair of the Council

Cllr Neil R Tuck

## Vice-Chair of the Council

Cllr Gordon Browne MBE, JP

## Clerk

Mrs Gwenda Owen

### Gorad Ward

Cllr Mavis Swaine-Williams

Cllr Neil Tuck

Cllr Graham Smith

1 Vacant Seat

### Village Ward

Cllr Gordon Browne MBE\*

Cllr Bill Rogerson MBE\*

Cllr Ken Taylor

Cllr Angela Walker

Cllr Dillon J Hughes

### West Ward

Cllr Helen Williams

Cllr Sion Williams

Cllr Delyth Jones

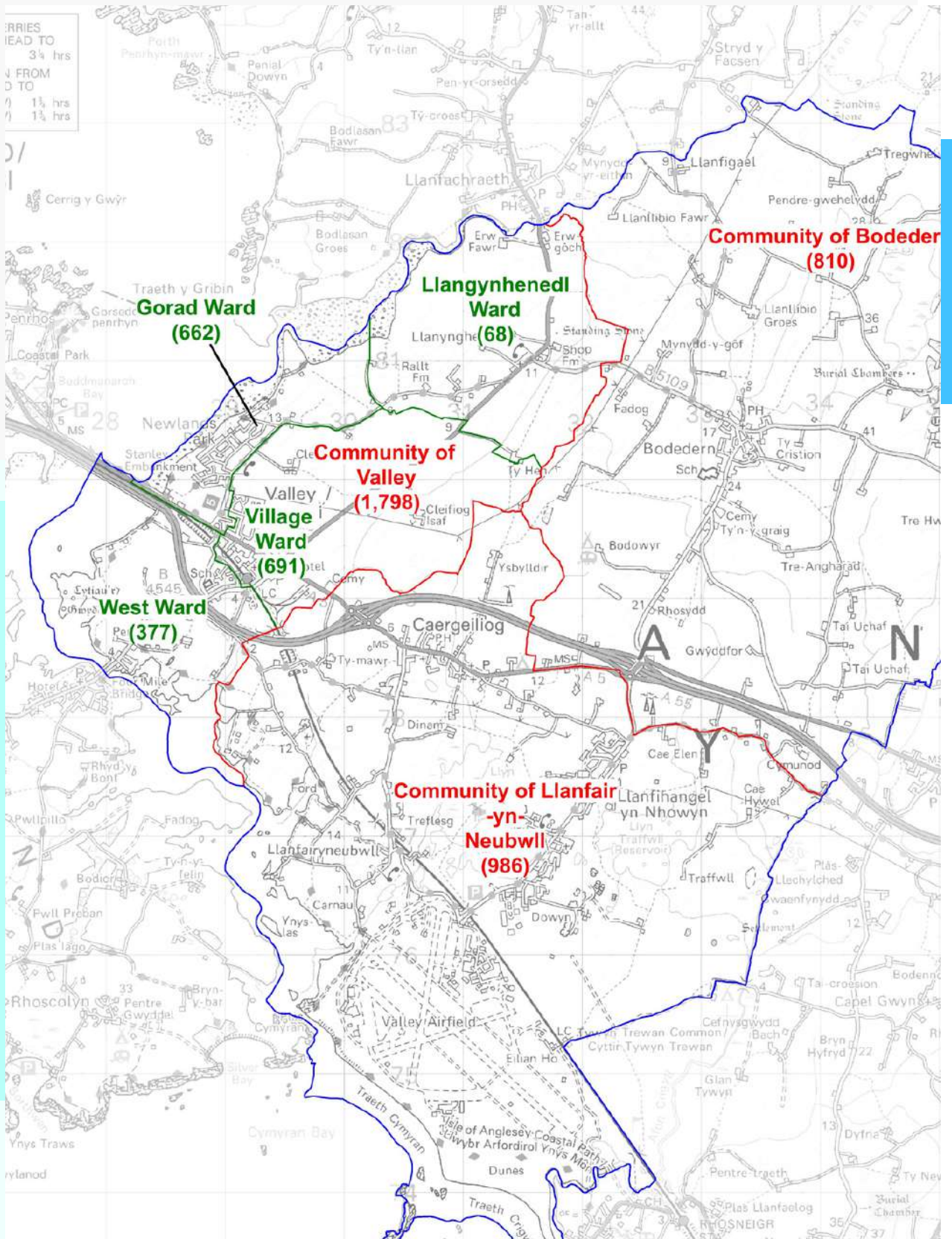
### Llanynghenedl Ward

Cllr Iwan Jones\*

\* committee chair



# Wards



# Update



- Community stall to engage with the Community went off to a good start. Councillors spoke to members of the public and a good start to our engagement drive. Working group will meet in coming weeks to discuss the way forward.
- New Logo is being designed by pupils at the school and final design will be chosen by full council.
- Cllr Iwan Jones has started to make an impact as the Chair of the Parks committees and convened a meeting to deal with business that needed actions.
- Chair has met up with the new proprietor of The Bull to establish possible new links.
- Chair to meet with Chair of Junior Football Club for possible shield to be presented by the Council in recognition for something outstanding (prize to be discussed) demonstrated by a player(s) in the football club. I am resolute in acknowledging and strengthening our links with the young people that represent and do work in the community.
- New Alliance has been set up to cover the "Bro'r Llynnoedd" and new members are welcome!
- Chair has attended the meeting of Valley Community Group in July 2022 to update members of the work of the council. The group is asking for more members to be a part of the group.
- Cllr Helen Williams has been nominated the Council's representative on the School's governing body and will reaffirm our commitment to strengthen our connection with the school and the pupils.
- Chair has been in regular contact with PCSO regarding various issues and we hope to sustain them links and that they report back to us regularly.
- Chair has received a letter from 3 young people to request a basketball hoop be installed in Park Mwd. Parc Mwd committee to look into this through possible grants.
- Chair attended the Garden Party in Bull with Cllr Andrea Walker.
- Chair has been in frequent contact with the Vice Chair, Clerk, and individual councillors throughout the summer.
- Mr Geraint Williams has done an exceptional job with the summer activities, I would like to thank him for his hard work in the community!
- Keep Valley Tidy has been busy tidying in Parc Mwd! with 6 community councils being members. New members welcome!
- Car Park is now back in use!

# Voluntary Group News!

My aim as the Chair, is to keep in contact with voluntary groups to help strengthen the link between the Council and the community groups.

## Clwb y Cob

The club have been successful in obtaining a £500 grant and will go on their first post-covid trip on 22/9/22 to Betws y Coed and Pantddu Winery in Penygroes. They will also have a Harvest Supper in Bull in the next month

## Merchaid y Wawr

will commence meeting again this month,

