



GWAUN CAE GURWEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
2022 – 2023



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1. MISSION STATEMENT

To ascertain, co-ordinate and reflect the views of the communities of Cwmgors, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Lower Brynamman and Tairgwaith.

To liaise with other community groups within the area, and to acknowledge and respect the diversity of opinions.

To express the views of the community to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) and other public bodies, authorities and organisations.

To take such action in the interest of the community as appears to be desirable and practicable.

To promote the wellbeing of the community and to foster a community spirit.

To be a means whereby the people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, welfare, environment, amenity and development.

2. CONTEXT

During the year 2022 – 2023 following the local government elections, Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council (GCGCC) comprised of 5 councillors, which meant there were 10 vacancies on the Council, however, by the end of March 2023 we had filled 7 of these vacancies and another was filled in April 2023, we continue to work hard to fill the remaining 3 vacancies.

The Councillors who were in office during the year 2022 – 2023 were:

- Cllr. Brian Davitt
- Cllr. Dafydd Humphreys
- Cllr. David Jones
- Cllr. Sue Jordan
- Cllr. Geoff Moore
- Cllr. Lee O'Hara
- Cllr. Colin Petrie
- Cllr. Len Preece
- Cllr. Leander Prescott
- Cllr. Sonia Reynolds
- Cllr. Glenn Thomas
- Cllr. Sarah Thomas

The Council has a number of Committees and councillors are appointed to serve on some of these. The standing committees are:

- Finance Committee
 - Assets & Estates Sub Committee
- Events Committee
- Health & Safety Committee
 - Health Services Sub-Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Policy Committee
- Youth Committee

Councillor contact information, party allegiance and committee membership can all be access on the Council website here:

www.gcgcc.org.uk/councillors

The main contact for all council related business is:

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3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income and Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2023 is summarised below:

OPENING BALANCE – 1ST APRIL 2022:	
PRECEPT:	
OTHER INCOME:	
TOTAL INCOME:	
STAFF COSTS:	
LOAN REPAYMENTS:	
OTHER EXPENDITURE:	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	
CLOSING BALANCE – 31ST MARCH 2023:	

The fixed assets of the Council are:

ASSET:	VALUE:
Cwmgors Community Centre	£516,000
Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Centre	£548,000
Lower Brynamman Community Centre	£2,150,000
Tairgwaith Community Centre	£577,000
Cwmgors Park	£50,000
Lower Brynamman Parl	£70,000
Tairgwaith Park	£30,000
Cwmgors Phone Kiosk	£3,000
Notice Boards	£5,000

The Council is currently undertaking a review of its assets. The accounts will be submitted to Audit Wales after the accounts have been approved by the Council in June 2023 and an audit opinion will be received later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as unaudited at this stage.

4. RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY

Both Councillors representing the area at Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) are member of Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council:

- Cllr. Sonia Reynolds
- Cllr. Sarah Thomas

As such, there were no full Council meeting held where one of both were not present for the entirety of the meeting. There are also 2 Councillors who attend the NPTCBC & Community Council Liaison Committee as well as 2 Councillors sitting on the One Voice Wales (OVW) NPT Area Committee.

5. COMPLAINTS

No complaints were received regarding the Council or any Councillors during the year 2022 – 2023.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT

All Councillors have signed up to attend Code of Conduct training.

7. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The key achievements of GCGCC during 2022 – 2023 are:

- Creation of documents/procedures:
 - Attendance Register
 - Training Plan
 - Asset Register
 - Contacts Database
 - Filing System
 - Key Register
- Adoption of various policies, procedures and best practices.
- Major update to Council website.
- Donated almost £450, including a chocolate Santa for every school child.
- Approved almost £15,000 in Celtic Energy Community Benefit Funding.
- Provision of Christmas Lights.
- Residents Christmas Lights Competition.
- Reviewing accounting procedures and establishing best practice.

8. COUNCIL MANAGED ASSETS & SERVICES

The below assets are managed by the Council:

- Cwmgors Community Centre
- Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Centre
- Lower Brynamman Community Centre
- Tairgwaith Community Centre
- Cwmgors Play Park & MUGA
- Lower Brynamman Skate Park & MUGA

- Tairgwaith Play Park & MUGA
- Cwmgors Phone Kiosk

The below services are provided by the Council:

- GCGCC Website
- Gwaun Cae Gurwen Celtic Energy Community Benefit Fund
- Cemetery Grass Cutting
- Christmas Lights
- Remembrance Day Service

9. BIODIVERSITY PLAN

The Council has committed to developing a Biodiversity Plan in the next year.

10. PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The Council is considering the following planned activities over the 2023 – 2024 year:

- Developing Biodiversity Plan
- Installing New Play Equipment at Tairgwaith Park
- Access to Y Banwen Field for Canolfan Maerdy Community Growing Project
- Repairs/Expanding the Christmas Lights Display
- Christmas Pantomime
- Installing New Central Heating & Floor at Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Centre