



Colwinston Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn

Annual Report

2024-2025

Adroddiad Blynyddol



Colwinston sits in the Vale of Glamorgan, just a few miles west of Cardiff and not far from the market town of Cowbridge. With a population of around 400, it is a peaceful village best known for its connections with the crime writer Agatha Christie. Her relatives still live in the village, and she was a regular visitor.

Information on the council, its members and its activities can be found on the council website:

www.colwinstoncommunitycouncil.co.uk



Did you know?

Colwinston is one of three villages in Wales known as a Thankful Village, because all of the men who served in the First World War returned to the village.



Chairman's Foreword

The Community Council has invested funds throughout the year to improve and maintain the areas of the village within its ownership. Little Hill has benefited from a reconstruction of the steps at a cost of around £5,000, and once again it is a safe pathway linking Church Lane to the Sycamore Tree. The Old Ford area is being developed in partnership with the Old Ford Project Group and circa £10,000 has been committed to that work by the Community Council. During the year, ownership of the Village Green was obtained and the War Memorial has been cleaned and newly engraved at a cost of around £2,500.

Additionally the area known as Spinney Bank has been maintained, and the path leading from Church Lane to Twyn Yr Eglwys cleared of debris and made safe to use. Thanks to the persistence of Councillor Lewis, the balance of Section 106 monies from the Redrow development were used to replace the benches outside school and on the village green, and to purchase a bench for the Old Ford area. Additionally, the bench from the village green was relocated to the Old Ford. Councillor Lewis was successful in registering the woodlands area of the Old Ford Project as part of the National Forest of Wales.

A number of villagers brought issues of concern to the Community Council that were successfully resolved.

The Boundary Commission's recommendation that our Council and Llangan Council be merged in May 2027 has been confirmed by the Welsh Government. No further details are known.

The Community Council works hard to ensure that Colwinston remains a wonderful environment for all villagers and grateful thanks are due to everyone who works on behalf of the village in so many capacities.

Councillor Gareth Jones

Colwinston Community Council has seven members and a clerk

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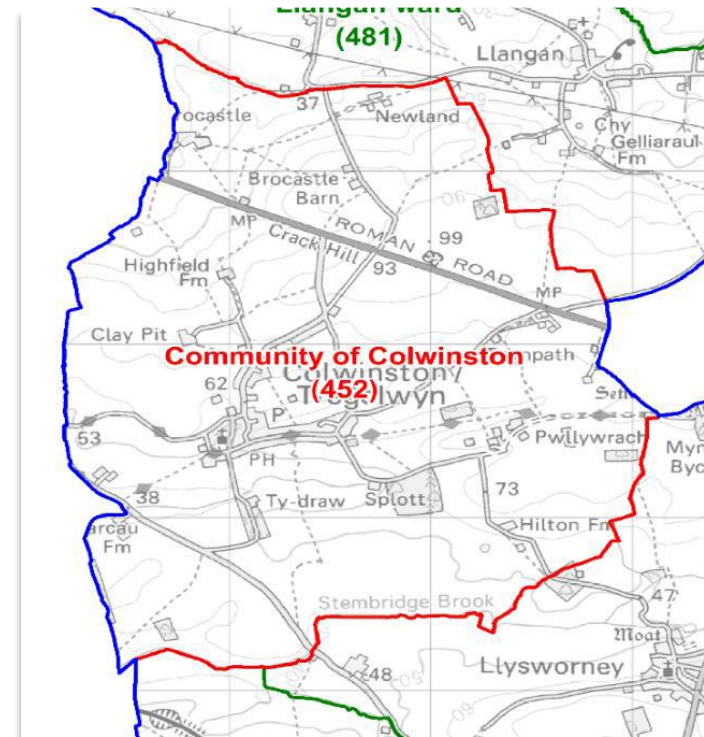
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Vale of Glamorgan Councillor

Councillor Christine Cave has been the elected County Councillor covering Colwinston since 2017.

During 2024-25 she continued to support CCC in their interactions with the Vale of Glamorgan council. She has supported the opposition boundary changes and mergers of community councils, and has backed the conservation projects in the village and matters raised by residents. She regularly attends the CC meetings and can be contacted by email on cacave@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Internal Audit 2024/25

The Internal Audit of the Council has been conducted by Mr Robin Charlton, who said CCC's record-keeping was 'excellent' and that all payments were 'correctly accounted for'.