## Valley Community Group

Grant of £400 well being for Young people and been spent on the activities and games in Parc Mwd over the summer. There was Ballet for youngsters and four days in Rhoscolyn kayak – “Go Steerting” where young people learn new skills on the water. The next aim of the group is to collect funds of a Christmas Tree for the village.

Flowers looked good over the summer and now coming to an end. The council would like to thank everyone involved in watering and maintaining the plants. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

## Football clubs

Junior- season is now starting and things are looking good. There are 70 players registered from the ages of 6-12 are members and there are 4 teams. They have looked after the fields to get them to a good condition. Pitch 3 has worked brilliantly for clubs and people in the community with the installation of the nets. There has been no reported vandalism and no damage to Equipment.

Seniors- will commence 10/9/22 and more members of the community have joined

## St Michael's Church.

The Church has been fundraising for the Ukraine Appeal, The Mission to Seafarers. They shall be raising funds for the Church. On the 7th, October they have a bi-lingual concert featuring Bara Brith, a male voice choir from the Llangefni area. Also on Thursday 20th, October at 6.30pm they have a fundraising quiz in the Bull Hotel.

The vicar is visiting the primary School on a regular basis.



# What next

- Finance- The clerk is working on the budget for next year. Please ensure she has your request for allocations before the October Meeting! Budget setting will be the focus for the coming months.
- We will explore ways how to market surgeries and locations.
- Code of Conduct courses taking place soon- please make sure you are booked on if you have not done the course.
- We will continue to strengthen our links with the Primary School under the lead of the Vice-Chair, and increase their knowledge in the council's work.
- We will come up with plans to develop the triangle in Parc Mwd
- Chair will keep communicating with businesses and voluntary groups to further establish links and report back to full council.
- New Bro'r Llynnoedd alliance will start up this month and require new members.
- Chair and Vice-Chair (and any other volunteer) to do a bus stop checks to assess conditions.
- Audit work will commence on the 'took kit' to ascertain what we need to work on to further improve our effectiveness
- Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk to commence meeting virtually every month to look over agenda and set direction.





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# Thank You

## For all that you do!

Thank you to you all that have contributed to community life either through your role as a community councillor or through other institutes that you are involved with. Covid saw many of you going the extra mile with the vulnerable residents and I was astonished to learn how many councillors contribute to the community through other voluntary ways and this is a testament to your hard work and commitment to the community. It is important to acknowledge and thank everyone in the community that helped during the pandemic. Many of you have a lot to be proud of, and it is a privilege and honour to serve along side you all!



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