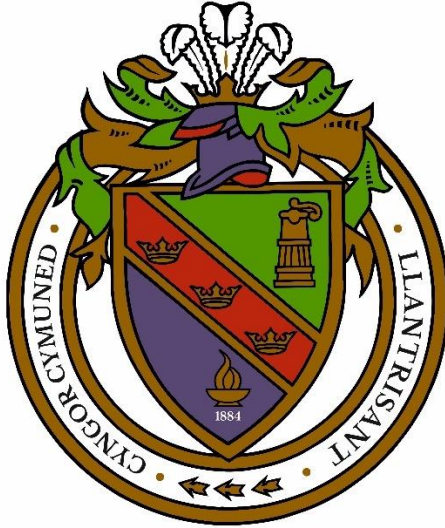




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**LLANTRISANT**  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025**

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I'm delighted to present the Annual Report of Llantrisant Community Council for the municipal year 2024/2025. I hope you will find it informative about the work we have done in the community throughout the year. I would like to thank the elected members and staff of the Council for their hard work and commitment to the residents we all serve.

*Cllr David Nicholas*

**Chair of Llantrisant Community Council,  
2024/2025**



## About Llantrisant Community Council

Llantrisant Community Council first came into existence along-side Llantrisant & Llantwit Fardre Rural District Council in 1894. It then became Llantrisant Parish Council before becoming Llantrisant Community Council in 1974 following the creation of Communities in Wales by the Local Government Act 1972.

Llantrisant Community Council is made up of the four wards of Beddau, Llantrisant, Talbot Green and Tynant. Overall, there are fourteen elected Members (Councillors) that represent the four wards, serving an electorate of 10,912.

Community councils have a wide range of duties and powers vested by Acts of Parliament. They may determine the types of positive actions and activities that is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being, social well-being and/or environmental well-being in their communities. Community Councils cannot act beyond their duties and powers.



# Membership of the Council

The Membership of the Council during the Municipal Year was as follows:

Llantrisant (4 Members)

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Cllr Anne Callow          | Labour       |
| Cllr Lynne Murdoch        | Labour       |
| Cllr Adam Robinson        | Conservative |
| Cllr Ellie Townsend Jones | Labour       |

Beddau (4 Members)

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Cllr Julie Barton         | Labour       |
| Cllr Mal Davies           | Labour       |
| Cllr Dr Catherine Preston | Labour       |
| Cllr Paul Thomas          | Conservative |

Talbot Green (3 Members)

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Cllr David Brown   | Labour |
| Cllr Glynne Holmes | Labour |
| Cllr David Myles   | Labour |

Tynant (3 Members)

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Cllr Ron Hunt       | Labour |
| Cllr David Nicholas | Labour |
| Cllr Carys Romney   |        |



# Council Meetings

Llantrisant Community Council meets ordinarily on the second Tuesday of each month, typically at 6.30pm. All of the full meetings of Council are held in hybrid format – i.e. with the facility for elected members and the public to attend in person or online. Some of our Standing Committees meet in hybrid format, but mostly they have been held entirely online.

This means that Councillors and members of the public may attend our meetings in person or online, entirely at their own discretion, and we have facilities in the hall now to enable this.

## Council Staff

During the municipal year, the Council employed seven members of staff to carry out the decisions of the Council across a range of functions and services.



The staff at the time of publication of this Report were as follows:

**Clerk and Proper Officer:**

Mr Geraint Hopkins JP BA (Hons)

