

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

ANNUAL REPORT – 2026

To be Reviewed by Full Council – on 16 July 2026

Following the implementation of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Public Service Board (PSB) has developed a Well-being Plan for the area. This was approved in 2018 and updated in 2023 and outlines how the PSB will work in partnership to address some of the key issues affecting the wellbeing of the residents and communities in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Dinas Powys Community Council (DPCC) has a duty to work towards the National Well-Being Goals and will be working towards the Well-Being plan for the community.

Dinas Powys Community Council - Well Being Statement

The Well-Being statement sets out Dinas Powys Community Council's commitment to the principle of sustainable development to ensure that the present needs are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals. The Council embraces these goals and will place them at the heart of its forward planning and decision making arrangements to improve the quality of life within its administrative area.

The Well-being of Future Generations Act

There are 7 connected well-being goals for Wales. They are:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of more cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales



COMMITMENTS

Look long term so that its actions or lack of action does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Taking an integrated approach to applying the seven well-being goals when deciding upon priorities.

Involve the diversity of the population in the decisions affecting them, when and where applicable.

Work collaboratively to find shared sustainable solutions.

Understand the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.

Review the Public Services Board (PSB) local well-being plan on publication, and consider the local objectives contained in the plan alongside Dinas Powys Community Council's (DPCC's) own objectives for the year ahead.

Use DPCC's own knowledge of the circumstances and characteristics of the area to form its own judgement on reasonable objectives to take forward.

Report annually for each relevant financial year, detailing the progress DPCC has made in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan prepared and published by the Public Services Board.

ACTIONS

DPCC, herein referred to as 'the Community Council', commits to the following set of actions:

- Publishing this well-being statement on its website.
- Incorporate the seven national well-being goals into its Strategic Plan by cross-referencing the well-being goals so that the Community Council's core aims and values contribute to each goal.
- Continue to extend its influence and reach into the community to help sustain general well-being in the communities that make up Dinas Powys.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S VISION

To improve everyone's quality of life by providing equal opportunities for all by creating attractive, safe, vibrant, healthy inclusive and environmentally sustainable communities

WHAT WE DO?

- Maintain and improve open spaces and play areas
- Support local organisations, clubs, events with grant support
- Provide venues for hire for community, family and business events

OUR WAY OF WORKING

- Always consider the Well-Being goals
- Use our local knowledge for the benefit of our community
- Involve local people in local decision-making, where appropriate, to strengthen our vision for the wider community.
- Work with other local organisations, promoting an environment of shared ownership which is community people-centred. Ultimately promoting an ethos of pride across the community.
- Publish our Annual Report on the website

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVES are to:

- consult with our communities
- encourage environmental sustainability and help reduce climate change
- preserve and promote the Welsh language and culture
- support our local community organisations
- improve our open spaces and play areas
- create, maintain and improve community facilities
- contribute to the wellbeing of all residents in compliance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

EMBEDDING THE FIVE WAYS OF WORKING

- 1. Long Term** - Balancing short term needs to safeguard the long term objectives
 - The Community Council has set aside £100k (earmarked reserves) for the Parish Hall roof repair/replacement
 - The Community Council is committed to core financial support for its Halls (Parish Hall, Old Library & Lee Hall)
- 2. Prevention** - of problems occurring or worsening
 - Undertake regular playground inspections of Dinas Powys Common and Caerleon Road and other play areas
 - Undertake regular inspections of the Allotments
 - Maintain its Halls (Parish Hall, Old Library & Lee Hall)
 - Maintain Dinas Powys Common, Cross Common, The Twyn and Cemetery
 - Undertake regular maintenance of equipment
 - Continual liaison with Vale of Glamorgan County Councillors and Council Staff on local issues
- 3. Integration** – impact on other bodies' objectives
 - We are mindful of the well-being goals and assess the impact of projects against them
 - Clerk to attend One Voice Wales meetings, along with two designated DPCC councillors
- 4. Collaboration** – working together
 - We actively work with other local organisations to meet the well-being objectives
 - Actively respond to consultations

- Support various sporting, artistic and well-being bodies
- Work with local community groups

5. **Involvement** – of other interested people with the diversity to achieve well-being goals

- We appreciate the importance of involving a wide range of people who have an interest in achieving the well-being goals.

