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DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Local Government and Elections

(Wales) Act 2021 (Section 52)

Annual Report

Year ending 31st March, 2026

The Council

Community Councils were established under the Local Government Act 1972 and replaced the previous system of Parish Councils. There are over 730 Town & Community Councils in Wales, with over 8,000 Councillors.

The population of the Dyserth Council area is 2,030 (January 2026 Register of Electors).

During the reporting year all Council meetings were held hybrid with the face to face venue being The Pavilion Building (Bowling Club), Off Thomas Avenue, Dyserth.

Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month (no meetings held in August and December) and commence at 7.00pm. Non-scheduled meetings can be held in an emergency or possibly in relation to an urgent planning application – especially during the months of December and August. All meetings will be publicly advertised.

The agenda for the meetings are advertised locally including the Council's web site a few days prior to the meeting. Residents of the community and press are welcome to attend all meetings. Residents are also able to address the Council Members for a reasonable period of time at the commencement of the meeting on matters appertaining to the community.

Should any resident, or press member wish to connect to a meeting by audio, please advise the Clerk to the Council by providing at least three days notice prior to the meeting date.

Complaints

During the reporting year there were no complaints made against Councillors by members of the public, or received from the Wales Public Services Ombudsman, or the Denbighshire County Standards Committee.

Councillors

During the reporting year there were eleven members of the Dyserth Community Council, with Councillor Anne Rogers as Chair of Council and Councillor John Glover as Vice

Chair.

During this reporting year Councillor Margaret Williams a long-standing Member of the Community Council sadly passed away. Following the issuing of Public Notices there was no call for an election and the Council were authorised by the Denbighshire Returning Officer to co-opt a new Council Member. Councillor Ian Clayton was duly co-opted.

Councillor attendances at meetings can be viewed in the minutes of meetings which are available on the Council web site. The following were Council Members during the 2025 / 2026 reporting period.

Councillor names and contact details

Councillor Ian Clayton * 07540 – 581331	Councillor Alan Pennington 07885 - 445677 (WC)
Councillor John Glover 01745 - 571473	Councillor Mrs. Julie M. Peters * 07859 - 008728
Councillor H. Andrew Hughes 07775 - 098000	Councillor Peter J. Robinson * 01745 - 570321
Councillor David G. Jones 01745 – 570647	Councillor Anne Ruth Rogers 07496 - 835683 (WL)
Councillor Emyr W. Morris 01745 - 571812	
Councillor Haydn Owen 07827 - 089678	* Denotes Co-opted Member (IND) Independent (WC) Welsh Conservative (WL) Welsh Labour
Councillor Dave Parry 01745 - 571956 (IND)	

Freedom of Information Act

During this reporting year no Freedom of Information requests were received.

Local Committees and Outside Bodies

Council Members who serve on Local Committees and Outside Bodies during 2025 / 2026

Name of Organisation	Councillor Representative
Bio-diversity (Sub-committee) Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6	Councillors' David Parry, Peter Robinson & Anne Rogers
Dyserth Business Group	Councillor Anne Rogers

Dyserth Community Hall Committee	Councillors' Andrew Hughes & Emyr Morris
Dyserth Environmental Group	Councillors' David Parry & Peter Robinson
Dyserth, Meliden & Cwm Relief In Sickness Fund	Councillors' Allan Pennington & County Councillor David G. Williams
Elizabeth Hughes Trust (Cwm)	Councillors' Andrew Hughes & Anne Rogers
Environment Sub-Committee	All Councillors
Planning Sub-Committee	All Councillors
Play Area – Sub-Group	All Councillors
Waterfall Committee	Councillors' Andrew Hughes & Emyr Morris
Ysgol Hiraddug School Governor	Councillor Andrew Hughes (4 year Term of Office as a Governor commenced on 13th February, 2023 (Ceases in February, 2027))

Contacting the Council

Contact details for the Clerk and Financial Officer to Dyserth Community Council

R. Phillip Parry, Ty Cornel, 51, St. Michael's Drive, CAERWYS, Flintshire, CH7 5BS.	Tel: 01352 720547 E-mail: clerk@dyserthcouncil.wales Web site: www.dyserthcouncil.wales
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Council's objectives - 2025 / 2026

