

Bank Balances and Accounts for Payment -**Dec 2022**

Bank Balances	Current	£24,896.73
	Deposit	£113,311.11
	Play Area	£10,437.70

Payments Received

06/12/2022 HSBC	Interest	£145.50
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Bank Transfers

06/12/2022 Deposit Acc	To Current Acc	£10,000.00
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Unpresented Cheques/Payments

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
	HSBC	Monthly Charge	£5.00
Bacs	FCC	Street Light Repairs & Maintenance (watts rd)	£197.50
Bacs	WoodsWork CIC	Nature Area Management	£340.00
Bacs	Cherry Orchard Farm	2 x Christmas Trees	£210.00
Bacs	Mr G Davies	Expenses	£2.55
Bacs	Mr C Jones	Mileage and Expenses	£162.16
Bacs	Mrs S Hughes	Mileage and Expenses	£34.24
Bacs	Staffing Cost	01/11/2022 (inc back pay)	£5,249.83
Bacs	Penyffordd Scout Troop	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Penyffordd FC	Grants	£600.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Blaze Explorer Scout Unit	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Friends of Penyffordd School	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Beaver Scout Colony	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Brownies	Grants	£400.00
Bacs	Castell Alun Friends Assoc	Grants	£400.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Bowling Club	Grants	£350.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Toddler Group	Grants	£400.00
Bacs	WMI - Music Room	Grants	£500.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Tennis Club	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Cub Scout Pack	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Penyffordd Womens Institute	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	St Johns Home School Assoc	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	Buckley Scout Group	Grants	£100.00
Bacs	Samaritans	Grants	£200.00
Bacs	Citizens Advice	Grants	£300.00
Bacs	PYF War Memorial Institute	Grants	£4,000.00
			£15,851.28

PLAY AREA ACCOUNT

Payment Method	Payee	Details	Amount
	HSBC	Bank Charges - Charitable Account	£5.00
			£5.00

Note:

Chairman of Finance:

Chairman of Council:

Clerk & RFO:

Date:

Payments Authorised by two Bank Signatories

Bank Signatory:

Bank Signatory:



Penyffordd Community Council Place Plan Revision 2023

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Context

How the Place Plan Came About

The 2017 Penyffordd Place Plan was prepared by a volunteer community group, in consultation with the Community Council. Three of the volunteers were Community Councils, two of which were also County Councillors. Two of the volunteers joined the Community Council shortly after the Place Plan was completed.

In 2016 Penyffordd was threatened with multiple housing developments which residents were very concerned about. At that time, the 86 house White Lion (Heritage) development had recently been completed and the 235 house Groves site was part completed. A application for 40 houses on Rhos Road had just been approved after an appeal and Redrow had submitted an application for 190 houses on Penymynydd Road.

The 2017 Place Plan came about at the suggestion of a planning council officer at Flintshire County Council and later again by a Cardiff planning civil servant.

The plan was supported by the local Assembly Members and Member of Parliament.

At the time there were several well attended public meetings, an active website with updates and the data which informed the detail of the Place Plan came from a Questionnaire with a large number of responses.

The completed plan was shared with the community and residents were asked to sign a petition for the plan to be adopted by Flintshire County Council. FCC were unable to do that because the planning policy framework only allowed for Place Plans to be considered within the context of an adopted local authority Local Development Plan. As of November 2022, Flintshire's LDP has not yet passed examination by Welsh Government.

In the absence of an adopted LDP, and due to some perverse wording in planning policy, developers were able to submit applications for any land and the need for housing outweighed almost any objections.

Following years of lobbying, members of the Community Council met (virtually) the Welsh government minister responsible for housing, who accepted that Place Plans would carry weight in the planning process in future.

Changes Since 2017

The Redrow application was approved on appeal.

An application for 24 affordable rental properties was approved in Dobshill (supported by the Community Council).

An application for 32 houses on Hawarden Road was approved on appeal.

An application for 34 houses on Vounog Hill was refused on appeal following changes to the wording of planning policy.

Other significant changes have occurred in Penyffordd, Penymynydd and Dobshill since 2017.

A new Co-operative store has opened in Penyffordd. The old petrol station, garage and pet store in Dobshill were replaced by a new petrol station, shop and drive-through coffee outlet. The War Memorial Institute has been extended. A new primary school has been built and the old one closed down and left vacant with the grounds overgrown. Hanson Cement have extended their operation with a new Kiln and rail loading facilities.

New play equipment has been installed at Melwood Close and a wildlife area introduced at West View. Four circular walks have been established around the ward, with markers and leaflets. Football changing rooms have been installed at Abbots Lane.

Efforts have been made to adopt the Victorian school (Youth Club) building as a community asset transfer.

