

## **Glyn Tarell Community Council**

### **Annual Report for 2022/2023**

Paul Woods (Chair), 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **1. Introduction**

This report covers the period June 2022 to May 2023 inclusive.

The Glyn Tarell Community Council currently comprises the following Councillors:

Paul Woods (Chair), Christina Rayner (Vice-chair), Pauline Hill, Edwin Harris, Richard Harris, John Murphy

During the year Councillor Chris Baker resigned. The GTCC would like to thank Chris for his valuable contribution.

County Councillor Anita Cartwright was elected in May 2022 and has provided a valuable link to the County Council. She kindly attended most of the meetings of the GTCC and we have greatly benefited from her advice and follow-up action on several issues. In Anita's absence due to illness, Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe attended on her behalf and GTCC are grateful also for his input.

The GTCC met 11 times during the year, initially on Zoom, and since December 2023 also in person at the National Park's Mountain Centre.

The GTCC are indebted to the diligent work of the Clerk to the Council, Susan Powell.

#### **2. Planning**

As statutory consultee the GTCC has reviewed all planning applications submitted to the National Park Authority for the GTCC area. In one case comments were submitted in relation to provision of car parking and impact on local biodiversity.

#### **3. Maintenance of Libanus playing field and equipment**

Regular inspections of the Libanus playing field and equipment have been carried out including the annual ROSAP safety inspection procured through Powys CC. Repairs to one of the climbing frames are in progress and new nets have been purchased for the football goals.

GTCC are very grateful for the work of Martin Smith who has not just maintained the area but carried out extensive new planting.

#### **4. Pont-ar-Daf car park at Storey Arms**

Progress on the new car park being constructed by the National Trust at Storey Arms has been monitored. A meeting was held with the National Trust to discuss their plans, in particular the level of car parking charges and how the continuation of parking on the verge of the A470 could be restricted in the future.

## **5. Bannau Brycheiniog/Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Management Plan**

A number of Councillors participated in the consultations around the Management Plan. One of the suggestions put forward by GTCC for a park-and-ride bus service to Storey Arms has been included in the Management Plan recently published.

## **6. Biodiversity Report**

In accordance with our statutory duty we have completed our first report on biodiversity for the areas for which GTCC is responsible.

## **7. Libanus URC chapel**

GTCC has taken part in meetings with the URC and Libanus Hall Trust to develop a plan for the future use of the URC chapel.

## **8. Llanspyddid Path**

The GTCC have continued to raise the issue of a new Path between the village and Brecon and note that this is now shown on the map produced as part of the local Active Travel Plan.

## **9. Communications**

The GTCC have placed notices of meetings, decision notices and minutes of meetings on notice boards and on the GTCC website. GTCC reviewed the need for a Facebook page and decided not to pursue this at this time due to the additional work that would be required to maintain and monitor the site and the risk of inappropriate messages. The GTCC website is also under review with a goal to improve its structure and provide more information.

## **10. Finance**

The expenditure has been in-line with budget with some use made of the funds set aside for the playing fields maintenance. In view of the current bank balance, it was decided to keep the precept at the same level despite the level of inflation. Financial support was provided to both villages to assist in the costs of running social events for the Queen's Jubilee, the Christmas festivities and the Coronation party.

## **11. Governance**

New Standing Orders were adopted by the Council. The Council has been using the One Voice Wales Finance and Governance toolkit to review their governance including procedures and policies, adopting standard policies where appropriate.