KILLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 2023/24 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 2023/24

Nigel Fletcher (Chairman)

Jim Robinson (Vice chairman)

Rhiannon Barrar

Dawn Morse

Sue John

Linda Aubrey

Janet Evans

Mary Idris

Bethany Rowe

Sarah Gee

Tyrone Lewis (co-opted August 2023)

Edmund Sides (resigned May 2023) Bill John (resigned November 2023)

Tom Fitton (resigned January 2024) Harry Cole – Youth Rep' (resigned Nov' 2023)

During the year Council appointed Harry Cole (May) and Maria Jefferies (July) as Youth Representatives.

The number of Councillors throughout the year averaged 14 (ranged from 13 to 15)

In compliance with Welsh Government legislation all meetings were held as multi-location. Attendance in person averaged 8.2; remote attendance via Zoom 3.5 and Apologies for absence 2. This excludes the September 2023 meeting which was held only on Zoom due to inclement weather.

This compares with 6.7 (in person); 4.6 (Zoom) and 1.3 (apologies) in 2022/23.

Finance

The precept (main source of income) for 2023/24 was £24,500.

The main expenditure is summarised as;

Salary & HMRC	£7,924	31% of total expenditure
Christmas lights	£5,224	20%
Flowers beds & troughs	£4,842	19%
Donations	£1,505	6%
Christmas events	£ 997	4%
Councillor remuneration	£ 910	4%

Balance sheet:	2022/23	2023/24
Opening balance 1st April	£12,495	£11,532
Income	£25,003	£26,968
Expenditure	£25,966	£25,928
Closing balance 31st March	£11,532	£12,572

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 2023/24

For the first year since 2019 the Council were able to organise a full range of events for the community.

May 2023

To celebrate King Charles III coronation, Council organised a Lunch for senior citizens at Siloam chapel hall, attended by c.60 people. The entertainment was provided by The Rockerlelees.

In addition the precinct was decorated and a band night took place with Guilty Pleasure providing the entertainment to a packed precinct.

This event also coincided with Killay Community Council marking 40 years since being inaugurated in 1983.

June 2023

A Safeguarding policy was adopted.

August 2023

Childrens Fun Day in Killay Scout & Guide headquarters.

Band night – Guilty Pleasure in Killay precinct.

September 2023

An Equality & Inclusion policy was adopted.

October 2023

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

December 2023

For a third year, the Father Christmas parade followed an extended route around 5 miles of Killay. The feedback was again all very positive showing that the event was very successful.

Santa also made an appearance in his grotto in the Library and many children were able to visit him and receive a gift.

Carol service at Siloam chapel, featuring Hendrefoilan primary school choir. A collection raised £205 which was donated to Matthews House, High Street, Swansea.

February 2024

Welsh Language policy adopted.

February & March 2024

Equality & Inclusion events held to meet representatives of groups, organisations and 3rd sector agencies to build relationships, raise the profile of KCC and inform an Equalities action plan.

March 2024

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi/ St David's Day event in the precinct with Hendrefoilan Primary School

The Community Council also worked with the Country side Access team to reinstate access to footpath KI114 north of Hendrefoilan Road near Lledglawdd Farm and installing signage on footpath KI103 accessed on the Clyne Valley cycle way near Garrood Avenue.

Charitable donations

£150 Killay Luncheon club

£250 Dunvant Primary school

£400 Siloam chapel

£500 47th Killay Scouts

Nigel Fletcher Chairman

28th April 2023