The Future

There are no current large scale planning application affecting Penyffordd. No sites for development have been included in the emerging Local Development Plan (the Redrow site was included retrospectively). However, the LDP covers the period 2015-2030 and the current plan is 7 years late and not yet adopted. It is likely that the new 2030 LDP will not be ready until at least 2035 or later, which once again leaves a period where the community is potentially at risk from developer speculation.

There are proposals for Penyffordd train station to become a hub station, with enlarged car park. Direct trains to Liverpool are planned, as is electrification of the line.

When the rail improvements are considered alongside the new school and new shops, it could be argued that Penyffordd is now more capable of accepting further development. The likelihood of one or two plots being included in the 2030-2045 development plan should be considered.

The Place Plan, if kept up to date, can inform the scale and nature of future developments and should have a role to play in the next LDP process.

Data

Data Acquisition

Data was acquired via two questionnaires in March 2021 and August 2022.

Questionnaire 1 took a quantitative form with a series of questions requesting ratings from 1 to 5 to indicate the degree of agreement. An opportunity for open comments was included.

Questionnaire 2 took a qualitative form requesting three positives about the village and three areas for improvement.

Questionnaires were posted online via the Community Council website and promoted on Facebook groups. Regular reminders were posted before responses were closed. Posters promoting the questionnaires were posted in the four community noticeboards.

There were 115 responses to Questionnaire 1 and 194 responses to Questionnaire 2.

There are approximately 2,000 households in the ward, with an estimated 4,500 residents of all ages.

The response rate to the questionnaires was around 15% - assuming no more than one response per household.

All questionnaires were anonymous to avoid ethical issues or the potential for bias in the analysis.

Assessment of Data Quality

There are risks that this sample is not wholly representative of all residents for the following reasons:

- Number of respondents is a relatively small sample
- Representation is potentially limited by lack of access to the internet
- Residents are more likely to respond where they have a burning issue to raise thereby potentially skewing the emphasis on those issues. This is most notable with the public transport responses which are very high relative to the number of household with 2 or more cars
- No technological restrictions on multiple submissions by the same individuals
- Cognitive bias in the structure of questions and subsequent analysis

The 2017 Place Plan gathered data in through a physical questionnaire dropped door-to-door, in parallel with an online version of the same questionnaire.

Comparison of the 2021/22 data with the 2017 dataset, taking into account substantial changes impacting the community in the years since, suggests that the key topics raised by residents are broadly consistent. This suggests that the most recent data can be considered reliable as a basis for the plan development.

Analysis Method

All the comments from Questionnaire 1 were combined with the data from Questionnaire 2.

Thematic analysis of Questionnaire 2 determined the initial code structure with separate codes for what people liked and suggested improvements. Questionnaire 1 was analysed using this structure, with new codes added as necessary. Once the initial coding was complete, the data within each code was further analysed with reference to the Place Plan and a second coding structure created. CAQDAS (computer assisted qualitative data analysis) software was used to assist with the coding and analysis. No comments were excluded to avoid the potential for bias in the analysis.

The Data

The headline topic areas, in order of code frequency are:

Positives >

Amenities	180
Green Space	165
Community Spirit	126
Play and Sports Facilities	42
Settlement Size	12
Public Transport	10
Housing Quality / Availability	7

Improvements >

Transport (public, traffic and cycling)	211
Infrastructure (health, sewers, old school etc)	119
Flintshire County Council Issues	98
Community Council Issues	63
Housing Developments	59
Wellbeing (Environment, Events, Cement)	45
Crime and Antisocial Behaviour	27
Children (Play, clubs, sports)	26
Sport and Recreation	23

The full initial coding breakdown is as follows:

Code System	Frequency
Code System	1213
Positives	
Positives > Green Space	133
Positives > Green Space > Rural Walks	32
Positives > Community Spirit	52
Positives > Community Spirit > Clean Streets	3
Positives > Community Spirit > Litter Picking	5
Positives > Community Spirit > Community Events	14
Positives > Community Spirit > Clock and Community Garden	27
Positives > Community Spirit > Community Organisations	2
Positives > Community Spirit > Communication	5
Positives > Community Spirit > Trees and flowers	11
Positives > Community Spirit > Community Council	2
Positives > Community Spirit > PSCO	5
Positives > Play and Sports Facilities	42
Positives > Amenities	12
Positives > Amenities > WMI	39
Positives > Amenities > Youth Club	18
Positives > Amenities > Scouts	7

Positives > Amenities > Legion	6
Positives > Amenities > Schools	15
Positives > Amenities > Churches	3
Positives > Amenities > Post Office	4
Positives > Amenities > Pharmacy	14
Positives > Amenities > Local Businesses	23
Positives > Amenities > Shops	20
Positives > Amenities > Pubs and Cafe	19
Positives > Settlement Size	12
Positives > Housing Quality / Availability	7
Positives > Public Transport	10
Improvements	
Improvements > Community	
Improvements > Community > General Comments	9
Improvements > Community > Event Co-ordination	12
Improvements > Community > Communication	12
Improvements > Community > Xmas Decorations	3
Improvements > Community > Hedges and footpaths	4
Improvements > Community > Street Signs	6
Improvements > Community > Litter	12
Improvements > Community > Defib	5
Improvements > Crime and Antisocial Behaviour	

