

**CYNGOR CYMUNED MANORDEIFI COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2022-2023**

Section 52 of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires community councils, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, to prepare and publish an annual report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.



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## **ORGANISATION OF THE COUNCIL**

Manordeifi Community Council area incorporates the villages of Abercych, and Capel Newydd together with the hamlets of Carregwen and Pontrhydyceirt. The council has 6 members and a Clerk/RFO (Responsible Financial Officer)

The Councillors for 2022-2023 were:

Pamela Parsons (Chair)  
Lynda Williams (Vice-chair)  
Elizabeth Hall  
Aled Lewis  
Christian Thould  
Suzanne Burley

Manordeifi Community Council usually hold 10 meetings throughout the year, with no meeting in August and December.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The annual summary of accounts for 2022-2023 can be found on the Council's website:

[www.pembstcc.co.uk/manordeifi-community-council](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk/manordeifi-community-council)

### **Income**

The main income is provided by the precept from Pembrokeshire County Council, collected through the Council Tax.

The precept for 2022-2023 was £6,000

### **Expenditure**

Staffing and administration costs £2,279.22  
Councillor costs £290.00  
Community services £250.90  
Other expenditure £842.07  
Donations £30.00

### **Audit**

The external audit on the accounts for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 was completed by Audit Wales on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Documents can be found on the website.

On completion of an internal audit, the annual return for the accounting period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 will be submitted to Audit Wales following approval by the Community Council at the June meeting.

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRINCIPAL COUNCIL**

Manordeifi Community Council worked closely with the County Councillor, Iwan Ward, throughout the year. Meeting agendas allow for a report from the County Councillor so Community Councillors are aware of issues arising in the area. Any concerns raised by the Community Council were dealt with in a timely manner.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Defibrillators**

During 2022-2023, the Council took over the management of a second defibrillator, sited at the Penrhiw Inn in Abercych. The defibrillator in Newchapel continues to be maintained by Manordeifi Community Council. Pads and batteries have been replaced when needed.

### **Flowers**

As in previous years, flower displays were provided for Newchapel and Abercych to provide a bright and welcoming picture for visitors and residents.

### **Removal of recycling bins**

The Community Council were instrumental in securing the removal of recycling bins in the Penrhiw carpark. The area around the bins was attracting litter and becoming unsightly. Councillors felt that they were no longer needed as kerbside recycling now collects all suitable materials.

### **Millennium Garden**

Some remedial work was undertaken in the Millennium Garden in Abercych, but unfortunately the scale of the work needed to make the garden safe and usable goes beyond what can be expected of volunteers. The Council has been trying to secure the services of a landscape gardening company, but has not yet been able to appoint a contractor.

### **Remembrance Day, November 11th**

The Chair of the Community Council laid a poppy wreath on Remembrance Day at the memorial in Abercych Village Hall on behalf of the Council and a donation was made to the Royal British Legion.

### **Community Survey**

This year has proved to be a time of re-evaluation for the Council. Priorities are being reassessed based on a successful community survey undertaken by the Council during January. This survey was sent to residents across four main villages in the ward as well as rural properties and the responses highlighted a number of issues in our area. These were speeding traffic, drainage challenges in Abercych, a

feeling of rural isolation, residential preferences for public transport to be reinstated and social engagement opportunities for our younger and teenage residents. The Council continues to work hard to prioritise these areas in everything it does.

**Community Speed Watch Initiative** - As a result of the above survey, the Council is continuing to address resident concerns of speeding traffic. We are currently working with local residents and Ceredigion Police to set up a Speed Watch initiative, alongside our County Councillor, Cllr. Ward. Seven resident volunteers have been identified and application forms are in the process of being completed. We look forward to finalising this initiative as a Community Council over the coming months.

### **Traffic calming signs**

Manordeifi Council initiated a competition to design signs to encourage drivers to slow down. These will be situated throughout Newchapel and Abercych.

### **Youth Steering Committee**

As a Community Council, we have been very keen to encourage our younger residents to have a way to represent themselves and their voices in how we support the community moving forward. Letters were written to three local schools; Newcastle Emlyn, Cardigan and Ysgol Bro Preseli to identify young residents that may want to work with Manordeifi Community Council to transform the way we support younger residents. A Community Council representative has also attended Ysgol Bro Preseli to talk about the work of Community and County Councils and discuss this initiative during a Youth Engagement morning at the school. We continue to encourage younger residents to have a voice and play a part in how our Community Council supports our community for the future.

## **PRIORITIES FOR 2023-2024**

Manordeifi Community Council will continue to seek tenders for the development of the Millennium Garden in Abercych. Issues raised through the Community Survey will provide a focus for projects throughout the next year.