During the 2025 / 2026 financial year, apart from the general powers and lawfully required duties, the Community Council agreed the additional following priorities: *(Update in italics)*

- To continue to support and enhance the Community Council area for the benefit of the residents. *The Community Council continue their support to the community, with many examples listed below.*
- To continue with the current contracts (dog bins, additional grass cutting and play area) – including the general duties of the Community Council. *On-going.*
- To continue to lobby Denbighshire County Council Highways seeking to implement a suitable scheme to alleviate traffic concerns in the High Street. *Whilst the Community Council have continued to make further representation to County*

Highways, including the assistance of County Councillor David Williams - County Highways state; that due to funding and other highway priorities, the scheme will not be progressed at this time.

- To continue with the Dyserth Kilns project and to ensure the historical value to the community is recognised. The next stage will be a professionally organised public consultation. *A public consultation exercise which included photographs of the current kilns together with historical information was held in the Dyserth Community Hall. This was Phase 2 of the Councils vision to preserve the kilns. Residents who visited completed a questionnaire, as did many other residents who completed the questionnaire in the village shops. The results were positive.*
- To continue to work with both Denbighshire County Council and Dyserth Environmental Group, to further develop bio-diversity projects within the Community Council area. *The Community Council together with the Dyserth Environmental Group completed further biodiversity enhancement to the area of land in the ownership of the Council, including the annual cut to promote wildflower diversity - which also allows light access by removing nutrients - whereafter the soil becomes less fertile, favouring delicate wildflowers over thick, dominant grasses.*
- The Council will continue the upkeep of the village planters, including the provision of litter picking. *On-going*
- Leisure activities: The Community Council have further agreed to fund the Denbighshire County Council 'Let's Play Out' Scheme for the new financial year to March 2026. *The Let's Play Out scheme continued with funding from the Community Council. The annual report from the Denbighshire Play Leaders was positive – with over 50 young people each week attending the 39 sessions held over the past year.*
- To continue to maintain and upgrade the play and multi games areas; with weekly and monthly inspections. During this financial year the Council will upgrade the multi use games area. *Unfortunately, the multi use games area was not upgraded during this financial year, as the Council allocated the funds to repair the wet pour surface within the main children's play area due to vandalism which created a health and safety concern.*
- Christmas Festivities: The Council will continue to provide Christmas lighting along the High Street and lower Dyserth area, including the purchase of new / additional Christmas lights. To continue to provide two Christmas trees, one in Dyserth High Street and one within the Waterfall area, including lighting. *The Council purchased six new Christmas lighting units which were erected to the street lantern columns in the High Street. The removed Christmas units were placed in the Tre Castell area of Dyserth. The Council received many compliments.*
- Dyserth Memorial Garden: The Community Council will continue to plant and maintain the flower beds within the memorial area. The Council will also continue to assist with the annual November Remembrance Sunday. *The Council purchased a rechargeable battery 'Weed Sweeper' for use within the Memorial Garden.*
- Speed Indication Devices: The Community Council have committed within their earmarked reserves to install a permanent speed indicator device. The Council will seek guidance from the Denbighshire County Highways Officer in relation to the site area. *A permanent speed indicator was not installed in the Tre Castell area of*

Dyserth, as Denbighshire County Council have continued to provide a mobile speed registering unit in the area.