Improvements > Crime and Antisocial Behaviour > General	13
Improvements > Crime and Antisocial Behaviour > Police PCSO	8
Improvements > Crime and Antisocial Behaviour > CCTV	6
Improvements > Infrastructure	
Improvements > Infrastructure > Library	3
Improvements > Infrastructure > Health facilities	58
Improvements > Infrastructure > Drainage Sewers	11
Improvements > Infrastructure > Old School site	21
Improvements > Infrastructure > Business	9
Improvements > Infrastructure > General	9
Improvements > Infrastructure > Schools	8
Improvements > Children	
Improvements > Children > Play Area Management	3
Improvements > Children > Childrens Clubs	4
Improvements > Children > Football	2
Improvements > Children > General	1
Improvements > Children > Teenagers	9
Improvements > Children > Playgroup	2
Improvements > Children > Play Areas	5
Improvements > Transport	
Improvements > Transport > Public Transport	104
Improvements > Transport > Speeding	48

Improvements > Transport > Remove Speedramps	6
Improvements > Transport > Parking	20
Improvements > Transport > Road Changes	15
Improvements > Transport > HGVs	4
Improvements > Transport > Cycling and Walking	14
Improvements > Sport and Recreation	
Improvements > Sport and Recreation > Rights of Way	1
Improvements > Sport and Recreation > Sporting Facilities	9
Improvements > Sport and Recreation > Public Park Open Spaces	4
Improvements > Sport and Recreation > Gardens and Allotments	1
Improvements > Sport and Recreation > Dog Walking	8
Improvements > Wellbeing	
Improvements > Wellbeing > Re-use Hub	1
Improvements > Wellbeing > Events and Gatherings	10
Improvements > Wellbeing > Trees and Planting	2
Improvements > Wellbeing > General	1
Improvements > Wellbeing > Welsh	1
Improvements > Wellbeing > Environment	15
Improvements > Wellbeing > Cement Factory	15
Improvements > Housing Developments	
Improvements > Housing Developments > No more housing	46
Improvements > Housing Developments > Housing people can afford	7

Improvements > Housing Developments > Pensioner Housing	3
Improvements > Housing Developments > More housing	1
Improvements > Housing Developments > General	2
Improvements > Flintshire	
Improvements > Flintshire > Road repairs	38
Improvements > Flintshire > Dog fouling	39
Improvements > Flintshire > General	6
Improvements > Flintshire > Footpaths	15

Applying the Place Plan 2.2 Structure

The 2017 Place Plan was structured around five pillars:

The Pillars

1. *Social, Community and History*
2. *Housing and Development*
3. *Transport*
4. *Environment*
5. *Economic Development*

The analysis was re-coded to follow the structure of the Place Plan pillars. Listed here in order of frequency (the most commented areas at the top).

Place Plan Section	Code	Frequency
3 Transport	Public Transport	104
1 Social, Community, History	Health facilities	58
3 Transport	Speeding	48
4 Environment	Dog fouling	39
3 Transport	Road repairs	38
1 Social, Community, History	Old School site	21
3 Transport	Parking	20
1 Social, Community, History	General Comments	16
3 Transport	Road Changes	15
4 Environment	Environment	15
4 Environment	Footpaths	15

4 Environment	Cement Factory	15
3 Transport	Cycling and Walking	14
1 Social, Community, History	General	13
1 Social, Community, History	Communication	12
1 Social, Community, History	Event Co-ordination	12
4 Environment	Litter	12
4 Environment	Drainage Sewers	11
1 Social, Community, History	Events and Gatherings	10
1 Social, Community, History	Teenagers	9
2 Housing	General	9
4 Environment	Sporting Facilities	9
5 Economic	Business	9
1 Social, Community, History	Police PCSO	8
2 Housing	Schools	8
4 Environment	Dog Walking	8
1 Social, Community, History	CCTV	6
3 Transport	Remove Speedramps	6
4 Environment	Street Signs	6
1 Social, Community, History	Defib	5
4 Environment	Play Areas	5
1 Social, Community, History	Childrens Clubs	4
3 Transport	HGVs	4

4 Environment	Hedges and footpaths	4
4 Environment	Public Park Open Spaces	4
1 Social, Community, History	Xmas Decorations	3
1 Social, Community, History	Library	3
4 Environment	Play Area Management	3
1 Social, Community, History	Playgroup	2
4 Environment	Football	2
4 Environment	Trees and Planting	2
1 Social, Community, History	General	1
1 Social, Community, History	Welsh	1
1 Social, Community, History	Re-use Hub	1
4 Environment	Rights of Way	1
5 Economic	Gardens and Allotments	1

Existing Place Plan Context / Analysis

The purpose of the Place Plan in summary:

- To provide the voice of the residents in planning and other decisions
- To guide decision makers when deciding policy or spending
- To provide local-level detail for developers to ensure their plans are best suited for the community needs

The Vision

The residents of Pen-y-ffordd ward continue to enjoy an attractive, viable, safe and well connected community and for the area to evolve and modernise in a sustainable way without compromising the rural setting or community spirit.

