

## Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council

### Chairmans report 2024

Over the 2023/2024 year the Abermule community's main concern has been Powys County Councils drive to turn the Bulk Recycling Facility into a base for handling residual waste, with total disregard to the feelings of the community; while the Llandyssil Community's main concern is the risk of flooding in the village. The council will continue to act in both communities' best interest moving forward. A large planning application of 53 houses behind Parkside was not supported by the Council due to safety concerns and the Council was pleased that PCC refused the application.

The efforts of Councilor's Matthews and Jones have helped the Council meet their obligations under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1, in that a report has been submitted on our Biodiversity status. In support of this, the Council have planted a new hedge adjacent to the footpath on MALT, left areas of grass uncut to encourage wildflower growth, erected additional seating for people to enjoy the environment, and erected signs describing the biodiversity in the area. We are especially indebted to Cllr. Matthews for the effort she put into this.

The play area's have been a major concern and drain of resource for the Council, with the play area within MALT deteriorating to such an extent that it had to be closed. Play equipment in Llandyssil and the Abermule school play areas has been repaired, and the fence around the Llandyssil play area has been replaced. A separate organization called the Abermule Recreation Association has been established to support the application for a *People and Places* Lottery grant application to replace the equipment in the MALT area. The money spent on the play areas has depleted the reserves more than expected this year with us posting a deficit of £3675.03, which has led to the Council having to make the difficult decision to increase the precept significantly for the coming year.

A Community survey has been conducted and the Council was pleased to receive 117 responses. An action plan has been created from the results of the survey and it is important that the council implements this throughout the coming year.

Other positive achievements throughout the year have been the erection of the Railway Memorial, repainting of the kiosk in Llandyssil, the erection of a new notice board in Llandyssil, and the replacement of the bench in the Abermule play area.

Several representations have been made by the Council against the closing of the Welshpool Air ambulance base. Unfortunately, these together with many others have fallen on deaf ears.

As trustees of MALT, the Council has also overseen the replacement of the fence adjacent to the footpath within the MALT area.