**Responsible Financial Officer and Deputy Clerk:**

Mrs Alison Jenkins CiLCA

**General Maintenance Manager:**

Mr Jason Akers

**General Maintenance Officer:**

Mr Gareth Povey

**Halls Caretaker:**

Ms Amanda Stokes

**Events and Public Engagement Officer:**

Ms Stephanie Todd

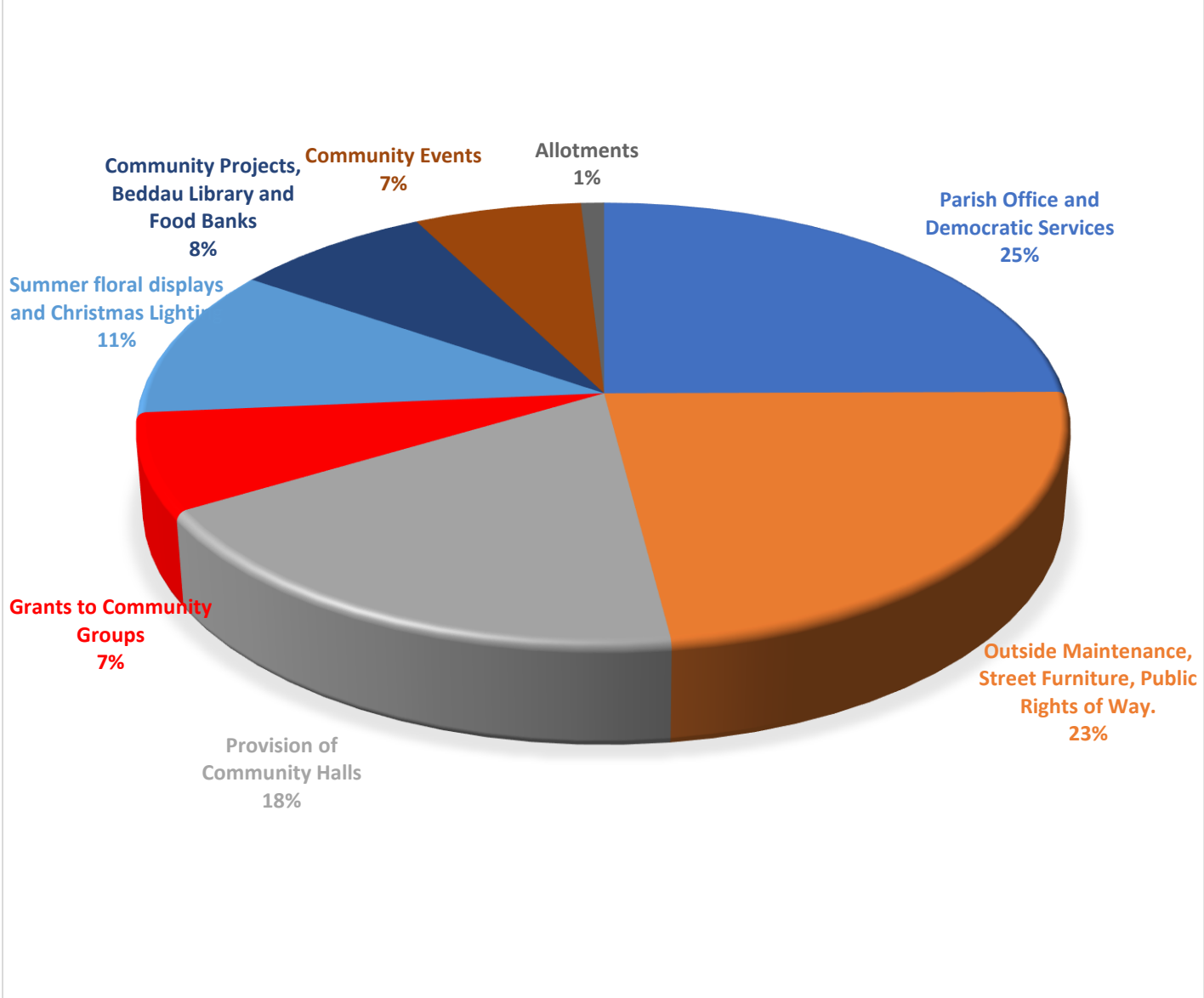
**Summer Labourer (From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024):**

Mr Gareth Hurley

# Finance

The main source of funding for community councils is the fund raised through what is referred to as a precept (a charge) to council tax under section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Llantrisant Community Council must calculate its budget requirement for a financial year in accordance with section 50 of that Act and issue a precept to the billing authority. In 2024/2025 the Llantrisant Community Council precept was £311,199. A band D property paid £57.50 for the year towards the Community Council (£1.11 per week). The remaining income generated by the Community Council comes from hire charges for community halls, allotment rents, interest, grants, RCT agency agreement and Community Infrastructure Levy payments.