WHAT APPROACH HAS THE COUNCIL TAKEN TO EMBED THE THREE VALE OF GLAMORGAN PSB WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES?

To achieve its vision of the future, the Vale of Glamorgan Council plan to deliver its three Well-being objectives.

1. **A more resilient and greener Vale**
2. **A more active and healthier Vale**
3. **A more equitable and connected Vale.**

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ARE ACTIVELY EMBEDDING THESE INTO ITS WAY OF WORKING AS FOLLOWS

1. **A More Resilient and Greener Vale** - by understanding and making the changes necessary as individuals, communities and organisations in response to the climate and nature emergencies

- The Community Council has taken great steps to reduce its carbon footprint. For example, replacing the lights in the Parish and Lee Halls to LED. Adding secondary Glazing to a listed building to help conserve heat.
- The Community Council has a Biodiversity Plan
- The Community Council engages with voluntary organisations such as Wild About Nature Dinas Powys (WANDP)
 - Creating a meadow area on Dinas Powys Common in collaboration with Wild About Nature Dinas Powys (WANDP). During the meadow season, WAND arrange for volunteers to pull out the ragwort.
 - Establishing an orchard in the Scout Field in collaboration with Wild About Nature, Dinas Powys (WANDP)
- The installation of a Tawny owl box at St Andrews Cemetery. The Community Council plans to create site and a bee hotel in the Parish and Lee Hall garden bird boxes.
- Planting and maintaining more bee friendly plant species in the Parish & Lee Hall Garden and on the Twyn.

- **Cross Common** has in the main been left to its own devices, to help encourage local wildlife in this area. The Community Council has commissioned an Ecological Survey to find out whether it meets the Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) criteria. The surveyor first visited the site in the Spring of 2026 and again in June 2026. The results of the Survey will be published later this year.
- **Dinas Powys Allotments and Cemetery** – are both situated in St Andrews Major. They are haven for wildlife, fauna and flora.
- **Fair Trade** - The Community Council supports Fairtrade, uses recycled or renewable products where available and practical. At the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2026, the Council agreed to renew its commitment to maintaining the status of the village as a Fairtrade village.

2. **A More Active and Healthier Vale** – by encouraging and enabling people of all ages to be more active and promote the benefits of embracing a healthier lifestyle.

The Council understands the importance green spaces for community well-being. and actively encourages outdoor play. It is responsible for a number of sites used for sport and play by local community groups. These include:

Dinas Powys Common – is a large open space used by people of all ages and backgrounds for walking, relaxing, playing and taking part in sporting activities. It is home to a host of sporting events held all year round – particularly Rugby and Cricket matches for adults and juniors. The Community Council is very supportive of these events including the annual Junior Football and Junior Rugby Club held on the Common during the summer months which prove to be very popular and very well attended by members of the community and from visiting communities across South Wales and the borders.

Children's Play area and exercise equipment for older children and adults of all ages can also be found on the Common.

Horse riders are permitted to use the perimeter of the Common.

- **Bryn y Don Playing Field** - is used by Dinas Powys Football Club, Juniors and adults. There are also excellent facilities for cricket here, with a well-cared for square and surrounding outfield.
- **Caerleon Road Play Area** - was built in 2023 with the help of S106 grant funding towards the costs of building the play area. On installing the equipment, the Council secured a 25 year lease with United Welsh Housing. Caerleon Road is made up of a mixture of private and social housing with a number of housing associations involved. As a result of the new private housing development and in partnership with United Welsh Group, a not-for-profit organisation, Dinas Powys Community Council and the Vale of Glamorgan County Council, the park was developed to cater for the needs of local residents. A public consultation with local residents took place during the

planning process of the park. Primarily the playground is for children up to the age of 12 years.