The Vision remains consistent with the latest data.

The Pillars

- 1. Social, Community and History*
- 2. Housing and Development*
- 3. Transport*
- 4. Environment*
- 5. Economic Development*

The Pillars don't quite reflect the key areas of interest for residents. Some work needs to be done by the group to define new pillars around 'Community', 'Wellbeing', 'Environment', 'Leisure' and 'Amenities'. Economic Development probably evolves into 'Infrastructure'.

Social, Community and History

The number one issue is healthcare facilities, not unique to Penyffordd. The Place Plan can do little to directly influence change, but can be used as an evidence base for member to lobby for improvements, not least with the data on the increase in population since services were withdrawn.

The new school was in the planning process in 2017. Some of the concerns have been become reality – notable traffic at dropoff and school capacity – with the community voice carrying too little weight.

Housing

Housing is less of a burning issue than it was in 2017 given the approvals and refusal in the last 5 years and the current reduced threat. Without a direct threat, the Housing Aims and Actions can be re-worked to reflect the changed needs of the settlement.

One difficult truth is that despite the influx of housing in the last 10 years, the nature of the houses built has left a shorting of housing stock of the type needed to retain residents at their different life stages. Without further housing it is necessary to accept that the community will become more transient. The only alternative is more housing, with no guarantee that the nature of the houses built will improve the situation. The Place Plan, if afforded weight in the planning process, could make a difference in what development bring forward.

Transport

Public transport is clearly a huge issue for many in the community. As with Health, the Place Plan can do little to directly influence change, but can be used as an evidence base for member to lobby for improvements, not least with the data on the increase in population since services were withdrawn.

Traffic, speeding and traffic calming remain a concern for many.

After the completion of the 2017 plan, the Community Council met with highways to discuss the various proposals for traffic management, particularly in the centre of the village, without success.

Environment

A lot of work has been done around environmental actions in recent years, and many of the concerns people had then remain today.

Economic Development

As with everything else, there have been big changes. The new petrol station at Dobshill, the extension of Hanson Cement and the addition of the Co-operative are the most notable.

There is less emphasis today on economic development than on other issues in the community, such as sewers, water pressure and services. Arguably this section will need to be reworked.

Next Steps

Externally

- Meet with Andrew Farrow / Andy Robert to understand how they would prefer a Place Plan to be integrated into the LDP and planning process locally
- Contact WG Cardiff to understand if there is now an agreed framework / template for Place Plans to follow to ensure they are given weight in the planning process
- Review existing policy documents as they influence the Place Plan content – notably the LDP and Planning Policy Wales, but there are others particularly around Wellbeing, Transport, Environment and Economy

Internally

- Review the existing plan and write a report on successes and failures which can be shared with the community as part of the consultation and included in the appendix – including the top 5 likes and requests from the data
- Review data analysis and determine whether the data set is sufficiently strong and whether further community engagement is needed. These are suggested ways that could be done:
 - a printed questionnaire for every household backed up by the online version
 - focus groups of invited residents (up to 5 per group in up to 5 different groups), following a structured questions / discussion approach
 - a public meeting with open Q&A (good for engagement, not good for data)
- Session with members to review the key topics and the feedback. Agree quick wins. Agree a plan for a member or members to take away different parts of the plan to prepare suggested content e.g. housing, transport, environment etc. This can all be done in sessions but it is easier for groups to discuss draft content than to co-create.
- There is merit in members engaging with community interest groups about aspects of the plan which affect them so that they have a voice in the process at this stage.
- Final discussion / agreement session where members agree to sign off on the content of the plan, before it is prepared for consultation.
- First draft content signoff

- Design and layout – the draft plan is prepared for reading, with a quick-read print version and a full version online. Members have an opportunity to check the content and address any errors – not change ‘content’ at this stage.
- The first draft is shared with Flintshire and WG and their feedback taken into account in a second draft.
- Members session to discuss feedback and agreement amendments.
- Second draft content signoff
- The second draft is launched for public consultation with the goal of 50% of the electorate positively agreeing to its adoption.
- Adoption formally by the Community Council
- Once the consultation is complete, the adopted plan, along with the datasets are sent to FCC and WG for their records.



