

Annual Report

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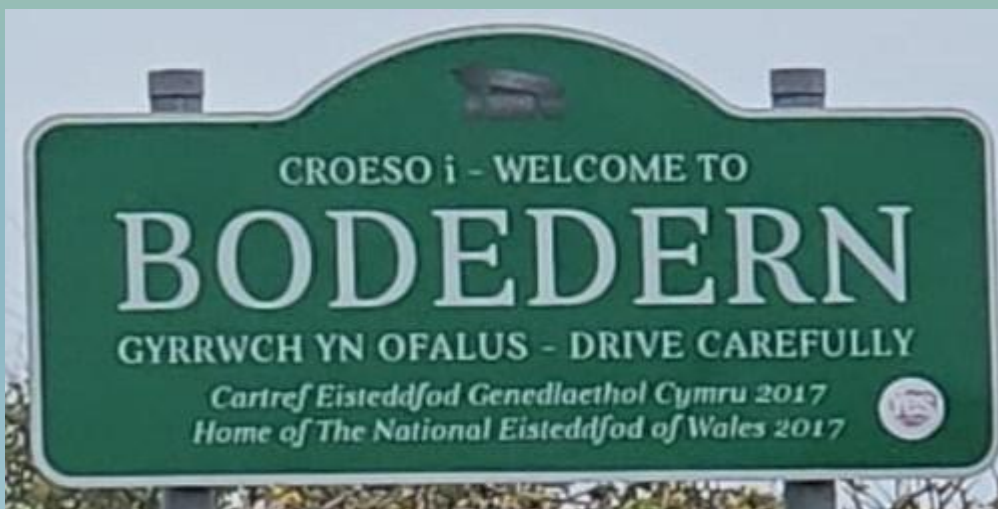
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Bodedern

Community Council

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2024 - 2025



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A Word from the Chairman

It was a privilege to be Chairman during the year 2024 - 2025 and thank you for entrusting in me once again.

It was a very challenging year for us in every way but by working together as a successful team we have overcome and moved the Council forward.

Changes were seen in membership and Clerk during 2024 - 2025. At the end of March 2024 Mr Dylan Hughes was appointed as the Council's Clerk and Financial Officer and he has been a great asset to the Council being able to move forward and complete it's duties. I would like to thank him for his dedication and perseverance in ensuring that the Council operates effectively.

Mr John Barnett resigned and Ms Michelle Trowell was appointed in his place. Although John was with us for a short time I would like to thank him for his work on the Council. The empty seat we had was filled by Mr Glyn Davies. I'm sure that the two new members will be a great asset to the Council. For the first time in years the membership of the Council has reached it's capacity of 11.

We managed to complete all the accounts required for the internal and external audits.

The year's priorities have all been addressed with an improvement to the website, which is more active. The Council has improved it's links with the two schools and the community and all the assets have had or are being addressed.

I would like to thank you councillors for your work and support for the welfare of the community during the year and to the two county councillors for attending our meetings and offering comments when necessary.

Looking ahead to the future we have plans for the coming year. Improving our links with the community is all important, improving our assets and building on the successes started last year.

2) Introduction

Bodedern Community Council presents it's Annual Report for the 2024 - 2025 financial year.

The report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 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 of the Community Council in Bodedern.



3) Council Membership

There were 11 members and one Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer on the Council during the 2024-2025 Financial Year

Chairman - Miss Jane Ann Roberts

Vice-Chairman - Dr Edward Thomas Jones

Mr Glyn Davies

Ms Joanne Ferry

Mrs Bethan Hughes

Mrs Linda Jones

Mr Osian Jones

Mr Richard Jones

Mr Victor Owen

Mrs Ann Postle

Ms Michelle Trowell

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer- Mr Dylan Emlyn Hughes

4. Contact Details

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5. Representation on Various Committees

One Voice Wales - Osian Jones and Ann Postle

Welsh Language Champion - Richard Jones

Town and Community Council Liaison Forum - Edward Jones

Board of Governors Bodedern Primary School - Edward Jones

Tywyn Trewan Committee - Linda Jones

Bro'r Llynnoedd Alliance - Ann Roberts

Village Hall - Joanne Ferry and Ann Roberts

Staffing Committee - Ann Roberts, Edward Jones, Dylan Hughes

Financial Panel - Ann Roberts, Edward Jones, Bethan Hughes, Osian Jones, Dylan Hughes

6. Isle of Anglesey County Council

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

7. Council Website

[Website - www.cyngor.cymunedbodedern.co.uk](http://www.cyngor.cymunedbodedern.co.uk)

The website was developed during the year. A number of pictures and headings have been added to the front page such as the dates of our meetings, activities, annual report, the parish cemetery and most of it's content is bilingual. The agenda and minutes are added regularly. Accounting statements 2024 - 2025 are now included. The website which gives an overview of the Council's work is a developing process.

