Bodedern Community Council

Annual Report

1. Introduction

This Annual Report is published in accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It provides an overview of the work undertaken by Bodedern Community Council during the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Council remains committed to supporting the well-being of residents, maintaining local amenities, and ensuring that community voices are represented in local decision-making.

2. About the Council

Bodedern Community Council serves the village of Bodedern and the surrounding area on Ynys Môn. The Council consists of 11 elected members, assisted by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council meets 10 times per year, with no meetings held in August or December.

3. Membership 2025–26

Councillors:

- A Roberts (Chair)
- E Jones (Vice Chair)
- L Jones
- J Ferry
- B Hughes
- G Davies
- O Jones
- W Owen
- M Trowell
- A Postle
- R Jones (recently resigned)

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: D. Hughes

4. Meetings & Governance

During 2025–26, the Council held 10 ordinary meetings, all of which were open to the public. Agendas and minutes were published on the Council website.

The Council continues to uphold strong governance practices, including:

- Regular review of policies and procedures
- Compliance with internal and external audit requirements
- Transparent financial reporting, all statements shared by all members at every meeting.
- Adherence to the Members' Code of Conduct
- All decisions made on a democratic basis, with all members encouraged to voice their views or opinions

5. Key Activities & Achievements

Playground Revamp

The most significant project delivered during the year was the £40,000 investment in upgrading the village playground.

This project included:

- Replacement and renewal of outdated play equipment
- Installation of new furniture, including inclusive play items
- New safety surfacing
- Repairs to current furniture
- New seating

The upgraded playground has been warmly welcomed by residents and is now a safer, more enjoyable space for children and families.

Other Activities

- Routine maintenance of playground and cemetery
- Annual inspection of playground
- Review of asset register
- Engagement with both primary and secondary schools as well as North wales police
- Invited members of both the housing association and contractors that built 29 dwellings within the village to directly address concerns.
- Support for local community groups and events
- Responding to concerns raised by residents throughout the year
- Addressing cemetery concerns

6. Community Engagement

The Council continues to encourage participation from residents through:

- Financial aid at Christmas to the local elderley
- Contact via email and the Council website
- Consultation responses
- Support for community initiatives

The Council remains committed to improving communication and accessibility for all.

7. Financial Summary 2025–26

A full financial statement is published separately as part of the annual accounts and audit process.

Key figures for the year include:

- Precept: £15,000 + £236.63 grant = £15,236.63
- Total Income: £24,679.28
- Total Expenditure: £56,130.09
- Major Investment: £40,000 playground refurbishment

The Council ended the year in a stable financial position with approximately a 50% reserve

8. Training & Development

Councillors and the Clerk undertook training in areas including:

- Code of Conduct
- Financial management
- Community council law

- Risk assessment training
- Governance and audit training

The Council recognises the importance of continuous development to ensure effective local leadership.

9. Priorities for 2026–27

The Council's priorities for the coming year include:

- Continued maintenance of the council's assets
- Exploring further improvements to village facilities (bus stops, old kiosk area, old village pump, speed reader)
- Strengthening community engagement and communication
- Supporting primary and secondary schools
- Ensuring financial sustainability

10. Conclusion

Bodedern Community Council thanks all residents for their support throughout 2025–26. The Council remains committed to serving the community and working to enhance life in Bodedern.