# The Council's duties towards Well-being

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act was introduced in 2015 by the Welsh Government with the aim of improving the social, economic, environments and cultural wellbeing of Wales.

The Act is seeking a more joined-up approach between public bodies to think about the long-term to create the Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future.

Llantrisant Community Council is not a member of the Public Service Board for Cwm Taf Morgannwg but has a duty to take reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives as set out in the CTM Well-being Plan 2023 to 2028, "A More Equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg" and publish an annual report of the progress which we have made.

We have a statutory obligation to publish an annual report and demonstrate on the progress which we have made towards the Cwm-Taf Well-being Plan.



## The Cwm-Taf Morgannwg Wellbeing Objectives

### Objective 1: Healthy Local Neighbourhoods

We aim to do all we can to see that Llantrisant, Talbot Green, Beddau and Tynant are places where our local communities are inclusive and feel cohesive and people feel safe, supported and valued.

We'll do what we can to support communities where people feel connected, in healthy places, and to live our lives more locally. The outcomes we're looking for are that people feel more connected, less lonely and isolated and that there are a range of community activities for everyone.

We aim to promote healthier lifestyles where more people are active and there are more opportunities to be active locally and affordably.

Llantrisant Community Council aims to work with our communities to help people to access local services, through our Parish Office and through the provision of community buildings for everyone to access and use.

### Objective 2: Sustainable and Resilient Local Neighbourhoods

We aim to help make our communities places where we understand and respond to the risk of climate change to our communities. To do this Llantrisant Community Council aims to value, manage and enjoy our green spaces responsibly.

We want to protect and enjoy our natural green spaces; to reduce our carbon use and waste, and to tackle climate change and its impact. By working together, we will improve, use, enjoy and protect our natural local spaces so that we see more local, accessible green spaces, more resilient, healthier ecosystems and natural environment in our local area. We'll do what we can to reduce our energy consumption and improve management of our land and open spaces to reduce carbon emissions.

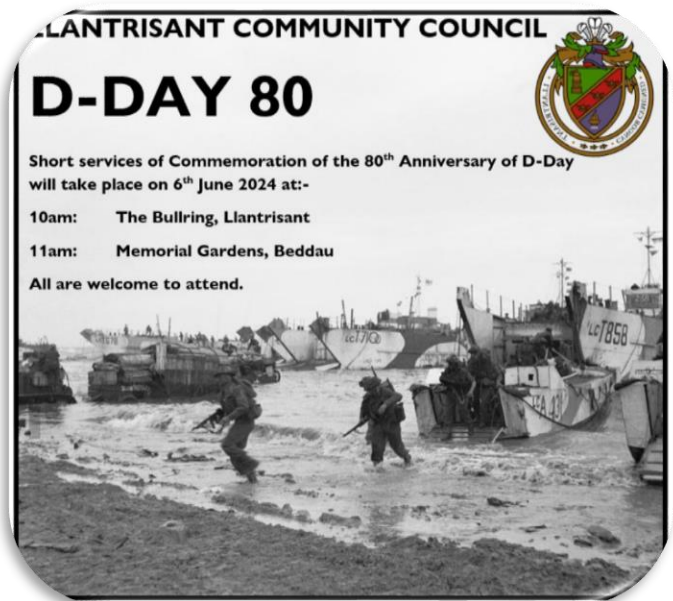
# Objective 1: Healthy Local Neighbourhoods Events

One of the ways an organisation with the size and resource that we have as a Community Council can help boost our local neighbourhoods is to make sure we contribute to a lively and inclusive range of community activities which the public can attend and enjoy together.

Not only do the major events we organise help to support a sense of community, but they also bring people in to the community that might not otherwise visit. We have been keen to involve businesses in our events planning, and to recognise the important role of events in helping to boost spend in local businesses.

## D-Day 80 and VE Day 80

The Council held services to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Both events were held at the War Memorial on the Bullring, Llantrisant and at the Memorial Gardens, Beddau.





## Eisteddfod Genedlaethol

The Council flew Welsh flags throughout the community and ran an Eisteddfod-themed window dressing competition to welcome the National Eisteddfod to Rhondda Cynon Taf in August 2024.