8) The Financial Situation of the Council 2024 - 2025

Receipts	
Precept	£14,000
Cemetery	£5,760
VAT Repayment	£2,005.80
Transferring money from the Charity Fund	£450
Total	£22,215.80
Payments	
Cemetery	£8,477.13
Playing Field	£2,764.47
Clerk's Salary	£4,713.02
Donations	£600
SDS	£769.50
Various	£4,181.97
Total	£21,506.09
Balances on 01/04/2024	£38,691.09
Balances on 31/03/2025	£39,400.80

Precept for the year 2024 - 2025 was £14,000.



9. Members Allowances 2024 - 2025

In accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Measure 2011 Community Councils must publish within their area of authority the financial remuneration that has been received by their members for the previous financial year. The information is sent to the Independent Wales Panel on Financial Remuneration by 30th September each year.

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No one on the Community Council has claimed an allowance during the 2024 - 2025 financial year.

10. Internal and External Audits

An internal audit of the Council's accounts between 2019 - 2024 was carried out by Mr Alun Foulkes. We received numerous suggestions from him on how to improve the Council's procedures and we have acted on them during the year.

The external audit was carried out by the Wales Audit Office and once again suggestions were received on what to do to improve the Council.

11. Donations



Air
Ambulance
Wales
£350



Local
Paper
Y Rhwyd
£250

12. Training

Bodedern Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales and has received advice from them on several occasions.



As One Voice Wales provides training for councillors the Council decided to pay for two courses for each member during the year.

The Chairman went on Code of Conduct and Chairing Skills and Mrs Linda Jones on Code of Conduct.

It is not compulsory to attend the various training by One Voice Wales.

13. Planning Applications

Isle of Anglesey County Council must notify us of all planning applications within the parish. The applications are carefully considered by the Community Council and appropriate comments are given when needed.

These comments are submitted by the Council’s Clerk to the Planning Department of the County Council.

The number of planning applications submitted before the Council during the year was **8**.



14. The Parish Cemetery

A lot of work was undertaken in the cemetery during the year. Darren Boot from DU Construction and Simon from GMS , voluntarily cleared the front of the cemetery and levelled the mound of earth on both sides. Trefor Jones, stonemason, repaired the large holes in the walls, one on Treangharad side and one



on Ty’n y Graig side . The walls and paths were tidied by RPG Company. Two new benches were installed. One by the family of the late Agnes Rowlands (as the old one was broken) and the other by the Council. It was installed by Thomas Groundswork Company. Leigh Thomas continues to cut the grass in the cemetery every



fortnight between April and October.

A noticeboard and a no dogs sign were placed outside the cemetery.

A request was made to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a plaque to be placed outside the cemetery as there are 6 graves that are attended by volunteers of the organisation.

15. Play Park

An annual inspection of the Park was made by ROSPA Company and a detailed report of the condition of the equipment was received. It was decided that we would buy new equipment as well as replacing the flooring under some equipment. 2 swings were broken and will be repaired / replaced shortly.



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Discussions have started

with the intention that they will be able to volunteer to help with the rubbish collection.



The Council is responsible for cutting the grass and paying for the necessary insurance.

Year 7 pupils from Bodedern Secondary School together with the deputy head and an equipment in the Park.

with Bodedern Young Farmers Club with the

16. Public Footpaths

None required attention during the year.

17. Meetings

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

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

The Annual Meeting will be held in May when the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be appointed together with members on various committees.

Council documents and policies are reviewed e.g. Code of Conduct, Financial Rules, Standing Orders, Councillors' Allowances Policy, Risk Assessment, Language Policy and Complaints Policy. The Biodiversity Policy is currently being addressed.

A register of each member's interests is kept. Any interest in items to be discussed will be disclosed at the start of each meeting and will be noted in the minutes.

During the year pupils from Bodedern Primary School presented their Information Project about the History of Our Village. It was interesting listening to the pupils confident presentation. We hope to assist them with their work in the village.

Helen Williams and Barry Evans from Clwyd Alyn Company gave an update on Treangharad's new estate. There was a visit from two PCSO's and an update on what is happening in the village.

18. Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday service is held in Bodedern Memorial Hall every November and a poppy wreath is presented on behalf of the Council by the Chairman.



19. Statistics 2024 - 2025

Number of full Council meetings **10**

Number of courses attended **3**

Resignations during the year **1**

New members on the Council **2**

Number of complaints received **0**

Number of burials in the cemetery **11**

20. Charities

This year we had to re-register with the Charities Commission and re-open the bank account as it had been dormant for years.

We had to change the mandate with the CCLA funds so that we can receive the interest on the money invested. £280 was distributed to residents of the Bodedern area Christmas 2024.

Annual details of the Charities were sent to the Charities Commission. This must be done annually.

The current Charities are David Williams, R. Gwyn, S. Prytherch, Edmund Griffith and Bodedern Charities.



21. Noticeboard



Two noticeboards were bought for the area and are located by the cemetery and Plas Main.

22. Priorities for the Year 2025 - 2026

- Improve the Play Park by buying new equipment
- Develop the Council's website
- Continue to develop links with the community
- Review, update and adopt new policies
- Develop and promote biodiversity in the area in accordance with the Environment Law (Wales) 2016
- Carry out an inspection of the cemetery and Play Park
- Improve the village bus shelter
- Continue with the links with the Young Farmers Club and the Schools
- Tidy the area near Plas Main where the old telephone box was located