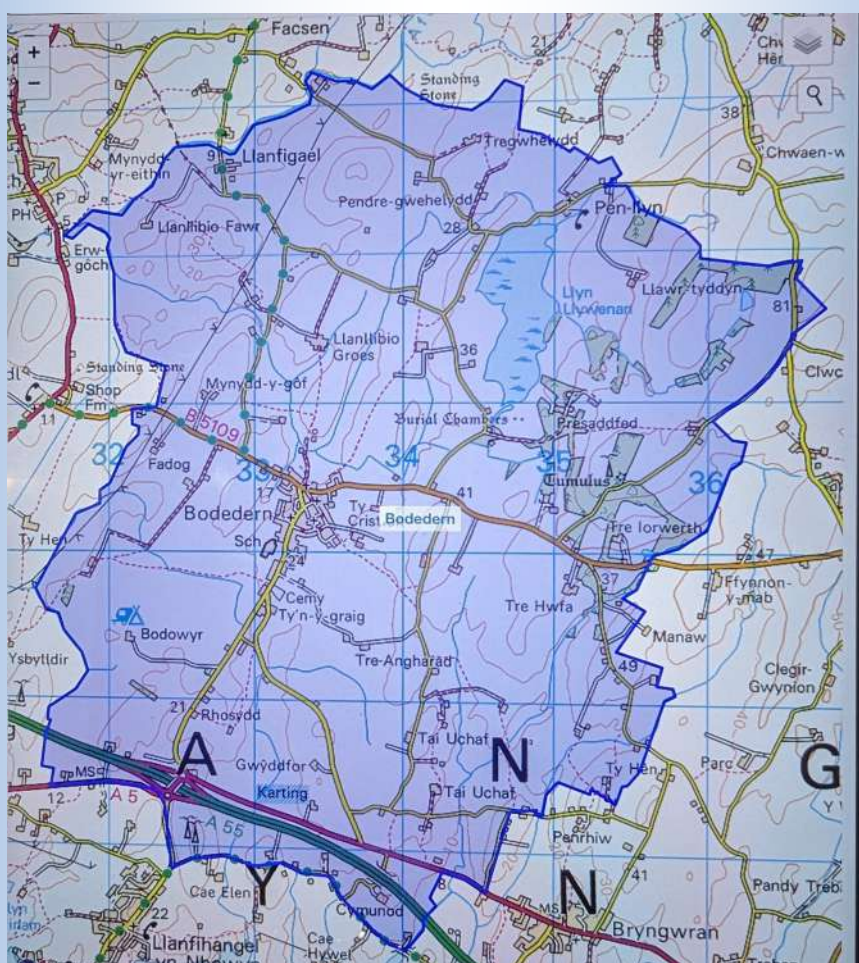


Annual Report

Bodedern Community Council

2023 - 2024



A Message from the Chairman

I would first like to thank you for entrusting and electing me as Chairman for the past five years.

There have been changes in the membership of the Council during 2023 - 2024 with the resignation of Mrs Ann Thomas who was a valuable member of the Council for many years. I would like to thank her for her service and wisdom during her time as a Councillor. We welcomed Mr Osian Jones as a new member and I'm sure he will be a great asset to the Council. At the end of the year our clerk Mrs Rhian Wyn Richards resigned and Mr Dylan Hughes was appointed as our new clerk.

After 41 years of service as a member of the Community Council this has been the most difficult and challenging year that we have faced, but with support, professionalism and advice, together with the help of Mrs Mai Owen I feel that we have overcome the difficulties and that there is a clear vision for the Council to work on behalf of Bodedern village and catchment area.

