

LISVANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Lisvane Community Council (LCC) for the year ending 31 March 2022.

LCC is essentially a non-political Council and comprises of the following 10 Community Councillors all of whom are Lisvane residents:

Cllr Eirly McNeil-Watson (Chair)
Cllr Stephen Finch (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Steve Best
Cllr Clive Bolton
Cllr Helen Hancock
Cllr Vernon Hanson
Cllr David Jones
Cllr Ron Kelly
Cllr John Rees
Cllr Angela Whittle

Two groups report to the Council, namely the Staff Working Party and the Policy Committee:

Staff Working Party	Policy Committee
Cllr Eirlys McNeil-Watson Cllr Clive Bolton Cllr David Jones Cllr Ron Kelly	Cllr Steve Best Cllr Clive Bolton Cllr Vernon Hanson

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BUDGET

The Council's only significant source of **income** is its Precept. This is the amount that Cardiff Council collects from Lisvane residents for LCC as part of its Council Tax arrangements. The Precept in 2021-22 was £51,000. For the typical household in Lisvane this amounts to less than £3 per month.

The Council's **expenditure** largely related to:

- Finance Costs (for redevelopment of Lisvane Old School Community Centre)
- Staff Salary and Pension
- Grants to community groups including Library and Lisvane Men's Shed group
- Funding to maintain the Community website
- Maintenance of Lisvane War Memorial

A full breakdown is available in the Annual Accounts. All Councillors waived an annual allowance payment to each of them of £150.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CARDIFF COUNCIL

The Council works closely with the local Cardiff County Councillor David Walker and has a very good working relationship with Cardiff Council Senior Officials and Staff.

In January 2019, along with the other Community Councils in Cardiff, LCC signed a Charter with Cardiff Council which sets out a framework of how Community Councils and Cardiff Council can work together. Regular meetings are held with the Director of Legal and Governance at Cardiff Council along with meetings with the Head of Planning and Electoral Services Manager

TRAINING PLAN

All Community Councillors attend training courses as appropriate and LCC is a Member of One Voice Wales which undertakes most of the training needs of local Councils. A Training Plan will be published later in the year.

AUDIT

Accounts ending 31 March 2022 will be subject to an Internal Audit by a qualified Accountant and also an External Audit by the Auditor General for Wales. The outcome of all Audits are published on the Council's Website.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Representatives of the Cardiff Council Standards Committee periodically attend meetings of the Council but this has not been possible during the pandemic. The last visit was 8 July 2019 where the feedback was described as "very positive" and a small number of minor suggestions were made and accepted.

KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2021-22

The Council's main objective was to make a success of the Lisvane Old School Community Centre redevelopment by working closely with its Trustees and ensuring that appropriate funding was in place. An additional part time member of staff will have been appointed wef 1 April 2022 in order to ensure that the community centre is properly resourced and supported.

The Council will continue to scrutinise every planning application and to make comments to the Head of Planning where appropriate. Members are pleased that a large number of its Objections made in 2021-22 were upheld by the Planning Authority.

The LCC is actively consulting on the Replacement Local Development Plan.

ASSETS

The Council owns the freehold land of the Lisvane Old School Community Centre which is leased to Trustees who run it.

The Council also owns the Lisvane War Memorial

ACTIVITIES

2021-22 was a period affected by the covid pandemic which meant it wasn't possible for the council to support as many activities as it would normally do. In August we organised a Bank Holiday weekend Village Trail competition in conjunction with Graig Protection Society which was well supported by Lisvane residents and also residents from Llanishen, Thornhill and Pontprennau.

The Council's Village Plan team arranged for Welcome Packs to be given to residents of the new housing developments and has also supported the Lisvane Men's Shed group.

The Council provides funding for the community Library which enables it to operate from the Lisvane Old School Community Centre

In conjunction with the local Churches and SW Police the Council is pleased to facilitate the annual Remembrance Sunday event at the War Memorial.

RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

LCC is represented by three Members who have been appointed as Trustees of Lisvane Old School Community Centre as well as being represented on the governing body of Llysfaen Primary School by Cllr Whittle. Two Members are part of the Lisvane Environmental Group and several Members are actively involved with the Friends of Cefn Onn Parc and the Friends of Coed Y Felin Woods.

LCC is pleased that Tomorrow's Generation (TG) occupies the annexe at Lisvane Old School Community Centre. TG is a dyslexia school for young people (age 7-11).

LCC has a close working relationship with the local Police and in particular with the Police Constable Support Officer and is represented at PACT meetings by Cllr Hanson. PACT stands for Partnerships and Communities Together and is a forum where the Police and other community groups that Lisvane serve meet with residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Council's main achievement in 2021-22 was to jointly manage with Trustees the successful redevelopment of Lisvane Old School Community Centre. Feedback from residents has been hugely positive and we are confident that the centre will be a vibrant and key part of the community. LCC was able to borrow sufficient funds from the UK Public Works Loan Board and Members are confident that the loan structuring and financial arrangements made will ensure that debt serviceability will be affordable.

The Council also launched a new Lisvane community website. In addition to part of the website being used by LCC, much of it features details of most if not all of the community groups in Lisvane

PRIORITIES

To build on the success of LCC to date and to take it forward to meet the needs of an expanding community

SUMMARY BY CHAIR

LCC has focussed on achieving what was possible during this past year. The completion of the Old School development is the culmination of 15 years of planning and fundraising. The LCC has continued to hold its regular meetings by teleconference enabling public participation when appropriate.

It maintains close links with all sections of the community especially the Lisvane Community Association (LCA). This is demonstrated by the involvement of LCA members as Trustees of the Old School Building and also the Village Plan team.

The LCC vision is to ensure that the new developments surrounding the village will be fully integrated into the community.

Cllr Eirlys McNeil- Watson
Chair
Lisvane Community Council