- **All Wales Play Opportunities Grant Capital Funding – for Play Spaces and Playgrounds**

In June 2025, the Community Council were successful in being awarded a £20k grant from 'All Wales Play Opportunities Grant Capital Funding for Play Spaces and Playgrounds 2025'.

This grant went towards improving the quality of the play area situated in Caerleon Road, by resurfacing areas around some of the play equipment, making it more accessible to children with mobility issues, whilst at the same time enabling the park to be used all year round.

- **Community Asset Transfer of Seel Park** - The Community Council is still in negotiation with Vale of Glamorgan County Council to transfer **Seel Park** on a 99 year lease to the Council. Seel Park is made up of a play area, playing field and woodland. Before the transfer it has been agreed to resurface the play area and attend to any outstanding grounds maintenance. As part of the transfer the Vale of Glamorgan Council aim to register the land with the Fields in Trust, a UK-based charity focussed on protecting and improving parks and green spaces for public recreation for future generations. In so doing, the aim will be to safeguard the land, protect it from development. In addition the acquisition of this excellent facility aims to support and encourage the community to use it in turn providing enjoyment for future generations in the community of Dinas Powys.

3. **A More Equitable and Connected Vale** – by tackling the inequities that exist across the Vale of Glamorgan, engaging with our communities and providing better opportunities and support to make a lasting difference. Community Councillors are promoting this by actively engaging with organisations and members of the community in Dinas Powys.

- **Work in partnership with organisations to make Dinas Powys more Age Friendly.** The Community Council fully supports the 'third sector' and recognises the multiple benefits for individuals and the community as a whole. There are an impressive number of voluntary organisations and similar organisations that undertake charitable work across the village.

The Voluntary sector in Dinas Powys is extremely self-motivating. Many of the Community Councillors as individuals significantly contribute to the Third Sector within the community e.g. Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, the Dinas Powys Library & Activity Centre (DIPLAC) and The Council of Churches (Cytin).

The Community Council engage with 'United Welsh', a housing association. It also has a good rapport with the Vale's Sport and Development Play Department, who regularly hold 'play events' for children during the summer school holidays. The Parish Hall is home to a weekly 'Tea Dance', and on a

monthly basis hosts cabaret and concert events – both are held during the afternoons.

- **Public Transport** - Until last year there was a bus stop outside the new medical centre and pharmacy at the top of Murch Road, but no bus service. The Community Council asked the Vale of Glamorgan to support the bus stop being utilised. A bus service now regularly runs to the medical centre from the Twyn.
- **Provide Grants to Local Organisations.** Small grants are available from the Community Council for local voluntary groups. This year the council set aside £4k of its annual budget 2025-26, to go towards grant applications. Requests for grants are considered throughout the financial year.
- **Community Events** - The Community Council continues to support major events held in Dinas Powys e.g. Dinas Powys Music Festival (GGDPMF) held over 10 days in May, the Village Show held late August/early September, the Christmas Dickensian Fayre held in December, and other events such as the RNLI coffee mornings and Women's Institute Fashion Show. All of these activities are held in the Parish and Lee Halls. In addition, the Music Festival utilises the Methodist Church for the highly popular concerts for the students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (RWCMD) and on occasions the Athletic Club, the Tennis Club, DIPLAC and St Peter's Church.
- **Engaging with Young People** – Dinas Powys is fortunate to have several sport facilities/organisations which are used by younger people; e.g. tennis, rugby, football clubs, bowling clubs, horse riding facilities, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Guiding, theatrical and dance performance groups. There is also a skate park in the community and several play areas; some of which are maintained by the Community Council.

The Community Council engage regularly with the Football Club, the Athletic and Rugby Club and help to facilitate their annual junior football and rugby festivals which are held on the Common. Approximately 1000 children take part in the junior football event. The Council are aware that some younger people living in the community may know that the Community Council exists. The Community Council are mindful that they need to engage with younger people to encourage them to vote. The Community Council regularly provide financial support for the primary school children's workshop, part of the Music Festival. Four of our local primary schools are included each year. The Community Council actively engages with pupils from the local primary and secondary schools. Councillors sit on the Board of Governors of Dinas Powys Primary School, Ysgol Pen y Garth and St Andrews Church in Wales School.

