



Annual Report 2022/23

1. Introduction

Welcome to Valley Community Council Annual Report for the 2022/23 financial year.

This report has been prepared as a direct requirement of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which aims to ensure sound governance and effective management of public money. The report intends to increase the transparency and awareness of the work of the community council.

2. The Council

During the 2022/23 financial year Valley Community Council comprised of 13 members and one employee namely the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Chair of the Council

Cllr Neil R Tuck

Vice Chairman

Cllr Gordon David Browne MBE JP

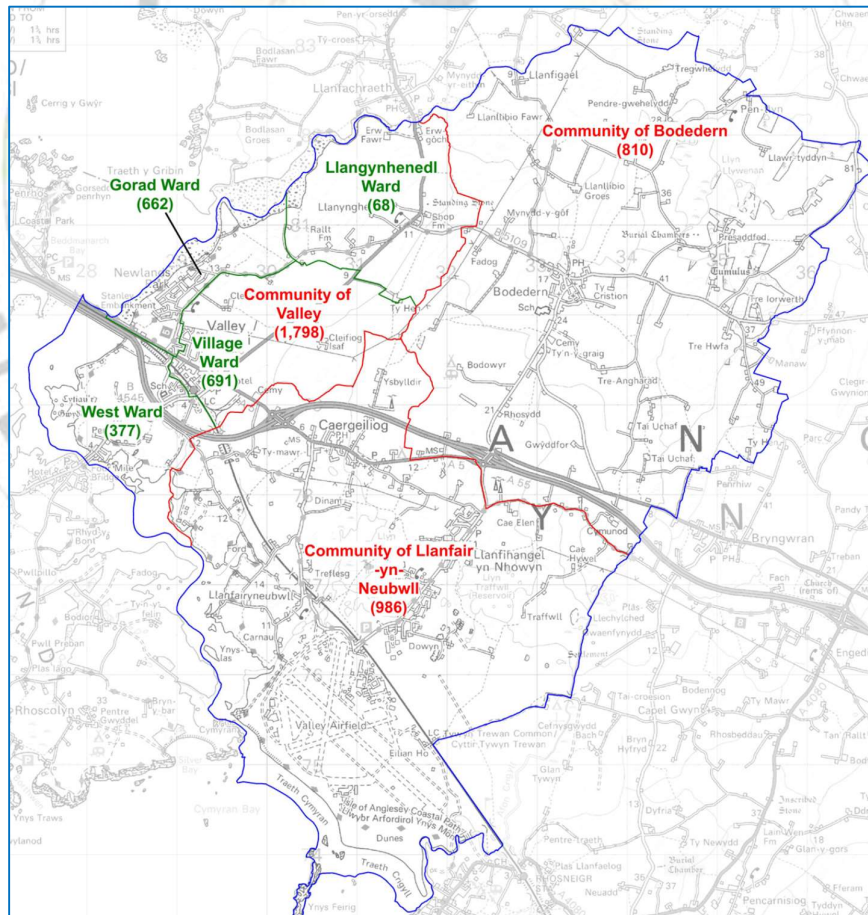
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs Gwenda Owen

Gorad Ward Cllr Mavis Swaine-Williams Cllr Neil R Tuck Cllr Graham Richard Edward Smith Cllr Charles Thornhill	Village Ward Cllr Gordon David Browne MBE JP Cllr Bill Rogerson MBE Cllr Ken Taylor Cllr Angela Walker Cllr Dillon James Hughes
West Ward Cllr Helen Williams Cllr Delyth Jones Cllr Sion Williams	Llanynghenedl Ward Cllr Iwan Tudur Jones

Further information regarding committees and representation can be found through the following web-link; [Community Councillors](#)

3. Our Area



4. Key Contact Details

The main contact for the Council the Clerk to the Community Council. The current Clerk since 1st April 2023 is Mrs Rhianwen Sheldon.

The contact address is 27 Alltwen, Llysfaen, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 8PG Tel: 01492 478405 / 07786253828

The Clerk can also be reached via email at valleycommunitycouncil@gmail.com

The Chair of the Council, Cllr Neil R Tuck can be reached via email at chairman.valleycommunitycouncil@gmail.com