PEN-Y-FFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Engagement Working Group

Item 12b

Motion: Progress with and future direction of the Penyffordd Place Plan Update

Penyffordd Community Council Notes:

1. The discussion at the community engagement working group regarding the strategy of the place plan update in relation to planning matters (November draft minutes, section 8);
2. That the working group resolved that this motion be tabled on behalf of the working group collectively, and
3. With appreciation, the significant work undertaken on both the original place plan and the update.

Penyffordd Community Council Believes:

1. That, consistent with the position of the community engagement working group after significant discussion, the primary concern behind production of a place plan is to affirm the community's position in relation to strategic planning matters, and that there is limited scope or need to do this in view of the broadly satisfactory position and progress of the draft LDP;
2. That beyond 2030 and the expiry of the LDP, the village will again face the threat of unrestrained development;
3. That having a clear plan in place commencing from 2030 will be crucial to shaping the strategic plan to be drawn up prior to then;
4. That looking beyond 2030 will require uncomfortable discussions regarding housing land allocation;
5. That there has been significant change, and significant positive change, in the village since the place plan was produced and that acknowledging this is important both in its own right and in shaping future decisions, and
6. That the above can be more effectively served by adjusting our strategy in relation to the place plan update process.

Penyffordd Community Council Resolves:

1. To produce a progress report on the existing place plan, which shall be appended to the current plan and available as a standalone document, and that this should be consistent with the design principles and appearance of the plan;
2. That councillors shall give consideration to when it is appropriate to begin work on a plan to take effect from 2030, cognisant of both the need to pre-empt a replacement for the LDP from Flintshire and that the further from 2030 the plan is compiled, the more likely it is to be out of date before it commences, and
3. To cease work on an immediate replacement for the place plan, and to roll the work already carried out into the progress report in (1) of this section.

Proposer: Cllr P. Ransome
Seconder: Cllr A. Ibbotson

Penyffordd Community Council
DRAFT Budget for 2023/24 - v1 - 06.12.2022

	Budgeted Expenditure for 2019/20	Budgeted Expenditure for 2020/21	Budgeted Expenditure for 2021/22	Budgeted Expenditure for 2022/23	Expected Budget for 2022/23	Proposed Budget for 2023/24	Variance
Parks & Open Spaces							
1.1 Gardening Maintenance	£1,800	£1,000	£1,000	£500	£0	£500	£0
1.2 Play Leadership	£2,200	£2,200	£2,200	£2,200	£2,053	£2,200	£0
1.3 Dobshill Rent	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£0
1.4 Bus Shelter Repairs	£250	£250	£250	£100	£0	£100	£0
1.5 Playing Fields	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£0	£0	£0	£0
1.6 Bulbs/Shrubs	£200	£400	£400	£500	£388	£1,100	£600
1.7 Seat/ Memorial Garden(clock)	£100	£100	£21,500	£27,000	£35	£27,000	£0
1.8 Litter Receptacles/equipment - ground staff	£150	£150	£150	£1,150	£1,470	£1,150	£0
1.9 Millstone Play Area	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£0	£0	£0	£0
1.11 CCTV	£300	£300	£500	£550	£950	£1,000	£450
1.12 Enviromental Improvements	-	£4,000	£4,000	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0
1.13 Skate Ramps			£25,000	£0	£0	£10,000	£10,000
1.14 Old School Garden/West View Wildlife Garden			£2,500	£8,100	£4,081	£8,100	£0
reserves - Melwood Play Area					£52,950		£0
reserves - Sponsor a Tree					£0		£0
reserves - Millstone Play Area					£1,780		£0
reserves - Skate ramps					£9,999		£0
Proposed - Dobshill Play Area Improve						£20,000	£20,000
Proposed - Additional CCTV for Millstone						£2,500	£2,500
Proposed - Nature Area pathway						£5,000	£5,000
Staff, Office Costs & Admin							
Staffing Costs							
2.1 Wages, (inc Employee Pension) HMRC & NI	£18,886	£22,500	£23,928	£34,637	£32,971	£36,945	£2,308
2.2 Payroll	£350	£350	£350	£330	£250	£330	£0
2.3 Employer Pension	£4,000	£4,500	£4,500	£5,600	£5,448	£7,100	£1,500
2.4 Clerks Expenses - Home Allowance & Travel	£1,700	£1,700	£1,750	£1,780	£1,880	£1,920	£140
Office Costs							
2.5 Postage	£50	£50	£70	£80	£115	£120	£40
2.6 Stationery	£500	£300	£300	£300	£291	£300	£0
2.7 Office Machinery	£200	£200	£150	£200	£0	£200	£0
2.8 IT Services & DPO Services	£660	£660	£690	£1,080	£919	£1,120	£40
General Administration							
2.9 Insurance	£1,600	£1,800	£1,800	£1,900	£1,724	£1,724	£-176
2.11 Civic Service	£250	£250	£250	£0	£0	£0	£0
2.12 Audit Fee	£500	£600	£600	£700	£560	£825	£125
2.13 Chairmans Name Board	£150	£150	£150	£150	£0	£50	£-100
2.14 Elections	£1,000	£500	£4,000	£5,000	£243	£500	£-4,500
2.15 Clock Tower	£500	£500	£500	£900	£300	£500	£-400
2.16 Annual Subscriptions	£220	£550	£880	£900	£963	£992	£92
2.17 Training	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£2,500	£211	£2,500	£0
2.18 Website	£500	£3,200	£500	£300	£216	£250	£-50
2.19 Members Allowance	£2,500	£5,000	£5,000	£3,450	£3,450	£3,450	£0
2.21 Newsletter	£500	£500	£500	£500	£270	£500	£0
2.22 Community Awards	£400	£400	£400	£0	£0	£0	£0
2.23 Council Email Accounts		£1,000	£1,100	£1,100	£1,182	£1,200	£100
2.24 Bank Charges				£120	£124	£125	£5
2.25 Place Plan				£3,000	£0	£3,000	£0
Street Lighting							
3.1 Electrical Supply	£800	£600	£450	£250	£250	£5,400	£5,150
3.2 Electrical Testing/Inspections	£1,720	£1,500	£500	£250	£250	£250	£0
3.3 Repairs & Maintenance	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£12,750	£888	£12,750	£0
3.4 Christmas Tree/ Lighting	£10,000	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	£0
Highways and Footpaths							
4.1 Salt Bins	£200	£200	£200	£200	£0	£200	£0
4.2 Noticeboards	£1,000	£250	£250	£0	£0	£0	£0
4.3 Footpaths		£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£0
Proposed - Noticeboard Dobshill						£800	£800
Community							
Grants/Donations							
5.0 Grants	£9,000	£4,000	£5,515	£6,000	£6,000	£4,000	£-2,000
5.1 CAB	£275	£300	£300	£300	£300	£300	£0
5.2 Investing in Youth	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£3,000	£0	£3,000	£0
Proposed - Kings Coronation						£1,000	£1,000
Community Buildings							
6.0 Community Centre -Youth Club (Inc £7000 S106)	£15,000	£6,350	£15,000	£15,000	£0	£15,000	£0
6.1 Pyf War Memorial Institute		£12,650	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£0
6.2 Community Changing Rooms			£5,000	£4,000	£2,735	£4,000	£0

