

# Penyffordd Community Council

## Councillor Profile – Alasdair Ibbotson



### **Name**

Alasdair Ibbotson

### **How long lived in the village?**

I grew up in Penymynydd and now live in Penyffordd. I am the fourth generation of my family to live in the village, and I have lived here all my life.

### **How long you have been on the council?**

I have been a Community Councillor since May 2021 and was elected as a County Councillor, alongside Cindy Hinds, from October 2021.

### **What Working Groups are you involved with?**

As a non-driver, I have a particular interest in public transport in the village.

### **Personal interest, hobbies, family etc**

Aside from council work, I have volunteered and worked for Citizens Advice Flintshire and Mark Tami MP. I am a social security specialist and, as well as advising and supporting local people to ensure they get all the help they are entitled to, I have submitted evidence to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, and co-authored a major report on the future design of the social security system should Universal Credit be replaced.

In October 2018 I was invited to meet the UN Special Rapporteur to give oral evidence on the impact of changes in the UK's safety net. I also provided guidance and advice to journalists from the Mirror, New York Times and i newspapers on this topic. In 2020 I led a campaign which led to a £70m payout for low income pensioners across the UK and a change in the law (The Universal Credit (Persons who have attained state pension credit qualifying age) (Amendment) Regulations 2020).