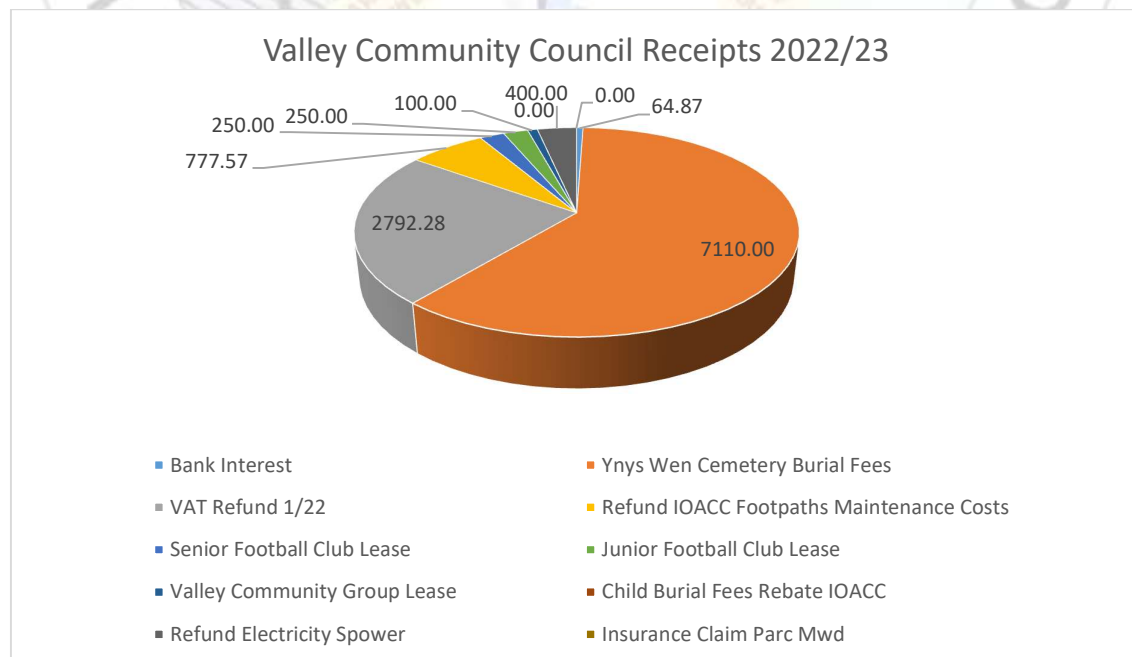
Key documents, minutes of meetings, news and general information is available via our website: www.valley-community-council.wales

5. Financial Information

A summary of the council's financial position at the end of 2022/23 financial year is given below:

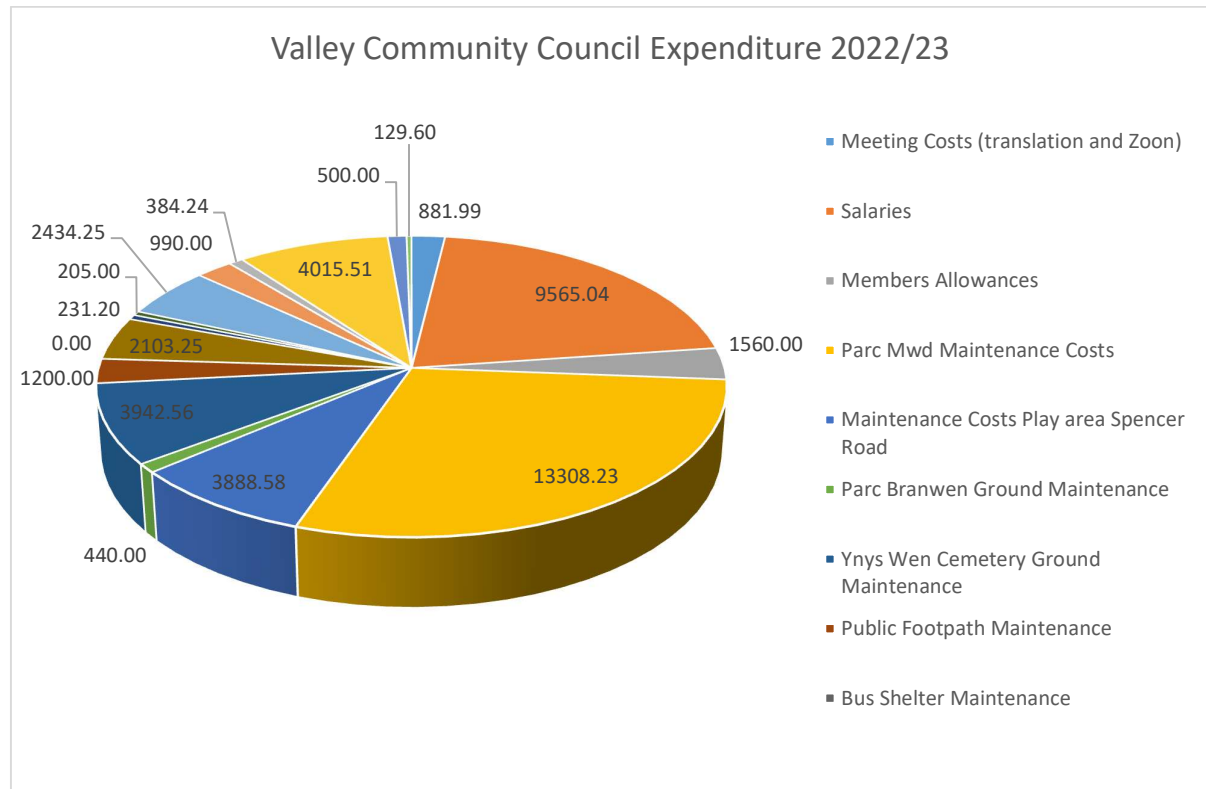
Income:

