

KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Killay Community Council publishes an annual report.

Councillors for 2024/25

Nigel Fletcher	Peta Walsh	Janet Evans	Joanne Fitton
Jim Robinson (Chair)	Mary Idris	Rhiannon Barrar	Dawn Morse
Bethany Rowe	Sarah Gee	Linda Aubrey	Tyrone Lewis

Mary Jones (Vice-chair) – Co-opted May 2024

Also:

Sue John (resigned November 2024)

Mary Idris resigned at the end of the year and did not attend the April 2025 meeting.

We started the year with 14 councillors and finished with 12. We now have 3 vacancies.

Youth representatives

Maria Jeffries (resigned February 2025) Ilhan Mazhar (co-opted August 2024)

In compliance with Welsh Government legislation all meetings were held as multi-location.

Attendance averages

2024/25: 8.9 (in person); 2.5 (Zoom) and 2.3 (apologies)

This compares with

2023/24: 8.2 (in person); 3.5 (Zoom) and 2.0 (apologies)

2022/23: 6.7 (in person); 4.6 (Zoom) and 1.3 (apologies)

Attendance in person is increasing each year while attendance remotely is trending downwards. It is slightly worrying that apologies are also increasing.

Finance

The precept (main source of income) for 2024/25 was £22,500.

Other income, including VAT reclaimed from the previous year and a grant of £6,028 from the City and County of Swansea to hold a street market event, brought our total income to £30,678

The main expenditure is summarised as;

Salary & HMRC	£8,391	25% of total expenditure
Killay Market	£7,205	21%
Christmas lights	£5,692	17%
Flowers beds & troughs	£5,454	16%
Christmas events	£1,072	3%
External Audit (2020/21)	£1,006	3%
Councillor remuneration	£ 780	2%

<u>Balance sheet:</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
Opening balance 1 st April	£11,532	£12,572
Income	£26,968	£30,678
Expenditure	£25,928	£33,810
Closing balance 31 st March	£12,572	£ 9,440

Notes: The 31st March closing balance reduced by more than £3,000 due to the following reasons.

1. The 2024/25 budget was set to reduce the reserves to 48% of the precept (<£11,000).
2. There was additional expenditure on the Discover Killay market event due to £1,200 VAT (which will be re-claimed in the 2025/26 financial year)
3. The late external audit fee from 2020/21 (£1,006) was not in the original budget.

Sub-committees

All Councillors serve on one or more of the following sub-committees

Finance	Planning
Social media	Public Rights of Way
Gardening	

Main activities 2024/25

May 2024

A Tea-Party was organised for the older residents of Killay at St Hilary's parish centre. This was to celebrate D-Day and was enjoyed by all who attended although not all tickets were used.

CCS Countryside access team reported that Footpath KI 114, North of Hendrefoilan Road was reopened and 3 kissing gates had been installed along the path to ensure the safety of livestock. This was the result of a 3-year negotiation with the tenant farmer at Lledglawdd farm. The Public Rights of Way Committee had been reporting this since August 2021.

June 2024

A pop-up consultation event was organised to explain to the public the proposals from the boundary commission review and the potential to include the Dunvant area into the community council (the boundary commission dropped the proposal after negative feedback from the Dunvant community)

August 2024

Children's Fun Day in Killay Scout & Guide headquarters.

The table-top sale in the precinct was resumed for the first time since Covid.

Band night – 'Guilty Pleasure' played music in Killay precinct.

October 2024

Children's Halloween Fun Day in Killay Scout and Guide Headquarters

November 2024

The eagerly awaited market event in the precinct was cancelled at the last minute due to very high winds and postponed until March.

Our youth representative, Ilhan Mazhar, gave an informative talk about tackling bullying in schools.

December 2024

One of the biggest events of the year was again the Father Christmas parade following a published route around Killay.

Santa also visited his Grotto in Siloam school room.

A combined Carol service was held with St Hilary's Church. Children from Hendrefoilan school sang and Sherry and mince pies were served afterwards.

KI 107, a bridleway beginning at the Ridgeway end of Woodcote, was cleared and a gravel path reinstated following pressure by our Public Rights of Way Committee since June.

January 2025

Donations policy adopted

February 2025

Equality and Diversity training for all councillors

March 2025

A Welsh themed best dressed window display was judged for local traders

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi/ St David's Day event in the precinct with children from both Dunvant and Hendrefoilan Primary Schools

The 'Discover Killay' spring market finally took place with 20 stalls, cotton reusable carrier bags supplied to traders, entertainment on the history of Killay and music from Olchfa pupils. The weather this time was in our favour and it was a great success.

Charitable donations

£150 Charlie Earle – Christmas sacks sold in aid of Blood Cancer UK (June minutes)

£100 Menter iaith Abertawe – contribution to cultural music event (June minutes)

Jim Robinson

Chair

30th April 2025

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