7.0	Community Improvements	£15,246	£7,500	£5,000	£1,000	£562	£1,000	£0
8.0	Provision of balance	£6,000	£5,000	£5,000	£2,500	£210	£2,500	£0
Total Expenditure		£125,212	£127,965	£182,638	£164,882	£148,022	£207,506	£42,624

Balance as at 1 April 2022	£154,472
Reserved - Melwood Close Play Area Improvements	-£44,125
Reserved - Millstone Play Area Improvements	-£9,778
Reserved - Sponsor a Tree payments	-£244
Reserved - Millstone Skate Ramps	-£39,999
	£60,327

Income 2022/2023	£	Expenditure 2022/2023	£
Balance 1 April 2022	£154,472	Probable expenditure 2022/2023	£148,022
Precept 2022/2023	£116,851		
Estimated interest 2022/2023	£78		
Refund of VAT	£11,111		
Sponsor a Tree	£170		
Other	£10,723		
Total income	£293,405	Total expenditure	£148,022

Estimated Balance as at 1 April 2023	£145,382
Reserved - Millstone Play Area	-£8,643
Reserved - Millstone Skate Ramps (inc match funding)	-£40,000
Reserved - Sponsor A Tree	-£414
Reserved - unspent Street Light Upgrade	-£11,862
	£84,463

Recommended precept requirement for 2023/2024 (Based on estimates submitted)

	£
Estimated expenditure for 2023/2024	£207,506
Working balance for 2023/2024	£25,000
Total revenue resource requirement	£232,506
Less estimated available balance as at 1 April 2023	£84,463
Less estimated VAT claim for 2022/23	£11,800
Amount recommended to be met from precept	£136,243
Precept for 2022/2023	£116,851

STILL NEED TO WORK OUT CALCULATIONS BELOW

The Tax Base for 2023/24 financial year of equivalent Band D Properties is: 2171.00 (higher than 2021/22 which was 2060.53)

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EQUIVALENT BAND D PROPERTIES HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED SO THE BELOW ARE JUST EXAMPLES**

Note: The annual charge for Band 'D' properties for 2023/24 would be as follows:

Examples of how the precept affects Band D properties

Based on the above figures

£136243 -:- 2171.00 (Council tax base for 2023/24) = £62.76 (£53.82 - 2022/23) (**£+8.94p/16.61% increase**)

Based on a precept requirement of £111,243 (reduced by £25k)

£111243 -:- 2171.00 (Council tax base for 2023/24) = £51.24 (£53.82 - 2022/23) (**£-2.58/4.79% decrease**)

Based on a precept requirement of £121243 (reduced by £15k)

£121243 -:- 2171.00 (Council tax base for 2023/24) = £55.85 (£53.82 - 2022/23) (**£+2.03p/3.77% increase**)

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

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Introduction and Context

The s6 duty requires that public authorities ‘must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems’. To comply with the S6 duty public authorities should embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into their early thinking and business planning, including any policies, plans, programmes and projects, as well as their day to day activities.