Valley Community Council received a Precept of £37,444 from the Local Authority towards expenditure on services for 2022/23, plus additional income of £11,745 was received as detailed in the chart below.



Expenditure

The total expenditure during 2022/23 was £45,779. The breakdown is given in the chart below.



Bank Reconciliation

Balance brought forward at 1/4/2022	£ 45,430
Receipts	£ 49,188
Payments	<u>£ 45,779</u>
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2023	£48,839

Valley Community Council held fixed assets valued at £ 233,958 at 31st March 2023.

The accounts are submitted to Audit Wales for review each year.

6. Relationship with the Local Authority

The Council has worked closely with the Bro'r Llynnoedd County Councillors during the year. Both County Councillors Ken Taylor and Gwilym Jones attend the Council's monthly business meetings. Councillor Ken Taylor has also been a County and Community Councillor for many years. Information is always cascaded via the Chair of the Council and the clerk. Representatives have attended all the Town and

Community Council Liaison Forum meetings with the Authority and provided updates to each of the following Community Council meetings. Issues raised by Councillors relating to Local Authority responsibility are escalated to appropriate officers within the Authority for resolution.

All recommendations made in relevant reports produced by the Local Authority Standards Committee in relation to town and community council audits have been implemented.

7. Training

A training plan for the Council has been adopted reflecting the individual needs of Councillors. All Community Councillors attend training courses as appropriate. One Voice Wales provides regular training sessions for community councillors to support them in their role.

8. Complaints

No complaints were received about the work of the Community Council during the year.

9. Achievements and Activities during 2022/23

During 2022/23 the Council provided services and maintained the following assets for the community:

- The 20.3-acre park at Parc Mwd plus Pavilion
- Lease the public car park from the Local Authority in order to provide free parking in the community
- Ynys Wen Public Cemetery and maintenance of burial records
- Lease the play area nr the School from the Local Authority and maintain the play equipment and pay for refuse collection at the site
- Carried out condition surveys and risk assessments on all play equipment in the community to ensure health and safety
- Millenium Clock
- 14 Bus Shelters
- 20 public benches
- 2 Community noticeboards
- Land at Parc Branwen
- All Public Paths on behalf of the Local Authority
- Represent residents, by conveying any concerns from the Community to the County Council and Welsh Government where necessary
- Relay information to residents affecting the community
- Negotiate with, and influence, those other organisations that make decisions that affect the community

- Consult on planning applications
- Consult and give our views on highway maintenance issues, traffic calming matters, parking issues, street naming etc.
- Consult of local and national policy on behalf of the community
- Enabled hybrid meeting to ensure accessibility

The Council has also supported others who benefit the community, namely:

- £50 Valley Community Group towards Defibrillator
- £50 Valley Community Group towards flowers in the village
- £100 Valley Community Group towards Christmas Tree in the village
- £100 Royal British Legion and placed poppy wreaths at the School and Ynys Wen Cemetery war memorials to commemorate the fallen
- £50 towards the Air Ambulance
- £50 towards MonSAR
- £50 towards Hosbis Dewi Sant
- £50 towards Y Rhwyd

10. Planned activities and priorities for 2023/24

In 2023/24 the Community Council will continue to serve the community in line with its duties and powers under legislation. During the year the Council will work together to:

- To improve road safety
- To improve community assets
- To improve communication with the community
- Establish working groups:
 - Young people, youth council and senior citizens
 - Community Engagement, and Promoting the work of the Council Workgroup.
 - Chairman's ideas group/policies/council effectiveness

11. Future budget requirements

The Council approved the draft budget at its meeting on 21st December 2022 and resolved to set the precept (local taxation) at £46,963.55 for the 2023/24 financial year.