Pictured left are the winners, Ty Hafan, Talbot Green who are receiving their charitable donation from our Chair, David Nicholas.

## Tynant and Beddau Community Fair 2024

The Council was delighted to support the Tynant and Beddau Community Fair in 2024, with the maintenance staff preparing Beddau Community Centre and grounds in advance ready for use, and the events organisation capacity of the Parish Office fully deployed to making the event a success. Led by a local partnership of Beddau and Tynant organisations, the Community Council was pleased to play its part in making the event a success.



## Christmas 2024

Our annual partnership with Beddau and Tynant Community Library and Litter Free Beddau and Tynant led to a lovely evening of Christmas celebrations, carol singing and Father Christmas held at the Library. Thanks as usual to RCT Community Wind Band for supporting the carol singing.

Sadly, thanks to Storm Darragh, the weekend festivities in Llantrisant had to be cancelled this year.

We did however run our ever-popular Schools Christmas Tree Competition, and an even better public Christmas lights and trees display to brighten up the community.

Due to the cancellation of the Llantrisant event, the chocolate coins we would have

given to the children at the carol service were donated to the Children's Ward at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, and our Chair presented them to Play Coordinator, Rhianydd.



# Beating the Bounds

Llantrisant Community Council supplied a significant grant of £10,000 to the Llantrisant Town Trust to support the cost of the Beating the Bounds weekend. The event, which is held every seven years drew thousands of people into the town and benefitted from beautiful weather.

We were very pleased to welcome our friends from our twin town, Crecy en Ponthieu in France who joined in the weekend fun.



# Remembrance Sunday

The Community Council was proud to play its part in the community's commemoration of Remembrance Sunday, assisting with the technical and practical arrangements for both the Llantrisant service on the Bullring, and for the third year running playing the leading role in organising the service at the Memorial Gardens in Beddau and Tynant, in partnership with the Llantrisant War Memorial Committee and the Royal British Legion.



## LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS COMPETITION WINNERS 2024

OVERALL: MR GARETH HURLEY

BRYNTEG ALLOTMENTS: MR GARETH HURLEY

PENYCOEDCAE: MR STEVE JONES

PENYGAWSI: MR PAUL NEWMAN

TYNANT: MR MARCO SENATORE



## Allotments

Llantrisant Community Council ran its annual Allotments Competition, with the winners announced (left)

The Council provides four Allotments sites: Penycoedcae, Tynant, Brynteg and Penygawsi.

Brynteg Allotments developed an innovative Accessible Plot for people who may find allotment gardening physically challenging.