Mr Charlton's comments can be viewed in full on the CCC website.

Financial Information

2024/25

Balance brought forward from 2023/24 **£10,784**

Income

Precept £19,861

Other income eg. grants £193

£20,054

Expenditure

Running costs £4,402

Other payments £23,337

£27,739

Surplus/Deficit

£3,099

Activities and Projects

Village Green and War Memorial

This year, Colwinston Community Council's ownership of the Village Green was confirmed after the tireless work of Councillor Ed Lewis to correct the official record.

Work was undertaken to clean the war memorial on the Village Green, and to replace the engraved plaque. The refreshed memorial was prepared in time for the village to commemorate 80 years since VE Day.

Boundary Changes

Confirmation was received that our Council will be merged with others nearby, reducing our representation from seven to three members on the new body when it is established in 2027.





Old Ford Project

Councillors have continued to support the Old Ford Project Group in their work to revitalise this important and beautiful area to the south of the village. A significant proportion of the council's income is spent annually on this work.

The woodland now offers a safe and welcoming environment for visitors, with school children and conservation volunteers among those regularly enjoying the surroundings.

Tree inspection and controlled felling continues to be necessary in parts of the woodland, which ensures the area remains safe and vibrant.

The area is set to be enhanced with the planting of bluebells, while a new bridge now crosses the stream to the west of the ford.

Supporting Village Life

The council continues to work hard in the interests of Colwinston and its residents.

Maintenance work around the area was funded by the council, including the cutting of grass verges and clearing paths.

New steps were installed on Little Hill, while the Council gladly funds the purchase of Christmas trees every December for the Village Green and the churchyard.

The annual remembrance service was organised by the council and held at the memorial on the Village Green, led by the Reverend Angela Cooper. Wreaths were laid by local organisations in memory of those who have died, while Colwinston's status as a Thankful Village was remembered by recalling the men who survived the First World War and returned to the community.





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Ym Mro Morgannwg mae pentref Tregolwyn, ychydig filltiroedd i'r gorllewin o Gaerdydd ac yn agos i'r Bont-faen. Gyda phoblogaeth o tua 400, mae'n bentref heddychlun sy'n fwyaf adnabyddus am ei gysylltiadau â'r awdur Agatha Christie. Mae ei pherthnasau yn dal i fyw yn y pentref, ac roedd yn ymwelydd cyson.

Mae gwybodaeth am y cyngor, ei aelodau a'i weithgareddau ar gael ar wefan y cyngor:

www.colwinstoncommunitycouncil.co.uk

A wyddoch chi?



Mae Tregolwyn yn un o dri phentref yng Nghymru a elwir yn Bentref Diolchgar, ar ôl i bob un o'r dynion a aeth i frwydro yn y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf ddychwelyd i'r pentref.



Rhagair y Cadeirydd

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned wedi buddsoddi arian drwy gydol y flwyddyn i wella a chynnal a chadw'r ardaloedd o'r pentref sydd o fewn ei berchnogaeth. Mae Little Hill wedi elwa o ailadeiladu'r grisiau ar gost o tua £5,000, ac unwaith eto mae'n llwybr diogel sy'n cysylltu Lôn yr Eglwys â thafarn y Sycamore. Mae ardal yr Hen Ryd yn cael ei datblygu mewn partneriaeth â Grŵp Prosiect yr Hen Ryd ac mae tua £10,000 wedi'i neilltuo i'r gwaith hwnnw gan y Cyngor Cymuned. Yn ystod y flwyddyn, cafwyd perchnogaeth o Lawnt y Pentref ac mae'r Gofeb Ryfel wedi'i glanhau a'i cherfio o'r newydd ar gost o tua £2,500.

Yn ogystal, mae'r ardal a elwir yn Spinney Bank wedi'i chynnal a'i chadw, a'r llwybr sy'n arwain o Lôn yr Eglwys i Dwyn yr Eglwys wedi'i glirio a'i wneud yn ddiogel i'w ddefnyddio.

