

## **Glyn Tarell Community Council - Annual Report for 2023/2024**

Paul Woods (Chair), 21st May 2024

### **1. Introduction**

This report covers the period June 2023 to May 2024 inclusive.

The Glyn Tarell Community Council currently comprises the following Councillors:

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

During the year Councillor Richard Harris left the Council. The GTCC would like to thank Richard for his valuable contribution.

County Councillor Sian Cox attended meetings in September, October and November 2023 whilst Councillor Anita Cartwright was unavailable for health reasons. Councillor Raiff Devlin was elected in November 2023. Both Councillors have provided reports to the monthly meetings and our thanks to them for this valuable link to the work of the County Council.

The GTCC met 11 times during the year in person at the National Park's Mountain Centre, although remote access to the meeting by Zoom was also available.

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

Residents in the GTCC area who would like to become Community Councillors are invited to contact Susan Powell on [sueharveypowell@gmail.com](mailto:sueharveypowell@gmail.com). Additional Councillors will enable us to do more to support the Community.

During the year the GTCC produced a new document 'The Purpose of the GTCC' which helped focus our work in three key areas: representation, protection and enhancement.

### **2. Communications**

A new website has been developed this year with an improved structure. The GTCC have placed notices of meetings, decision notices and minutes of meetings on notice boards and on the GTCC website. A questionnaire was delivered to all households in the summer of 2023 (see also URC chapel below).

### **3. Planning**

As a statutory consultee the GTCC has reviewed all planning applications submitted to the National Park Authority for the GTCC area. No significant objections were raised to any of the applications reviewed.

It was established that the Llanspyddid Village Plan has been accepted by the BBNPA as a supporting planning document for the area.

#### **4. 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. Adjustments and repairs were carried out to the zip wire and two of the climbing frames.

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

The area is mowed regularly with some perimeter areas left for wild flowers.

The safety report raised concerns about the rugby posts and this prompted thinking about whether alternative sports and play equipment could be installed. A consultation event was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the playground which generated some useful ideas.

#### **5. Maintenance of Llanspyddid churchyard and church field**

The GTCC has arranged for regular grass cutting of the Church Field. A meeting was held with the Area Ministry Leader and Assistant Curate for the Brecon and Epynt area to discuss the work needed to maintain St Cattwg's churchyard in the future.

#### **6. Pont-ar-Daf car park at Storey Arms and traffic issues**

The new car park opened by the National Trust at Storey Arms has been monitored. It appears to be well-used with the charges not acting as a major disincentive. Nevertheless, at peak times in summer there are still many cars parked on the verge. GTCC remain concerned about safety in this area despite the 30mph speed limit set over weekends. The problem is exacerbated by the number of annual events that are planned such as charity walks.

A letter to Dyfed-Powys police has been sent highlighting our concerns about the speed limit in Libanus, overcrowding at the Storey Arms, excess speed and noise nuisance from motorbikes in the area and the lack of police presence to deter illegal activity and improve safety.

#### **7. St Illtyd's churchyard**

GTCC have been concerned to understand their responsibilities in relation to the churchyard, especially regarding public safety and the opportunities for enhanced biodiversity. It has been established with the Church in Wales that the graveyard was transferred to the GTCC predecessor Glyn Parish Council in 1925 and the maintenance of the churchyard is therefore the responsibility of the Council.

#### **8. Libanus URC chapel**

GTCC arranged an extensive consultation over the summer of 2023 delivering questionnaires to all households. This showed strong support for continuing to work with URC to develop the chapel as a community centre. This work is being led by a separate working group to the GTCC. Residents

interested in supporting this venture are invited to contact Paul Woods  
paul\_woods@tinyworld.co.uk.

### **9. 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.

### **10. Finance**

The expenditure has been in-line with budget with use made of some of the funds set aside for the playing fields maintenance. In view of the current bank balance and the cost-of living pressures, 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 and the Libanus Christmas tree. For further details please see the annual accounts published separately.

### **11. Governance**

New Standing Orders were adopted by the Council in January 2024. 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. This work is ongoing.

### **12. Training Plan**

Councillors continue to take advantage of the training available from One Voice Wales and a Training Plan is being prepared.