More information about national and local actions and objectives can be found at Wales Biodiversity Partnership using the following link: <https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/>

The reporting duty is not designed to be burdensome but should reflect the size and type of organisation regarding the action for biodiversity they can carry out. Penyffordd Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. We are committed to promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.

We serve approximately 3874 residents within Penyffordd, Penymynydd and Dobshill and are under the Local Authority of Flintshire County Council. Our precept for 2022-23 is £116,1851.

In summary:

- The area consists of mainly mixed density residential property and has some open spaces included within them, mature tree planting schemes and several estates have deep grass verges
- There are two Primary/Junior Schools within the Community.
- The council is also responsible for litter collection, maintenance of planters, small spaces, nature area a selection of street lighting and festive lighting.
- Currently the only property owned by Penyffordd Community Council is the Millstone Play Area. We also have Dobshill Play Area and West View Nature Area which are on long term lease.
- There are Children’s playing fields situated at Melwood Close, Ffordd Derwyn, West View that are owned by Flintshire County Council and part funded by the Community Council through annual Match Funding for improvements. There are also private developer funded play areas on the Groves and White Lion Estates.

Action Report

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How the Council assists biodiversity (through functions with regard to land management, grant funding, education activities) Please note in respect of Public services delivery - The Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act as its Precept is below £200,000		
Principle	Action	Monitored by
embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council's 2019 Annual Report. taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters. 	<p>Commitments made in documents</p> <p>Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.</p>
raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with local school Eco Committees to encourage knowledge and awareness of environmental and sustainability matters amongst local children. encouraged the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces. posted details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity on our website, social media platforms 	<p>Through feedback from Council members (as School Governors) and residents.</p> <p>Numbers of people taking part in activities</p>
safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contributed to the management of protected sites and species, including Local Wildlife Sites/Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCS) 	<p>Records of any sites or species safeguarded</p>
restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planted hanging baskets and planters with native pollinator friendly flowers. Supported a local community woodland which has delivered tree & shrub planting which is now a haven for wildlife. Changed mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles. Installed nesting boxes at our Nature Area, to provide safe places for species of birds that are struggling to nest. Planting of trees and fruit trees as part of the Sponsor a Tree Scheme. Work in partnership with FCC Biodiversity Officer 	<p>Numbers of nesting sites provided</p>

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<p>tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive non-native species. 	<p>Areas of invasive species tackled Amount of pesticide applied</p>
<p>use improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with the Biodiversity Officer at Local County Council (for example) to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues • working with the Woodwork Management company of West View Nature Area 	<p>Use of expert advice</p>
<p>support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require any organisations receiving grant from us to demonstrate, where appropriate, how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project. • working with the Woodwork Management company of West View Nature Area Worked to encourage extra volunteers to improve local wildlife area • Continue with the Sponsor a Tree scheme • Community litter picks – promoting and encouraging community litter picks in partnership with and supported by local businesses (McDonalds @ Broughton and Co-op @ Penyffordd). Events also supported by local authority Biodiversity Officer – Sarah Slater. 	<p>Amount of money spent which will provide positive biodiversity benefits Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.</p>
<p>Council staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Groundsman - employed to work on own initiative to maintain and develop supported planters, tree planting and act as a point of contact and centre of influence within the community to encourage community cohesion and integration of new people to the community. Also working in conjunction with Woodswood who provide expertise and advice in development of our environmental/wildlife areas, their upkeep and raising awareness of and support in application for funding through partnership and national schemes (e.g Transport for Wales). • Litter Picker – employed to work on own initiative to maintain the community free from litter and act as a point of contact and centre of influence within the community to encourage community cohesion and integration of new people to the community. 	
<p>Review of s6 duty</p>		

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What has worked well?

The creation of wildflower and plant areas has been a success, especially as it has proved attractive to residents in addition to helping biodiversity. Also, there have been some cost savings through the reduction in mowing.

What have the barriers been?

The council can only recommend and encourage residents and land owners in the community to embrace biodiversity. Lack of expertise to identify changes needed or best practice.

What will you change?

Work with the Local Authority Biodiversity Officer and seek advice whenever necessary.

Will seek to encourage the planting up of hardscape/paved areas and publicise the work of Groundwork and other ecology groups on the Councils website.