Diolch i ddyfalbarhad y Cynghorydd Lewis, defnyddiwyd gweddill arian Adran 106 o ddatblygiad Redrow i ailosod y meinciau y tu allan i'r ysgol ac ar lawnt y pentref, ac i brynu mainc ar gyfer ardal yr Hen Ryd. Yn ogystal, adleolwyd y fainc o lawnt y pentref i'r Hen Ryd. Llwyddodd y Cynghorydd Lewis i gofrestru ardal coetiroedd Prosiect yr Hen Ryd fel rhan o Goedwig Genedlaethol Cymru.

Daeth nifer o bentrefwyr â materion o bryder i'r Cyngor Cymuned a chawsant eu datrys yn llwyddiannus.

Mae argymhelliad y Comisiwn Ffiniau y dylid uno ein Cyngor ni a Chyngor Llangan ym mis Mai 2027 wedi'i gadarnhau gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Nid oes unrhyw fanylion pellach.

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn gweithio'n galed i sicrhau bod Tregolwyn yn parhau i fod yn ardal gwych i bob pentrefwr, a diolch i bawb sy'n gweithio ar ran y pentref mewn cynifer o swyddogaethau.

Cynghorydd Gareth Jones

Mae gan Gyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn saith aelod a chlerc

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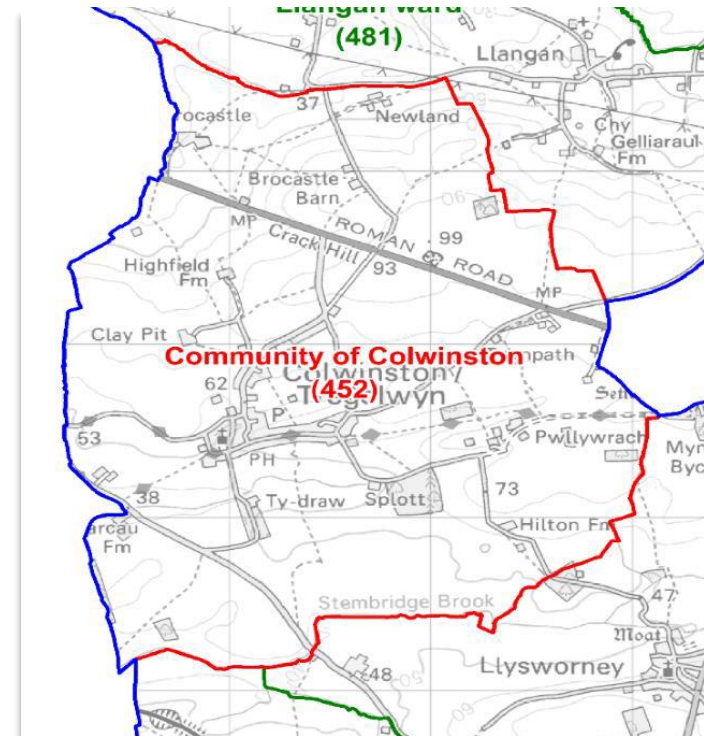
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Cynghorydd Bro Morgannwg

Mae'r Cynghorydd Christine Cave wedi bod yn Gyngorydd Sir etholedig dros ardal Tregolwyn ers 2017.



Yn ystod 2024-25 parhaodd i gefnogi Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn yn eu rhyngweithiadau â chyngor Bro Morganwg. Mae hi wedi gwrthwynebu newidiadau ffiniau ac uno cynghorau cymuned, ac wedi cefnogi'r prosiectau cadwraeth yn y pentref a materion a godwyd gan drigolion. Mae hi'n mynychu cyfarfodydd y Cyngor Cymuned yn rheolaidd a gellir cysylltu â hi drwy e-bost ar cacave@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Archwiliad Mewnol 2024/25

Cynhaliwyd Archwiliad Mewnol y Cyngor gan Mr Robin Charlton, a ddywedodd fod cadw cofnodion CCT yn 'rhagorol' a bod pob taliad wedi'i 'gyfrifo'n gywir'.

Gellir gweld sylwadau llawn Mr Charlton ar wefan CCT.