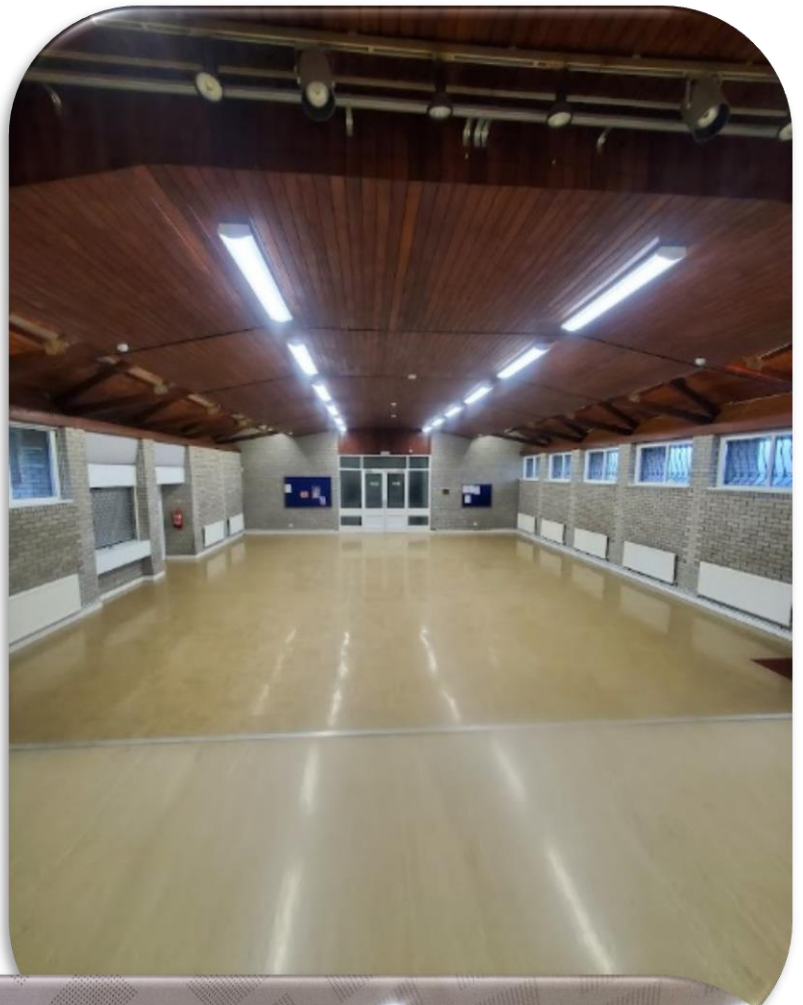


## Meeting Spaces

The Council operates three buildings in the community. Beddau Community Centre (right) which is owned by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, but managed by us; and Caerlan Hall (below) are superb facilities for hiring by community groups or for individuals and all manner of occasions.

During the year, the Council decided it would move its main office from Caerlan Hall to its third building, Llys y Cwm in Beddau.

The halls are well used by community groups who provide great opportunities for social activities, sport, special interests and other community gatherings.



## Grants

During 2024/25, Llantrisant Community Council provided over £30,000 in grant money to support many community organisations and groups. These groups are vital to the richness and diversity of community life and the Council is proud to exercise this important role to support them.

Some of the groups we've supported include:-

Afon Community Dance  
1st Beddau Scout Group  
Beddau & District Royal British Legion  
Penycoedcae Allotment Association  
Beddau & Tynant Senior Citizens Club  
Beddau RFC Mini & Junior Sections  
Cwm Welfare AFC  
Friends of Bryn Celynnog Association  
FO Gwaunmeisgyn Primary School  
Monday Club  
Tynant Allotments Association  
YGG Castellau PTA  
Active4Blood Charity  
Llantrisant Horticulture Show  
Bosom Pals (Breast Cancer Support Group)  
RCT Community Wind Band  
Taff Ely (Llantrisant) Ramblers

Brynteg Allotment Society  
Club Alawon Llantrisant Tune Club  
Gwynfa Camera Club  
Llantrisant & District Art Society  
Llantrisant Ladies Choir  
Llantrisant Ladies Bowling Club  
Llantrisant Primary School PTA  
Un Llais (Pupil Voice)  
Penygawsi Primary School PTA  
1st Pontyclun Scouts  
Southgate Ladies Bowling Club  
Talbot Green Football Club  
Tonysguboriau PTA  
Talbot Quilters  
Ynysmaerdy Creative Crafts  
Young at Heart (Thursday Club)  
Young at Heart (Tuesday Club)

## New Defibrillators

The Community Council were very pleased to fund two new defibrillators to add to the network in our area.

One was placed at the entrance of Beddau Community Centre (Right) and was part funded by Litter Free Beddau and Tynant.



The second (left) was installed on Swan Street, Llantrisant.

The locations of our defibrillators can be found at: [www.defibfinder.uk](http://www.defibfinder.uk)

## Community Assistance Fund

The Community Council provided an annual block grant of £5,000 towards the provision of the Beddau, Llantrisant and Tynant Food Bank, which is also hosted by us at Beddau Community Centre in order to help alleviate the affects of poverty in our community.

## Beddau and Tynant Community Library

Llantrisant Community Council provided a block grant of £6,000 towards the running costs of Beddau and Tynant Community Library.

The Library is a vibrant community hub, not only providing traditional book lending, but as a provider of a wide range of community services, and is an excellent meeting venue.



## Llantrisant Guildhall

Llantrisant Community Council supported the Medieval Fayre run by the Guildhall. Huge work has been undertaken at the historic building, including a new tea room to attract more visitors.