Every year, children from year 6 are invited to participate in landmark events such as Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day, VE & VJ Day. These commemorations provide a unique opportunity to connect with younger generations remembering this pivotal chapter in history.

- **A Safer Dinas Powys**
 - Lights at Eastbrook Station. After two years of engaging with 'United Welsh', the Community Council successfully managed to have lights installed on the footpath behind Eastbrook Station.
 - Dinas Powys Railway Station
Following on from the success of the lights at the back of Eastbrook Station, the Community Council engaged with Network Rail to highlight the dark, unlit footpath leading from Dinas Powys Railway Station to Elm Grove Place. Lights were eventually installed to the delight of a great many residents.
 - Footpath 28a - An initiative to install lights on footpath 28a, running from the pedestrian train crossing at Eastbrook railway station, to the Murch shops was also successful.
- **Engage with South Wales Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers** - The Council continue to engage with South Wales Police and local PCSO's .
- **Local Hero Award** - This initiative was set up by the Community Council, in 2024, to recognise the efforts of individuals and organisations who go above and beyond to provide help and support to members of the Community.

The Local Hero Certificates of Recognition were narrowed down to three individuals this year:

The winner of this year's Local Hero Award Shield is **Colin Wedgwood Turner**. Over the past 50 years he has had a significant number of volunteering roles both locally and internationally. Colin has volunteered and taught overseas, and made a significant contribution to students with special educational needs, locally. He has been on a local school's PTA and acted as school governor. He has assisted the Dinas Powys Women's Institute and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. His scouting contributions are immeasurable. Annually he has officiated on remembrance memorial events in the village not least the recent centenary memorials and VE, VJ days and D-day landings milestones. He has been described as the 'Community Helper'.

Guy Chapman. Every Christmas, Guy transforms his garden into a winter wonderland including Santa's sledge and reindeers as well as his helpers and a landscape worthy of the north pole which has brought so much joy to families over the years. The main motivation for this spectacular sight is to raise money for Ty Hafan, a local charity in Sully, for children living with life limiting conditions.

The late Dr Haydn Jones, OBE – in recognition of his extraordinary and significant contribution to this village. Dr Haydn Jones, who sadly passed

away last year dedicated his life to the caring of others and his volunteering and musical contributions are immeasurable.

This year, the Chair instigated a certificate of recognition to a young persons (under 16) Local Hero Award. **Sophie, aged 11** regularly sends out positive vibes to passers-by - by leaving positive messages in the window for people to read. Having started using paper – Sophie now leaves messages on a black board outside the family home. For example *‘why fit in when you were born to stand out’* and *‘every star shines a little differently’*. The council hopes this inaugural award will also encourage our younger residents to be nominated in future years.

For the group or organisation this year’s certificate of recognition goes to the **Gerd Gwyll Dinas Powys Music Festival**. This annual musical extravaganza was the brainchild of a small group in an upper room 26 years ago and the volunteer-run committee celebrated the Silver Jubilee last year.

- **More Notice Boards in the Village** –The notice boards are great way of informing the community of events taking place in the village. The Council now have 6 notice boards situated around the village. They can be found in Chapel Close, Cardiff Road near Southra Park, Longmeadow Drive, Vale View, Mill Road and the Twyn. A further notice board has also been installed at St Andrews Allotments.
- **Tackle Deprivation and Food Poverty** – The Community Council communicates with the local organisations such as the Housing Trust, Food Bank and charity organisations who support the elderly or vulnerable people as well as those who may be struggling with the cost of living crisis, in the community, to ensure that support is reaching those who need it.
- **The Community Council actively listens and interacts endeavouring to address our communities’ concerns** - The projects and partnerships detailed here, in this annual report, demonstrate the range of activities that will contribute to the delivery of the three Vale of Glamorgan, PSB well-being objectives. They will be fully reflected in any Community Council Development Plans.