



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024/25 (MAY 2025)

Hello and welcome to all our residents.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires a community council to prepare and publish an annual report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements during that year. This is our first report which we hope you will find of interest.

There were 10 Councillors on Bangor on Dee Community Council, although there are now (April 2025) two vacancies – should you be interested in joining the Council, please contact the Clerk at bangorondeecc@gmail.com. Councillors are office holders who sign a declaration of acceptance of office upon their election or appointment - they are therefore a part of the local government structure of Wales. Although they carry out many community activities on a voluntary basis, they are not volunteers.

At the head of the Council is the Chairperson, who is elected annually from amongst its serving Councillors. The Chairperson for 2024/25 was Councillor Nick Amyes and the Vice-Chair was Councillor Stephen Morrison.

We meet formally on the third Tuesday evening of the month at 7.30pm at Bangor on Dee Village Hall where there will be a hybrid provision for members, public and press to join remotely. These are very structured meetings with very full agendas. Anyone is welcome to observe and there is an opportunity at the start for public questions. The person presiding over the meeting will give members of the public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations about any business to be discussed at the meeting

Depending on what projects are being dealt with, and to be more proactive, members may meet in between monthly meetings as 'Working Groups' to deal with specific areas/projects to bring back to full council.

Your Community Council

The Community Council are responsible for a selection of street lighting, street furniture, Friars Field – an open space and are a statutory consultee for many local authority and government issues including planning.

Your Community Councillors for the Year 2024/25 were:

Cllr Nick Amyes

Cllr Liz Reeves

Cllr Moira Glanville

Cllr Stephen Sharp

Cllr Robert Glanville

Cllr Deborah Vogwell

Cllr Jackie Grice

Cllr Robert Ian Williams (Conservative County Councillor)

Cllr Stephen Morrison

Cllr Paul Wright

Message from the 2024/25 Chairperson – Cllr Nick Amyes

It has been an honour to chair the Community Council during the past year and work with members who share a passion to make Bangor on Dee a great place to live. The Community Council is here to represent the residents of the village and to try to resolve any issues you may have. However, our powers are limited in what we can directly achieve, but we work closely with colleagues in Wrexham County Borough Council and other agencies to try to achieve the best outcomes for the village.

As well as dealing with day to day issues, I want the Community Council to engage with residents to find out what they would like in the village. One example is Friars Field, which is owned by the Community Council, it would be fantastic to get the views of residents to develop this space to best meet their needs.

The Community Council wants to work with residents, to hear your views and make Bangor on Dee your village and community.

Vision Statement

To maintain and enhance the facilities, environment and historical heritage of our villages for the benefit and wellbeing of all residents. By being proactive in addressing needs and engaging with the community and other agencies the council will ensure a safe, pleasant and engaging place to live.

Budget/Precept

The Council's income for **2024/2025** was £3,350, this is an increase from last year as we applied and were successful in obtaining a grant to undertake some maintenance work in the Community Garden. and the Precept set against the budget was £ 20,396. At the end of the financial year 31 March 2025 the council's total expenditure was £28,027.

The Reserve allocated for **2024/2025** was £22,845, with £13,000 allocated to replace the village signs and to install 4 new streetlights in Abbeygate Walk. The cost of the village signs was far lower than expected, costing £1,436.00 and we have received positive feedback about the new, updated signs which welcome visitors to Bangor on Dee. The other project was the replacement of streetlights. The quotes received from various contractors were higher than anticipated. Therefore, the Community Council made the decision to replace Heritage streetlight with a modern design. Therefore, reducing the cost of each light, but providing sufficient illumination in the darker months. The money allocated to this project will be spent during the first months of the new financial year (2025/2026).

The Tax Base for the **2023-24** for Bangor on Dee Community Council area was 591 households. The cost per Band-D property was: £34.51 x 52 = £1,978.91

Audits

Each year an Internal and External Audit is undertaken.

Internal Audit

The Internal Audit completed April 2023 was for the year ending 31 March 2025 and the following recommendations were made and noted by Full Council

- No payments will be made without prior approval, unless urgent
- The four new village signs will be added to the Asset Register.

Street Lighting

The Council own and are responsible for a selection of streetlights throughout the villages. Should you have any issues with street lighting please contact the Clerk at bangorondeecc@gmail.com

Annual Grant and Donation Applications

The council sets a budget annually to be able to offer financial assistance to local groups and organisations. Applications open in April. For 2024/25 we are pleased to report that we helped 4 local groups/organisations to the sum of £3,000.00

Key Council Objectives for the Year 2024/25

- Continue the street lighting upgrades
- Ensure any professional maintenance work in Friars Field, recommend by the Tree Report submitted to the Council in March 2024, is carried out. This enabled the Community Council to successfully apply to the Shared Prosperity Fund to cover the costs of the maintenance work

Budget – 2025/26

The total approved budget for 2025/26 was £33,325 with a precept request of £24,620. At the start of this financial year the council held £21,638.00 in reserves (this includes the funds carried forward for the streetlighting project which is due to be completed by June 2025).