

# **Pentir Community Council Annual Report 2024/2025**

## **The Council's arrangement**

### ***Councillors:***

Glasinfryn Ward –	4 Seats	
	Lowri A James	Chair of Finance Sub-committee
	James Griffiths	
	Megan Jones	
	Vacant Seat	
Faenol Ward –	8 Seats	
	Ieuan Ellis	Chair of Council and on the Finance Sub- committee
	Bernard Jones	also a member of the Finance Sub-committee
	R Emlyn Roberts	
	Carol W Owen	Vice-chair of Council member of Website Sub-group
	George Owen -	
	Dafydd Jones Morris	also a member of the Finance Sub-committee
	Andrew Joyce	member of the Website Sub-group
	Jean Pierce	also a member of the Finance sub-committee

**Website:** <https://cyngorpentir.cymru/>

Full Council meetings are held at either Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre or Glasinfryn Community Centre. It may be fair to say that during the summer months the Council makes the most use of Glasinfryn Centre.

The Full Council meets on the second Thursday of the Month and the Finance Sub-committee meets monthly too, but on the last Wednesday evening of each month, apart from August.

Full Council meetings are open to the public to attend.

All meetings are held through the medium of Welsh

## **Financial Information**

The Council's financial precept again this year was £55,000. This is, on average, a cost to Band D households of approximately £42+ per household. The Council for the fourth consecutive year has kept the precept at the same level which is in fact because the number of households has increased which means a financial reduction for all households. The Council receives an internal audit annually from Gwynedd Council together with an external audit through the Wales Audit Office.

Please see the financial balance sheet showing the Council's receipts and expenditure over the past year displayed on the Website and on our notice boards.

## **Council Activities 2024-25**

It has been quite a busy year between everything but another year without being able to move to the new Centre. It has been frustrating over a number of years but there is now a light to be seen at the end of the tunnel and we will hopefully be able to move into our new site before the end of 2025. Hasten the day.

### **The existing Centre**

As a result of the settlement between the Church and Gwynedd Council arrangements will be made during this year to extend the Car Park and demolish the centre

### **Glasinfryn Centre**

Activities continue to be held in the centre and to assist users a 'loop' system has been installed as equipment for those with hearing impairments

Some difficulties in relation to ingress of water to the ceiling have been addressed but there is no guarantee that it has been resolved

### **Cemetery Chapel**

This year the floor of the Chapel received attention and there is now a new wooden floor either side of the ancient tiles leading from the door to the 'big pew' and a plain floor on the corner where there will be a kitchen facility in future

That will be the next step and then have chairs that can be stacked together when necessary

### **Caerhun playing field**

The Council has a lease with Adra for Caerhun playing field and as a result it receives an annual inspection report from RoSPA.

Last year's safety floors were repaired at quite a significant cost. Therefore, this year only maintenance work was carried out

### **Christmas lights**

While there was a Christmas Tree on Pentir Square last year – this year, temporarily, we had the Treborth Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights were installed on 12 street lamps on Penrhos Road. They were well received by the public and it is proposed to add to them at Christmas 2025

### **Routine duties**

As well as the above, we also had to continue with the Council's routine duties. The major one of those is possibly ensuring that the two cemeteries are kept in order and safe for visitors and during funerals.

We also have a duty to ensure that the Footpaths are in an acceptable condition, and that our Bus Shelters are clean and safe.

The Council now has a network of defibrillators across the Community and it is our responsibility to ensure that they are in working order should an emergency arise

On a monthly basis the Council considers and expresses its opinion on any planning application within its area and brings to the attention of Gwynedd Council any development which is considered to be without consent or defective, or matters that cause an obstruction in the area.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts to draw attention to 'illegal' developments, the responses are disappointing to say the least

Gwynedd Council has responsibility for the Salt Bins as well as the playing fields at Glasinfryn and Penrhos

The cemetery and Caerhun playing field have their first cut at the end of March and then twice a month during the growing season which now extends to the beginning of November.

Pentir Council pays Gwynedd Council for cuts that are additional to the County Council's routine cuts

The footpaths are usually cut twice a year

Our bus shelters have been thoroughly washed by a local company that is also willing to be available at short notice to clean any of them

The network of planters are receiving attention – upgrading and regular watering, again by a local contractor.

As an extension to the floral planters scheme, the Council, in co-operation with a group of local people and Gwynedd Council is attempting to establish **wildflower** areas in the Pentir/Rhydygroes area but it must be acknowledged, for whatever reason, that the initiative has not really blossomed and therefore there is room for improvement

In addition to the Website the Council also has notice boards at Pentir, Pentir Cemetery, Glasinfryn, Caerhun, Treborth and Penrhos where Council issues and local events can be advertised. This year a project has been funded to have an historic board outlining the history of the local Pentir area

Historically, the Community Council makes financial contributions, mainly to local organisations but it has also contributed to regional/national charities if the residents of the area have been able to benefit from the existence of those charities.

Application forms are to be found on the Council's website and all that is required is to fill in the form and add a current audited financial balance sheet.

3 members of the Council resigned during 2024-25. New members were co-opted to the three vacant seats.

### **Council Objectives for 2025/2026**

In addition to the usual work, Pentir Council will endeavour to extend the following schemes during 2025/2026

1. The Council is very keen to move into the new Centre so that we can market it in the same way that the existing Centre is marketed

2. We are in the process of improving facilities within the cemetery Chapel

3. By cooperating with Gwynedd Council to ensure that there are suitable, safe and appropriate crossings along Penrhos Road as a result of their commitment to ensure a well-being route along it by the end of 2026

Continue to display our minutes bilingually on our website.

March 2025