Promote biodiversity more proactively by using the councils social media and website.

The Community Council has established an Environment Working Group who will liaise with other organisations working within the community and bring forward proposals to support Flintshire County Council in its management and continuing improvement of the biodiversity of ecosystems within our community

How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The duty will be monitored by the Council Members and Clerk & RFO reporting back to full council through periodic updates

The s6 plan will be reviewed in light of these reports and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council. At the time of this reports publication, there is no specific time or date set for the plan to be reviewed, however, we aim to review within six months.



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28/11/2022

Dear Sarah

Best Kept Communities Competition 2022

It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of this year's competition, it was a wonderful opportunity to not only witness the environmental and physical attributes but to also recognise the inspiring community togetherness after these difficult past few years. However, being aware that each community was at various stages of their recovery from the impact of the pandemic the format was different this year.

Consequently, the awards this year were based on levels

- Platinum – in recognition of the Jubilee year and an expression of the highest standard
- Gold – excellent overall aspects of community involvement, biodiversity and environmental enhancements
- Silver – very good aspects of community involvement, biodiversity and environmental enhancements
- Bronze – good aspects of community involvement, biodiversity and environmental enhancements

Following intensive days of judging, I am able to inform entrants of the results of the Best Kept Communities Competition. I would like to congratulate you on being awarded **Silver** status in section B category. The judges' summary feedback sheet is attached with further details.

We look forward to seeing you and representatives from the **Penyffordd Community** at the Awards Ceremony between 1-3pm on the 5th December at Airbus Wings Club and would be grateful if you could confirm attendance, either by email info@flvc.org.uk or by telephone on 01352 744000. If your organisation's representatives are unable to attend, arrangements will be made to present your Award Certificate after the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all, your hard work has been recognised.

Yours sincerely

Shaun Darlington, Competition Co-ordinator

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Feedback from Judges

Despite first Judging in 2019 this was only our second year in this role. It has been a richly rewarding experience to take time to visit all the entries in this Competition. There have been some outstanding entries this year and we have really enjoyed exploring such wonderful places in Flintshire. It has been a particular pleasure to meet with groups and listen to their experiences.

The awarding process has been very difficult in some categories due to the very diverse attributes of the entries. The process is based on appearance, community participation and evidence of enhancements to the environment including work in progress.

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The Judges applaud the positive approach to creating and enhancing green spaces throughout the area.

The new improvement programme for the roundabouts is well underway although it has unfortunately suffered during the intense weather.

The fact that Local businesses and residents have been helping with watering is commendable. They have also sponsored the resources.

The residential streets suggested were a credit to the area. Although there is considerable good work in the area it was difficult to ascertain which was community derived and which related to streetscene work and this may have impacted on the award.

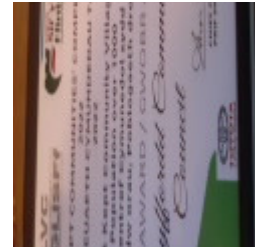
Suggestions/The future

Given the size of the area under consideration the Judges suggested an annual Maintenance programme could be adopted with areas designated to volunteers and other supporters. Consider integration with youth organisations such as the scouts to actively maintain areas.

The Judges commented that the Dobshill section that they had parked near which they thought was part of the application was overgrown. The Clocktower improvements are welcomed.

Best Kept Communities Competition 2022

Silver Award – Penyffordd Community Council



Cllrs Pat Ransome, Paul Blackman and Community Groundsperson, Chris Jones were really pleased to represent our community at the FLVC (Flintshire Local Voluntary Council) and FCC (Flintshire County Council) Best Kept Communities Awards Ceremony held at The Airbus Wings Social Club on Monday 5th December.

Awarded the Silver Award in the Best Kept Village Community of over 1000 category, it is testament to the work and commitment of those involved in improving our village environment for all to enjoy.

From the village circular walks leaflets, the planters, the tree planting project, the wilding of the roundabouts, the tree decorations, individual households and streets, the wildlife area, the litter collections to name just some, there are many ongoing projects which the community can be proud of and the award acknowledges the efforts and improvements being undertaken.

We heard from many communities across Flintshire who have worked on some amazing projects to look at vitally important green spaces, community gardens, dog walks,

wildflower areas, tree planting, sensory gardens, recycling, bee friendly spaces, produce plots – the list is endless but we recognised how much we are working towards these and how much we already have in place here. Volunteers are helping out in our wildlife area and links being made with our youngsters but there is always more we can do.

We are sure next year we will be keen to take part again and hope that we can work together as a community to carry on improving our villages. Today is International Volunteers Day and so it was especially significant to acknowledge how important volunteers are to moving ideas forward. If you are interested in helping out with any of our community initiatives please contact our Clerk and you will be warmly welcomed.



Sarah Hughes; Clerk to Community Council

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