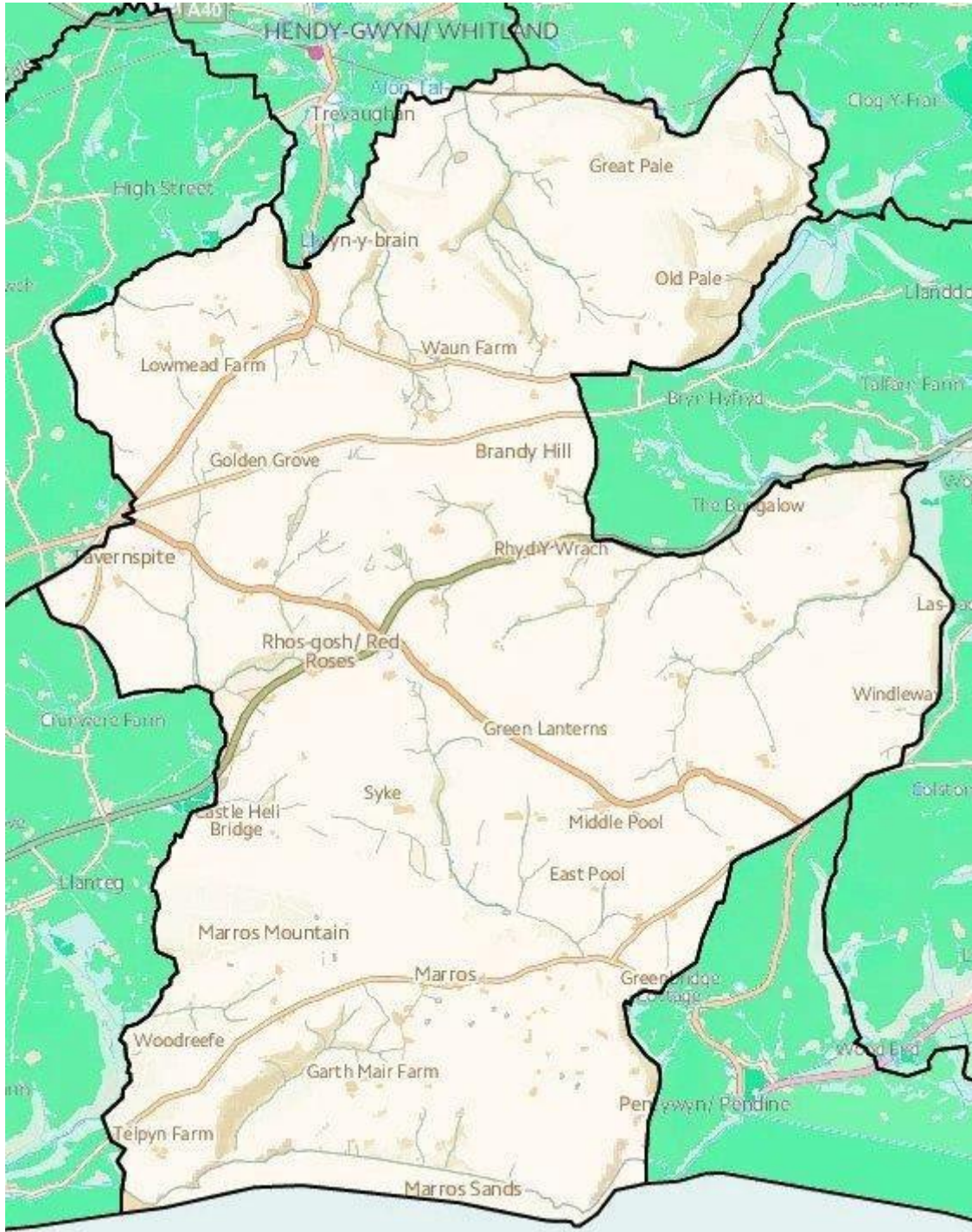


## Annual Report for Eglwyscummin Community Council 2025-26

### Background

Eglwyscummin Community Council is the tier of local government that is closest to the communities and people that it serves, and it is focussed specifically on the interests and concerns of the people who live or work in the Red Roses, Marros and Ciffig areas including the various farms and businesses.



