

KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT

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Councillors for 2025/26

Nigel Fletcher	Peta Walsh	Janet Evans	Joanne Fitton
Jim Robinson (Chair)	Rhiannon Barrar	Dawn Morse	Bethany Rowe
Mary Jones (Vice-chair)	Sarah Gee	Linda Aubrey	Tyrone Lewis
Ian Mortimer			

Ian Mortimer (Co-opted July 2025)

Tyrone Lewis vacated his post because of long term absence in January 2026

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

Note: from April 2027 the Community Council will be required to reduce to a total of 10 councillors, following a 'Review of the Community Arrangements of the City and County of Swansea' by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:

Youth representatives

Ilhan Mazhar (resigned August 2025)

We have 2 vacancies.

Meetings

Attendance averages

2025/26 7.7 (in person); 1.6 (Zoom) and 3.2 (apologies)

This compares with

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

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)

This is partly because we still have 3 vacancies and partly because of long term absence by 2 Councillors.

Finance

The work of the Community Council is largely funded through a 'precept' - which is part of the annual Council Tax charged to each home and is the main source of KCC's income. The precept for 2025/26 was £28,000 - which equates to £12.79 per household per year for a band D property - one of the lowest precepts in Swansea.

Other income, including VAT reclaimed from the previous year and grants from the City and County of Swansea and local city councillors for specific projects and events, brought our total income to £36,478.

The main expenditure (>2%) is summarised as;

Salary & HMRC	£8,350	26% of total expenditure
Christmas lights	£5,800	18%
Flowers beds & troughs	£5,708	17%
General Maintenance	£3,072	9%
(inc upgrading electrical supply in the precinct)		

Killay Markets	£2,220	7%
Councillor remuneration	£1,178	4%
One Killay Event	£1,010	3%
Christmas events	£ 978	3%

Balance sheet:	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Opening balance 1 st April	£11,532	£12,572	£ 9,440
Income	£26,968	£30,678	£36,478
Expenditure	£25,928	£33,810	£32,522
Closing balance 31 st March	£12,572	£ 9,440	£13,396

Notes: The 31st March closing balance increased almost £4,000 due to the following reasons:

1. Grant income of £1,750 received from Swansea Council for Markets
2. An extra VAT refund of £949 was found.
3. There is money allocated for an external audit of £900 not yet invoiced but carried forward to next year.
4. There was grant money of £660 from City Councillors. £440 of this is being carried forward for markets taking place in the 2026/27 financial year.

Main activities 2025/26

April 2025

An Easter Egg hunt was organised in Woodcote Park and meadow. This was free for families and children and was well attended considering it was an inaugural event and only published at the last minute. It was felt this could be added as a regular event.

A damaged gate on KI108 was reported.

May 2025

A tea party for older residents is usually organised for the older residents of Killay in May each year. In May last year a tea party was held at Siloam chapel to celebrate the 75th anniversary of V.E Day and was enjoyed by all who attended, although not all tickets were used.

An International Day of Culture titled "One Killay" was organised and took place at St Hilary's Parish Centre. The event featured a range of performing arts and crafts from a number of community groups representing a wide range of countries from around the world. The event was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, High Sheriff and City of Swansea Mayor.

June 2025

A theatre group, Ceridwen, had been commissioned to perform during the first Killay pop-up market in March and this was well received but not witnessed by many people. Therefore, KCC asked them to reproduce "Echoes through time", exploring Killay's history, at a series of performances at all the local Primary Schools and a special event in St Hilary's Church Hall.

KI103 surveyed with damage and missing signage reported.

July 2025

The first 'Summer' market was held in Killay Precinct in conjunction with Swansea Bay Street Markets, funded by grant secured from Swansea Council. It was well attended and KCC had a stall.

August 2025

Children's Fun Day in Killay Scout & Guide headquarters. A bouncy castle and soft play were included. The craft activity was very popular.

There was a table-top sale in the precinct. Only a few charities attended but all reported good sales.

Band night – 'Guilty Pleasure' played music in Killay precinct and the evening was very well attended. There was a noticeable increase in recycling at the end of the evening.

October 2025

KCC wrote to the Active Travel department to voice concerns over the tarmacking of Bridleway KI108 – Old Carriage Drive.

Children's Halloween Fun Day in St Hilary's Parish Centre. This was poorly attended compared to the usual numbers, possibly because of the change of day and venue and the growth in the number of Halloween events held locally.

November 2025

The "Christmas" Market in Killay Precinct was organised in conjunction with Swansea Bay Street Markets. The Christmas lights were switched on early to coincide with the market.

Father Christmas visited Killay following a published route around the village. Loughor Town band played in the Precinct.

Several councillors attended the public meeting about Old Carriage Drive.

December 2025

A Santa's Grotto was organized in Siloam school room. Like Halloween, this was poorly attended, there are now many other grotto events held in the community.

The annual Carol Service was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

January 2026

1,000 walking maps were organised by KCC and printed by Swansea Council. Distribution to the community was started across a range of local venues and take up has been very positive.

February 2026

An events meeting was held to plan all the events for the coming year.

A new community resources page was added to KCC's website – a short guide to local organisations in Killay and the wider local area. This is pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

Councillors attended a Safeguarding and Code of Conduct training.

March 2026

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi/ St David's Day event in the precinct with children from Hendrefoilan Primary School performing traditional Welsh songs.

KI103 and KI113 were surveyed and reported on.

The first of a series of three seasonal Markets took place in Killay Precinct, subsidised by KCC and City Councillors. Olchfa School band played music.

NOTE - Details of future events for 2026/27 can be found on KCC's Facebook page in a pinned post.

Charitable donations made

£50 St Hilary's Church Hall
£250 Killay Scout & Guide HQ

Sub-committees

In addition to events, activities and action taken detailed above, KCC's committees are busy throughout the year. All Councillors serve on one or more of the following sub-committees:

Finance
Publicity
Gardening

Planning
Public Rights of Way

Every year, Community councillors on our Gardening Committee work hard to maintain colourful annual displays in the shopping precinct flower beds. This also involves keeping the beds watered and weeded throughout the summer months - sometimes daily in periods of drought. KCC also finances summer floral displays throughout the Killay area.

The Community Council has a Biodiversity Policy and has also planted native wildflowers on the bank outside St Hilary's Church. Bees, butterflies, moths, flies, wasps and more rely on wildflowers as a vital source of food.

More information on the activities of these committees along with the Community Council's meeting minutes and other useful information can be found on KCC's webpage.

Jim Robinson
Chair

30th April 2026

Approved



27th May 2026