We also mourned the death of Mr Dean Powell, who managed the Guildhall for many years, and who was also Clerk of Llantrisant Town Trust, installing this bench dedicated to his memory, designed with his talents and passion for music in mind.

# Cwm Welfare Hall, Beddau



With the Welfare in Beddau facing some uncertainty during 2024, the Community Council was approached by a new Committee of volunteers with a plan to revitalise the facility to make it once again a hub for the community in Beddau and Tynant. The Council provided the Committee with a grant of £5,000 to kick-start the work, and work has indeed begun apace.

## New Notice Boards

The Council maintained 12 notice boards around the community, most of which were refurbished during 2024/2025. Two new ones of the design pictured were sited at Beddau Community Centre, and in Talbot Green prominently in the grounds of High Admit, to whom we offer our thanks for allowing us to use their land.

Community groups can advertise their events in our boards by contacting the office.



# Beddau Clock

During the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, ferocious winds during Storm Darragh blew the Beddau Clock down.

The Council began work with its insurers and with the clock manufacturers, and a plan is in place to restore and reinstall the clock in 2025.



*The Council puts up circa 60 Welsh flags throughout the community to fly during the month of March, like these at Talbot Green Post Office (above).*

## Objective 2: A Sustainable and Resilient Local Neighbourhood



Llantrisant Community Council aims to do all it can to understand and respond to the risk of climate change to our communities. To do this we must value, manage and enjoy our green spaces responsibly.

The Council and its staff take great pride in the community it serves, and much of the work our maintenance team does improves the appearance of the area.

We have 90 flowering baskets and 36 planters, and 114 benches throughout the community. By planting perennials in our flowering baskets and planters, we've been able to save water and also enhance the environment for biodiversity in our built-up areas.

Our community gardens, such as the Memorial Garden, Mount Pleasant, etc. are kept beautifully by our team for the public's enjoyment.

And throughout the year, the team went above and beyond our expectations, by cleaning and making more easily accessible areas like the community paths, and removing fallen trees blocking pathways.



*Choice of planting in our hanging baskets and planters (above) helps to reduce water use, and proves quite popular with our little friends in the bug world.*

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## Electric Van helps reduce carbon footprint

The Council's fully-electric second van helps to better deploy our outside maintenance team across the community efficiently whilst reducing our carbon footprint.



## Keep Wales Tidy Litter Hub

Llantrisant Community Council continued throughout the year to work in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy to host a Caru Cymru Litter Picking Hub to help make our community a cleaner and safer place to live, play and work. As a hub we have a supply of 20 litter pickers, hoops and hi-visibility jackets along with a supply of RCT rubbish bags.

Litter-free Beddau and Tynant already have a supply of litter pickers available to the local community. The Parish Office now provides for the Llantrisant and Talbot Green area too.

Equipment can be borrowed free of charge by individuals, groups, schools, organisations and businesses. Once they have completed their litter pick we work in partnership with RCT Streetcare to ensure the full bags are collected.

## Footpaths Maintenance

Under a service level agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Llantrisant Community Council



maintains about 20 miles of footpaths and walkways in the community, including the "Bunny" walks.

Our amazing outside maintenance team strim, and mow, and weed and wash, to keep these routes clear and accessible for all. We're very proud of the many wonderful walks available in this beautiful part of Wales.

# Other Statutory Functions

## Planning and Development Control

Community and town councillors represent the people living in their local area at the closest level to the community. When decisions are being made they are there to put the views of their electors across.

Local councils have an important role and contribution to the planning process. The Local Planning Authorities have a duty to notify local councils on any relevant planning applications as well as any decisions on a planning application within the local council area. At its meeting Llantrisant Community Council considers all planning applications and makes comments to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council when warranted.



*Cherry Cottage, Llantrisant*

# “Have Your Say” Consultation

During 2024/2025, Llantrisant Community Council conducted a major consultation with residents on its work in the community.

The Community Consultation Plan Brochure was published and distributed to over 6,000 homes within our four wards.

Social media posts were scheduled with a QR code to encourage responses, as well as an advert in a local music concert programme.



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