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The Council is composed of seven Councillors. These are elected to that position every five years by the people living in Eglwyscummin Ward. The next election is in May 2027. The Council works closely with Eglwyscummin Community Association. The Council has one part-time employee, the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council owns one bus shelter in Marros; two war memorials (Red Roses and Marros); the three noticeboards in Red Roses, Marros and Ciffig; the freehold of Red Roses Community Hall (which is leased to and managed by the Association) and half-share of the freehold of the field at the top of Red Roses, which is also managed by the Association.

### **Priorities**

Our priorities are to support the people we serve and to enhance the area in which they live and work. To do this we work with other bodies including Carmarthenshire County Council and Eglwyscummin Community Association, a local wind farm and other community councils.

The Council has neither the resources nor the legal ability to cover or manage everything that it is asked to do, and as the local Council we are sometimes expected to deal with things which are actually the responsibility of another body. We do our best though! Examples include fixing broken streetlights, sorting out potholes or road damage, or dealing with fly-tipping. When this happens, the request is passed on to the relevant body, and we will let you know.

We welcome local residents to our meetings. They may attend to observe all the discussions of the Council (except in a very small number of situations when personal or legal information is being considered) and we have a specific agenda section each meeting where individuals can raise any local issues with the Council or the local County Councillor. If any individual wishes to raise a matter with the Council they are advised to contact the Clerk – details are below.

We are always open to new ideas of how we can support and help you, and assure you we will do what we can, so please do get in touch via the Clerk – contact details at the end.

### **Activities and Achievements**

The Council supports as many community activities as it can, including by donations towards costs. It also administers some income provided by a local wind turbine company, awarding grant funding annually – during this year it awarded funding from this to three local community organisations.

We have raised concerns about safety at the Red Roses central junction, resulting in a hedge being cut back to improve visibility including of the stop sign, and renewing the white lines for better safety. We continue to highlight various concerns raised by local residents with Carmarthenshire County Council, since we can be an extra voice working on their behalf.

We have continued to raise the ongoing concerns about the safety of the A477 Red Roses junction, including corresponding with the local Senedd members and others, and also working with neighbouring community councils who are also concerned about it. After a meeting with several local politicians (AMs and MP) we set up a Senedd Petition <https://petitions.senedd.wales/petitions/246512> to raise awareness even more about the issue and to put pressure on the Welsh Government to recognise it and take action. This petition was discussed after its closing date in mid August, and as a result improved signage and junction markers were installed, as well as a pull-in built just past the junction to enable GoSafe to do speed

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monitoring. We will continue to raise the community's concerns about this junction with the new Senedd members after May's elections.

The Council has also worked with the Community Association to improve the Memorial Garden in Red Roses. We also wish to record our thanks to those individuals who gave of their time to prune and tidy the Garden during 2025 and 2026.

### **Biodiversity**

As a Council that covers a rural area, it recognises the importance of improving the natural biodiversity of the area, indeed of the whole country, and works to positively support such initiatives. This is always considered when planning applications are considered in the Council meetings.

We were also delighted that volunteers gave of their time to plant the bags of daffodils that were donated to the community by the family of Alderman John Bradshaw. These are blooming at the time of writing, and look wonderful.

### **Looking forward**

We will continue to work with local groups and individuals to improve our community.

### **Contact details**

Your Councillors are:

**Sheila Beynon**

**John James**

**Clive Mitchell**

**Alan Morris**

**Hugh Owen**

**Veronica Thomas**

**Susan Wilson**

**Jane Tremlett** covers this area as part of her remit as County Councillor.

**Vicky Mitchell** is the Clerk/RFO for the Council – [clerk@eglwyscummin.co.uk](mailto:clerk@eglwyscummin.co.uk)

Our website is [eglwyscummin.co.uk](http://eglwyscummin.co.uk) . On it you can find out more about the history of our area, what is happening now, and also the work of the Council. If you have any queries, just get in touch.

