

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT  
APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

Yscir Community Council consists of 7 councillors, elected by the local community every 5 years (with an election due in May 2022). The Council meets 6 times a year with additional meetings, if required, to consider planning applications. Although not a member of the council, county councillor Iain McIntosh has attended its meetings and been very active in helping the council to get work done by Powys County Council in the area.

Almost all of the income of the Council comes through the precept (£4,132 in 2021/22). The Council spent £3050 in 2021/22 (rising to around £3,500 to include bills yet to be received). The most significant expenditure (£1800) was paying for the clerk who organises the meetings and undertakes any work required by the Council. No concerns were raised by the internal and external audits of the Council but the internal auditor thought that the level of reserves (around £2,300 in April 2021) was too low.

The Council has worked hard to increase the number of defibrillators in the community. Thanks to generous donations by two members of the community there are now defibrillators in Aberbran (outside Ty Torlan) and Battle (opposite Heol y Garreg). In addition there are defibrillators at Cradoc School (near front entrance) and at Cradoc Golf Club (rear of clubhouse).

Speedwatch has been introduced to try and make the roads safer in our villages (see article in newsletter).

The Council has opposed the closure of Cradoc School, making representations to Powys County Council at each stage of the process.

Due to Covid, there were no organised litter picks in 2021/22 but litter picking equipment is available for community members to borrow.

The future of the telephone box in Cradoc has been debated on numerous occasions. BT has agreed to repair and repaint the box which will continue to operate as an emergency telephone box.

Work is ongoing to identify sites and secure permission to plant trees in Yscir for the Queen's Grand Canopy Initiative.

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Clerk to Yscir Community Council