- To continue to provide the popular seasonal and other colourful bus shelter glass painting themes. *On-going.*
- The Community Council will continue to be proactive in reporting damage and other concerns found on footpaths to Denbighshire Rights of Way Officers. *On-going.*
- The Community Council will also continue to be proactive in reporting Highway issues to Denbighshire County Council, which include pot holes, signage damage and other defects. *On-going.*
- The Community Council will continue to address the lack of Arriva bus services travelling through the High Street. The Council will keep a 'Watching Brief' in relation to the Welsh Government's 'Bus Services (Wales) Bill'. *The Council have written to Mr. Ken Skates MS the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, seeking that Dyserth be one of the first areas to trial the new bus service.*
- To work with the Dyserth Waterfall Committee to seek a suitable alternative for the provision of public conveniences, following the decision by Denbighshire County Council to close the existing building, which is sited in the area of the waterfall. *Unfortunately, the Community Council could not afford the costly fee to Denbighshire County Council for the public conveniences to remain open. Should the Community Council agreed to the fee, the Council would have to increase the public community charge (precept) payable by each household within the community by an excessive amount, which would have been unwelcome by the residents.*
- *During this reporting year the following additional actions were either completed or discussed:*
 - (i) *Council arranged for the installation of shelving units, including the re-painting of the Red K6 Telephone Box near the junctions of James Park and High Street. The Phone Box houses a number of community items. The Community Council thank the local businesses and others for their assistance.*
 - (ii) *One Councillor kindly refurbished an existing wooden beech seat within the King George Recreational Ground in memory of Councillor Margaret Williams. A memorial plaque was also placed.*
 - (iii) *The installation of a safety fence in the area of the King George Recreational Ground.*
 - (iv) *The Community Council express their gratitude for the assistance of staff members from a local business who kindly volunteered to refurbish a number of wooden bench seats, which included the re-painting in Red, Green and White.*
 - (v) *The Community Council agreed a garden maintenance contract for the seating area adjacent to the children's play area.*
 - (vi) *The Community Council endeavoured to agree a 'Community Asset Transfer' for a bus shelter known locally as 'The Pop Inn'. Unfortunately, Denbighshire*

County Council, for whatever reason, increased their legal costs, including additional requirements, which made the Asset Transfer not possible.

Council's objectives - 2026 / 2027

During the 2026 / 2027 financial year, apart from the general powers and lawfully required duties, the Community Council agreed the additional following priorities:

- To continue to support and enhance the Community Council area for the benefit of the residents.
- To continue with the current contracts (dog bins, additional grass cutting and play area) – including the general duties of the Community Council.
- To continue to lobby Denbighshire County Council Highways seeking to implement a suitable scheme to alleviate traffic concerns in the High Street, and in particular, to ensure that the project remains on the list of Highway priorities.
- To continue with the Dyserth Kilns project and to ensure the historical value to the community is recognised. Following the positive public response, the Council will during this financial year discuss Phase 3 of the project.
- To continue to work with both Denbighshire County Council and Dyserth Environmental Group, to further develop bio-diversity projects within the Community Council area.
- The Council will continue the upkeep of the village planters, including the provision of litter picking.
- Leisure activities: The Community Council have further agreed to fund the Denbighshire County Council's popular 'Let's Play Out' Scheme for the new financial year from April 2026 to March 2027.
- (a) To continue to maintain and upgrade the children's play and multi games areas; with weekly and monthly inspections (b) The Council have accepted a quotation to cut back a number of tree branches that are overhanging the toddler play area (c) The Council have also accepted a quotation for clearing a pathway adjacent to the play area (d) The supply and fitting of a new safety floor panel in the toddlers multi play section (d) The Council will further discuss improvements to the multi use games area.
- Christmas Festivities: The Council will continue to provide Christmas lighting along the High Street, lower Dyserth and the Trecastell areas. To continue to provide two Christmas trees, one in Dyserth High Street and one within the Waterfall area, including festive lighting.
- Dyserth Memorial Garden: The Community Council will continue to plant and maintain the flower beds within the memorial area. The Council will also continue to assist with the annual November Remembrance Sunday.
- Speed Indication Devices: The Community Council continue to commit within their ear-marked reserves to install a permanent speed indicator device, should the County Council remove the temporary devise.

- To continue to provide the popular seasonal and other colourful bus shelter glass painting themes.
- The Community Council will continue to be proactive in reporting damage and other concerns found on footpaths to Denbighshire Rights of Way Officers.
- The Community Council will also continue to be proactive in reporting Highway issues to Denbighshire County Council, which include pot holes, signage damage and other defects.
- The Community Council will continue to address the lack of Arriva bus services travelling through the High Street. The Council will continue to keep a 'Watching Brief' in relation to the Welsh Government's 'Bus Services (Wales) Bill'.
- To continue to work with the Dyserth Waterfall Committee in relation to the provision of public conveniences adjacent to the Waterfall. Whilst the Community Council have agreed for this financial year – 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027 to pay for the provision of two portable public conveniences (one is accessible) to ensure these facilities are available for both local residents and visitors to the area. The Community Council are also supporting the Waterfall Committee in their legal endeavours to ensure that the land is appropriately registered with the Land Registry.
- Additional projects that may arise during the financial year.

