

LLANTRISANT FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Our local communities are considered a great asset and it is the responsibility of the Community Council to ensure residents receive the Services they require, by being willing and able to support and meet their needs.

A strategy should be implemented to ensure the views of the Community can be heard and considered; this is the basis of Community Engagement. Encouraging residents to become involved allows them to take part in the decision-making process and the shaping of their local communities.

An appropriate strategy will allow the Council to adopt the following objectives to engagement:

- To seek out Community values and concerns.
- To form partnerships within the Community, identifying concerns in the local area.
- To ensure the Council is visible to their communities, by allowing the opportunity for residents to come face to face with their Community Council at least once a year within their own wards.
- To improve awareness of the Community Council, its' services, elected members and Clerk.

The strategy should include a set of principles the Council would uphold when engaging with and listening to the community. Demonstrating engagement is a two-way process in which communities can play a role and make a difference. It ensures people feel informed about local issues and provides opportunities for better understanding of what the Council does.

## OUR PLAN

- To introduce 'Smart Water' to our communities. The latest technology is a solution which has a unique forensic code to fight crime and can be used to mark property in and around homes making them less attractive to criminals.
- To explore the possibility of upgrading or replacing the current Llangwm website.
- To improve the current Broadband opportunities available in our rural Communities.
- To further encourage Biodiversity locally, by installing Compost bins in local churchyards, erecting homes for Swallows to help with declining numbers and to sustain wildlife and promote nature conservation, by planting wildflowers in grassy areas which are regularly cut.
- To improve road safety and traffic speeds within our villages.

### HOW WILL THESE OBJECTIVES BE ACHIEVED:

- By working with Gwent Police and interacting with local communities. Reaching out to Communities by using the Llantrisant Fawr Website, the Llangwm Herald, local community Facebook sites, email and other social media platforms. Where possible to hand deliver notices and engage face to face with residents.
- Community Council members should meet with the administrators of the Llangwm Village Website to discuss and consider the option of enhancing or replacing the current Site. With a view to promoting the village itself, allowing residents and visitors to keep abreast of what's on and current local matters.
- By working with County Councillors to keep abreast of latest developments and updates and bringing pressure on local MPs to ensure the fight for improvement in Broadband connectivity and speeds isn't forgotten in our rural areas.
- To further encourage the idea of Biodiversity in our Communities by meeting with local groups. Discussing and putting forward simple project ideas, with the aim of preserving and protecting nature and the rural areas in which we live for future generations.
- By working with Community Councillors to ensure our concerns are heard and by making use of available resources provided by our local Police force and Monmouthshire CC. In addition, considering the possibility of investing in proven technology measures, such as Flashing Speed Limit signs.

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