

## **Chair's Report 2024/25**

**It seems a bit strange to have an AGM so soon after the Community Council was reconstituted in April. We had elections at that meeting.**

**I welcome the progress that has been made in the last year, We have seen the successful reconstitution of the Community Council with an increased membership. Some of the projects that we campaigned for should be completed this year. I am thinking of the Lanark Road crossing and the path lights in the Quarry Park.**

**There are new projects being developed such as tree planting, community gardening and a fun run in the park. I am looking forward to a local oral history project being developed and completed. You never know what might be revealed. I remember contributing to an oral history project in the west of Ireland. This was because I had remembered conversations with my great grandmother who was born in 1870.**

**I think we should all be looking forward to an eventful year as it will include our local authority elections in May 2026. Many important issues, affecting Longstone, will be part of the developing election debate.**

**We will be having a Council by election on the 26/6/25 in which some of our community will have a vote, so I believe. The by election was triggered by the sudden death of Val Walker who attended our reconstitution meeting in April. She, sadly, passed away less than a week later after our meeting.**

**To finish up I hope that the Council will continue to do well and make progress over the next year. I would like to thank all those on the Council who have served the community over the past year, and those who have attended our meetings.**

**Des Loughney**

**9/6/25**