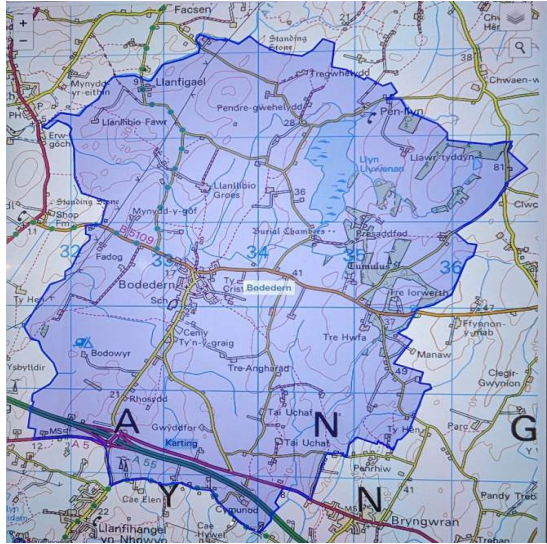
From now on it is important that we look at what is needed for improvement, determine priorities to work towards, create a better link with the community, improve our website and create a better link with the schools in the village.

I believe that we are developing into a good team, working together for the benefit of the village and catchment area.

As Chairman, I take my role seriously and try my utmost to serve the local community.

I thank you again for your support.

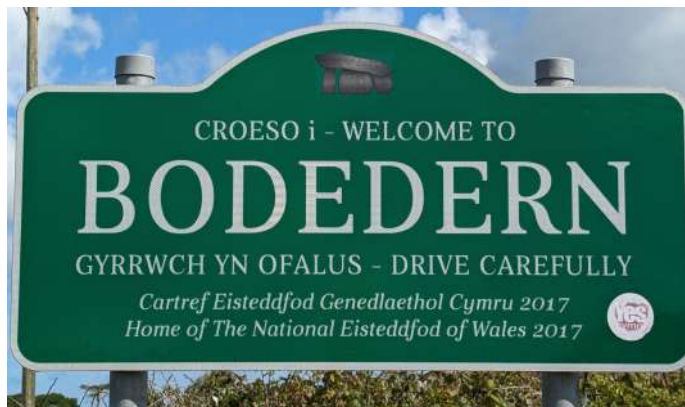
Ann Roberts



Introduction

We present the Bodedern Community Council Annual Report for the financial year 2023 - 2024.

The report has been prepared to meet the requirement of the Local Government Act and Elections (Wales) 2021 in order to ensure effective governance and sound management of public funds. The intention of the report is to create public awareness of the work undertaken by Bodedern Community Council.



Bodedern is a village and community in the west of Anglesey. Located on the B5109 road approximately 7 miles from Holyhead and 11 miles from Llangefni. The name Bodedern derives from the Welsh word 'bod' which means dwelling and the name of the Saint 'Edern' who founded the Parish Church in the 7th century.

It is a village with an interesting history, with the biggest natural lake in Anglesey, Llyn Llywenan, in it's parish.

The Village Hall which is now 100 years old continues to be used by various organisations. The Hall committee, which is a registered charity, is responsible for it.

On the site of the old primary school there are 4 industrial units which are used by local businesses.

There are two schools here that meet the educational needs of the area and beyond, Bodedern Primary School and Bodedern Secondary School.

In 2017 the National Eisteddfod of Wales was held in Bodedern.

At the 2021 census the community had a population of 1,193.

Council Membership

There were 10 members and one Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer on the Council during the 2023 - 2024 financial year.

Chairman of the Council - Miss Jane Ann Roberts

Vice-Chairman - Dr Edward Thomas Jones

Ms Joanne Ferry

Mrs Bethan Hughes

Mrs Linda Jones

Mr Richard Jones

Mr Osian Jones

Mr Victor Owen

Mrs Ann Postle

Mr Dafydd Williams

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer - Mrs Rhian Wyn Richards

Contact Details

The main contact for the Community Council was the Clerk Mrs Rhian Wyn Richards. She resigned at the end of March 2024. Mr Dylan Emlyn Hughes was appointed as Clerk.

The new Clerk's contact address is:-

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Website

Documents such as minutes, meetings, policies, accounts etc are being developed on our website www.cyngorcymunedbodedern

Meetings

Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday night of every month except August and December in the Community Lounge of Bro'r Ysgol.