Gwybodaeth Ariannol

2024/25

Balans a gludwyd ymlaen o 2023/24 **£10,784**

Incwm

Presept	£19,861
Incwm arall e.e. grantiau £193	<u>£20,054</u>

Gwariant

Costau rhedeg	£4,402
Taliadau eraill	£23,337
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Gweddill/Diffyg

£3,099

Gweithgareddau a Phrosiectau

Maes y Pentref a'r Gofeb Ryfel

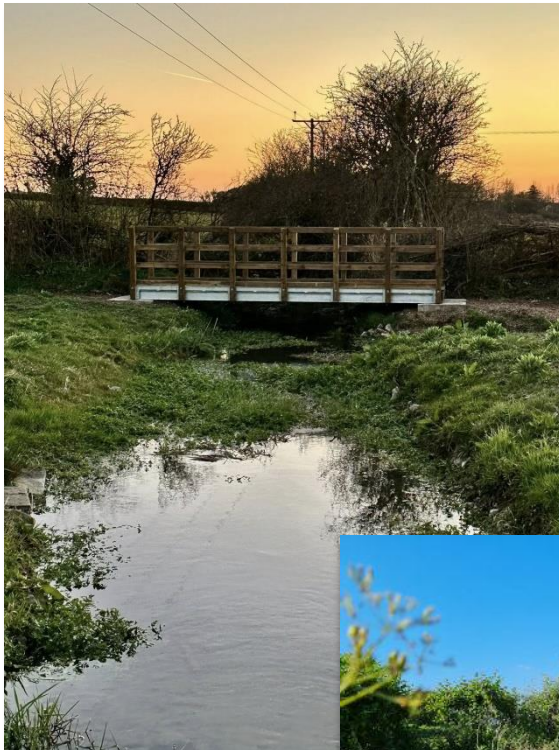
Eleni, cadarnhawyd perchnogaeth Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn o Faes y Pentref ar ôl gwaith diflino'r Cynghorydd Ed Lewis i gywiro'r cofnod swyddogol.

Gwnaed gwaith i lanhau'r gofeb ryfel ar Faes y Pentref, ac i ailosod y plac. Paratowyd y gofeb mewn pryd i'r pentref goffáu 80 mlynedd ers Diwrnod VE.

Newidiadau i'r Ffiniau

Derbyniwyd cadarnhad y bydd ein Cyngor yn cael ei uno ag eraill gerllaw, gan leihau ein cynrychiolaeth o saith i dri aelod ar y corff newydd pan gaiff ei sefydlu yn 2027.





Prosiect yr Hen Ryd

Mae cyngorwyr wedi parhau i gefnogi Grŵp Prosiect yr Hen Ryd yn eu gwaith i adfywio'r ardal bwysig a hardd hon i'r de o'r pentref. Mae cyfran sylweddol o incwm y cyngor yn cael ei wario'n flynyddol ar y gwaith hwn.

Mae'r coetir bellach yn cynnig amgylchedd diogel a chroesawgar i ymwelwyr, gyda phlant ysgol a gwirfoddolwyr cadwraeth ymhlith y rhai sy'n mwynhau'r ardal yn rheolaidd.

Mae archwilio coed, a thorri coed dan reolaeth, yn parhau i fod yn angenrheidiol mewn rhannau o'r coetir, sy'n sicrhau bod yr ardal yn parhau i fod yn ddiogel ac yn fywiog.

Mae'r ardal i gael ei gwella trwy blannu clychau'r gog, tra bod pont newydd bellach yn croesi'r nant i'r gorllewin o'r rhyd.

Cefnogi Bywyd y Pentref

Mae'r cyngor yn parhau i weithio'n galed er budd Tregolwyn a'i thrigolion.

Ariannwyd gwaith cynnal a chadw o amgylch yr ardal gan y cyngor, gan gynnwys torri ymylon glaswellt a chlirio llwybrau.

Gosodwyd grisiau newydd ar Little Hill, tra bod y Cyngor yn falch o ariannu prynu coed Nadolig bob mis Rhagfyr ar gyfer Maes y Pentref a'r eglwys.

Trefnwyd y gwasanaeth coffa blynyddol gan y cyngor a'i gynnal wrth y gofeb ar Faes y Pentref, dan arweiniad y Parchedig Angela Cooper.

Gosodwyd torchau gan sefydliadau lleol er cof am y rhai a fu farw, tra bod statws Tregolwyn fel Pentref Diolchgar yn cael ei nodi trwy gofio'r dynion a oroesodd y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf a dychwelyd i'r gymuned.

