**Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council – Chairman’s Report 2018/2019.**

I am pleased to welcome three newly co-opted Cllrs Martin Aymes, Glen Lloyd and Gareth Thomas, to fill vacancies after Cllrs Eurwyn Jones resigned, Sarah Morris left as her new business flourished and Pat Thomas moved to South Wales to be nearer her family.

Having stood down at the Annual Meeting last May, I did not expect to find myself taking up the chair again quite so soon but when Cllr. Eurwyn Jones resigned. I was re-elected to the Chair in December under difficult circumstances. Councillors had understandably faced severe criticism, for our planning response when Powys County Council moved with great haste to approve their own planning application, to develop an industrial scale bulk recycling plant, on the site originally designated as a prestigious business park on the entrance to Abermule village. The application enraged the Community and ‘Abermule Communities Together’ committee was formed. I have continued to represent the Community Council at meetings with Powys County Council supporting Abermule Communities Together and our County Cllr. Gareth Pugh against this development. I would like to record our appreciation of the extensive research and massive commitment of the ACT Committee on behalf of the Community

Planning continues to be contentious, where large developments affect our rural area, evidenced by the Public participation at our meetings.

Play Area in front of Abermule School, awaiting confirmation from the Land Registry to initiate works, fencing and re-locating gate to access onto the footpath to the Mill Field.

We continue to support groups with our annual small grants and have financially supported the Busy Bees Playgroup in an effort to retain this group, whilst awaiting reinstatement of funding by Powys County Council.

I would also like to record my appreciation to my fellow Councillors for your time and commitment to the Council and our Community, to those serving on the Finance and attendance at the additional planning, briefing meetings and associate committees. Last but by no means least my sincere gratitude to Gwilym for his expert guidance, financial accounting, updating the website and keeping us up to date on new policies and procedures, his knowledge of Councils is invaluable. Thank you.

Jane Rees

Chair of Council Dec 2018 – May 2019.