(Funding for the above objectives, if required, will be utilised from the annual precept and Council reserves)

Financial

Asset Register

The value of the Community Council's asset register during the reporting period of 2025 to 2026 totals £286,480.00. A copy of the register can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

Council budget

The Dyserth Community Council precept for the financial year 2025 / 2026 was £51,750.00. This amount is precept on residential properties within the community and equates to a figure of £43.93p per household on a Band D property. There are 37 City, Town and Community Councils in the County of Denbighshire, with the highest Community Charge being £123.33. There are 1178 Band D household properties within the Dyserth Community area – as at January 2025. The Band D household precept for the Dyserth Community Council area, is made up as follows:

Denbighshire County Council – £2,195.56

Police & Crime Commissioner – £372.15

Dyserth Community Council – £43.93

Financial Assistance

Each year, Dyserth Community Council considers requests for financial assistance to support the work of its local groups, organisations and charities. Grants are specifically made by the Council in the interest of its local area and its residents. The Council allocates grants for financial assistance from the annual precept, in accordance with Section 137 (Local Government Act 1972) and other National and Wales Government Acts. During the reporting year the Community Council granted a number of applications for financial assistance, which totalled: £1,650.00 under Section 137 and £5,054.00 under various Local Government Acts. Details of the funding can be found in the Council's web site minutes.

Members Allowance

Payments (Allowances) to Members of Dyserth Community Council - 2025 / 2026
In accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Measure 2011, Community and Town Councils must publish within their authority area the remuneration received by their Members by 30th September following the end of the year to which the payment relates. The information must also be sent to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPFW) by the same date, together with a copy to Audit Wales.

Dyserth Community Council provided the previous years return prior to the required date to the (IRPFW). A copy of the information can be viewed on the Council's web site at: www.dyserthcouncil.wales (public notices and financial). The return for this reporting year will be published on the above web page in due course.

Publication of audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

Regulation 15(5) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that by 30 September 2026, Dyserth Community Council publish its accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 together with any certificate, opinion, or report issued, given or made by the Auditor General.

The Community & Town Councils in Wales – Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2026, will be submitted to Wales Audit following confirmation at the May 2026 Council meeting. A copy of the Annual Return will thereafter be published on the Council's notice board and web site at: www.dyserthcouncil.wales (public notices and financial). Following audit, the certificate and other documents will be uploaded to the web page.

Environmental (Wales Act) 2016 (S6)

Under the above Act a Public Authority in Wales must prepare and publish a biodiversity plan. This Council's plan can be found at: www.dyserthcouncil.wales (public notices and financial).

Councillor & Staff Training Plan

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Section 67) all Town & Community Councils in Wales must have a training plan. This Council's training plan and policy can be found at: www.dyserthcouncil.wales (public notices and financial). The plan will be updated in October of each year.

Denbighshire County Council

The Community Council adopted the following: A Charter between Denbighshire's City, Town & Community Councils and Denbighshire County Council a number of years ago. The charter was agreed by 34 City, Town & Community Councils within the County. The County during this reporting year have kept all City, Town & Community Councils up to date with County Council business, including facilitating virtual meetings by their Liaison Officer.

Planning Applications

The Community Council is not a planning authority and as such does not make final decisions on planning applications; this is the responsibility of Denbighshire County Council. However, the Community Council is a statutory consultee and as such receives all planning applications relating to the community. The Community Council do make their respective comments and suggestions on all planning applications, including requesting site meetings.

Details of the planning applications that this Council made comment upon, can be found in the monthly meeting minutes – on the following web site: www.dyserthcouncil.wales (minutes of meetings). The Denbighshire Planning Portal can be accessed on the following web site:

<https://planningandpublicprotection.denbighshire.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=search&language=en>

Street Lighting

The street lighting in the Dyserth Community Council area is administered by Denbighshire County Council.

To report a faulty street light, please contact the County Street Lighting Department on: 01824 706000, or e-mail Customer Services at:

customerservices@denbighshire.gov.uk

or by completing an on-line form at:

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/parking-roads-and-travel/street-lighting/street-lighting.aspx>

This End of Year report was adopted by the Members of Dyserth Community Council, on Monday 11th May, 2026 – under Minute number: 11(E). 95/26