Welsh is the administrative language of the Council, therefore, the meetings are held in Welsh.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May. A Chairman and Vice-Chairman are chosen for the year together with members on various committees. The Council's documents and policies which have been uploaded onto the Council's website are reviewed - Code of Conduct, Financial Rules and Councillors Allowance Policy.

External Membership

Bodedern Community Council benefits greatly from being a member of One Voice Wales and has received advice from them on numerous occasions on legal issues, services, etc.

Liability

A Code of Conduct for members has been adopted and a register of each member's interest is kept. Any vested interests for items to be discussed will be disclosed at the beginning of each meeting and will be noted in the minutes.

The accounts are audited by an internal and external auditor. The internal audit is carried out by Mr Alun Foulkes and the external audit by the Wales Audit Office.

Accounts

In 2023 a precept of £15,000 was received from Anglesey County Council towards the Council's expenditure to meet the needs of the service provided for the community. This is the only source of income the Council receives. All members declined the allowance of £150 to which they were entitled .

Total expenditure for 2023 - 2024 was £11,278.60.

Balance in the Bank

Balance brought forward on 1 April 2023 - **£33,969.69**

Receipts

Precept - £15,000

Grant - £1,000

£16,000.00

Payments

Park - £6,849.60

Cemetery - £2,000

Clerk's wages - £960

Donation to Eisteddfod Mon - £1,000

Others - £469

£11,278.60

Balance carried forward on 31 March 2024 - **£38,691.09**

Bodedern Community Council had assets worth £25,095 on 31 March 2024

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday service was held at Bodedern Village Hall in November and a poppy wreath was presented on behalf of the Community Council by the Chairman Ann Roberts.

Future Budgetary Requirements

At the January 2023 meeting it was decided to set the precept at £14,000 for the financial year 2023 - 2024.

Training

As One Voice Wales prepares training for Councillors, the Council decided that it would pay for 2 courses for each member during the year. However, no one received any training during 2023 - 2024.

Responsibility and Maintenance for Assets

The Council is responsible for providing a variety of different services within the area it represents.

- Set the precept (the money received by the County Council each year)
- Consult and submit comments on planning applications
- Inform relevant departments of the County Council on matters of highway maintenance, street naming, speeding, parking, street lights, etc
- Carry out a survey of the condition of the assets in the Play Park and the Cemetery
- Maintenance of Council grounds
- Consider applications for donations from groups, charities and organizations if we receive their financial balance sheet
- Pay insurance for the Cemetery and the Play Park

During 2023 - 2024

Parish Cemetery

The Council is responsible for cutting the grass in the cemetery. Due to the overgrowth of the trees in the front of the cemetery, those facing the road and some inside, they were cut as needed.

Play Park

The Council is responsible for cutting the grass in the Play Park and for health and safety inspections. One piece of equipment needed repairing and 3 had to be removed due to their condition. 4 new fence panels were installed. The Council pays for litter collection from the park every fortnight.

Public Footpaths

A few of the footpaths needed attention during the year.

Donations

£1,000 was given to Eisteddfod Môn Bro Alaw 2024 which was held in Bodedern.

£20 was paid for a poppy wreath that was placed by the Village Hall during Remembrance Sunday.

Local Authority

The Community Council works closely with the two County Councillors - Gwilym Jones and Ken Taylor, with both attending the monthly meetings.

Dr Edward Jones has started attending Town and Community Councils Liaison meetings with the authority.

Mrs Linda Jones attends the Tywyn Trewan meetings and gives us a report on those meetings.

Priorities for 2024 - 2025

Bodedern Community Council will continue to serve the community in accordance with its duties under the Welsh Government Legislation.

During the year attention will be given to the following:-

- ♦ Improve the Council's Website
- ♦ Improve communication between the Community and the Council
- ♦ Improve the Community assets
- ♦ Improve the connection with different organisations e.g. both schools - primary and secondary.

