

Community Councillors

John Wagstaff – Chair

Kyle Park – Vice Chair

Jan Bartlett

Viv Blandford

Rebecca Hughes

Bryn Harries

Keith Jones

Michael Weekes

Community Councillors are elected every five years. As vacancies arise in between elections, residents can apply to become a Community Councillor. Vacancies will be advertised on the village noticeboards and on the Penhow CC website www.penhowcommunity.org

Councillors can be contacted through the clerk on clerk@penhowcommunity.org or 01633 401106.

Newport City Councillors

Will Routley

Ray Mogford

The Community Councillors work closely with the elected City Councillors. Will and Ray regularly attend the monthly CC meetings where they are updated with any concerns or issues that need further action by Newport City Council. They also update the CC with ongoing work that they are involved with.



Penhow Community Council Newsletter January 2023

The work of the Community Council

The Community Council meets monthly (usually on the 1st Wednesday of each month) at St John's Hall in Penhow. Local residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

There is always a public participation section on the monthly agenda. If there is an item that you would like to have discussed, please contact the clerk or attend the meeting in person.

Parc Seymour Park

The park in Parc Seymour is a fantastic asset for our community. The Community Council maintain the park for use by residents. The maintenance includes:

- Grass cutting
- Weeding
- Maintenance and repair of the play equipment, fencing, benches and all other items in the park

The walking path was installed in 2021. The path has made the park more accessible to all. An extension to the path is planned for the near future. This will extend the path to make a complete circuit of the park (meaning that people with pushchairs, wheelchairs or with limited mobility can use the park more easily).

A Picnic in the Parc was held in 2022. This event was enjoyed by many local residents and supported by local groups including the 1st Wentwood Scouts. Future events are being planned. Volunteers from the community are needed to help plan and manage these. Please let a Councillor or the clerk know if you are able to help out with any future events.

Park security has been increased since the unauthorised encampment in 2022. Additional bollards and concrete blocks have been installed and more are being planned, to protect both entrances to the park. Planting options to improve security are also being considered. These may include installing new hedging and tree planting. Park security is now a regular agenda item and is also reviewed annually.

Other Community Council Activities



The Covid memorial bench was purchased and installed by the bus stop on Greenmeadow Drive. This is a permanent memorial to all those we lost during the Covid-19 pandemic and also a thank you to the people who worked to support our community during this difficult time.

The Community Council work to actively increase the bio-diversity of our locality. There are now five wildflower beds in the village and a further section of wildflower planting in the park. These areas are purposely planted with a variety of wild flowers to support pollinators and also to look beautiful. Two bird feeders and a small area of wild plants are also maintained, adding to the biodiversity of our area.



The annual Remembrance display is installed in collaboration with the local Women's Institute group. The beautiful Christmas lights around the village are installed by the Community Council. The lighting of the Christmas tree at the Baptist Chapel, the Carol Singing and the fireworks display are all supported by grants from the Community Council.



Grant Funding to the Community

Penhow Community Council regularly supports local good causes with grants each year. Grants must be applied for, in writing, using the grant request form. You will need to demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit local residents. Due to the very limited amount of funds available, there will be one round of funding each financial year and the date will be announced on the news page of our website.

In 2021-22 grants were made to:

- £250.00 Christmas Lights at the Baptist Chapel
- £1,000.00 St John's Hall – support to help with the running and maintenance of the hall
- £100.00 to provide the music for the carol singing

So far, in 2022-23 grants have been made to:

- £1000.00 St John's Hall – support to help with the running and maintenance of the hall
- £500 to Penhow Village Shop – to help with the costs associated with the move into the new shop building
- £500.00 – 1st Wentwood Scouts
- £500.00 – 1st Wentwood Scouts firework display

Budget Funding

The Community Council is funded by a Precept Request to Newport City Council who raise the funds through the collection of the Council Tax. The Precept for 2021-22 was £19677.00 (which was the equivalent of £42.72 per year for a Band D property in Penhow).

The Community Council also has a small amount of savings that are used to support the planned works each year. Overview of spending for 2021-22 below:

Capital Expenditure	Including the walking path, memorial bench and new noticeboard	£12241.69
Council Costs	Office supplies, staff, insurance etc	£6634.82
Grants and Donations	Grants to the community	£1350.00
Community Services	Grass cutting, playing equipment maintenance	£5286.39
Total		£25412.90

Future Events

King's Coronation

We would like to help commemorate the Kings Coronation by supporting residents with street parties to mark the occasion. The Coronation will take place on Saturday, 6th May 2023, with an additional Bank Holiday on Monday, 8th May 2023. We are lucky to have access to many green spaces around the streets of Penhow and these make a great place to meet and an opportunity for residents to get to know their neighbours even better. If you would like to arrange a street party/picnic/bring your own or other celebration please let us know by Friday, 30th March 2023 and we will support you with coronation goodies, like bunting, table clothes and flags etc.

D-Day Anniversary

An early call for volunteers. We have ambitious plans to hold an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in 2024. The main event will take place in the field and we have already secured military vehicles to form a showcase and we expect to hold a picnic, with entertainment and stalls and much more. If you would like to be actively involved in this important event please get in touch – clerk@penhowcommunity.org

Useful Information:

Penhow CC –

clerk@penhowcommunity.org
www.penhowcommunity.org

Penhow Village Shop
 07726 936214

St John's Hall – booking
 enquiries Mrs L Stephens 01633
 400888

1st Wentwood Scout Group
 01633 892126

Grayhill Surgery, Caldicot
 01291 420282

Ringland Medical Practice
 01633 277011

Underwood Health Centre
 01633 413258

Newport City Council
 01633 656656

Newport and Gwent Samaritans
 0330 094 5717

Newport Citizens Advice
 01633 222622

Childline
 0800 1111

NHS Direct 111
 Emergency services 999
 Emergency services non-
 emergency number 101

Reporting your concerns to the Community Council

Did you know that you can report items directly to Newport City Council using the ReportIt! App on their website. This is very easy to do.

Go to the Newport City Council webpage www.newport.gov.uk

Once the page comes up on the screen, click on the Report It button. You do not need to set up an account, just log in as a guest. Click on the topic link, they are in blue text and underlined and follow the instructions.

Here is a list of some of the topics that come under NCC responsibilities and can be easily reported using the ReportIt App. During the year, many of these topics are reported to Penhow Community Council and we report them in this way. But with more residents reporting issues directly as they occur, the Community can achieve a fast, effective outcome.

- Bins, fly-tipping and litter
- Roads and pavements
- Street lights
- Parking
- Overgrown hedges, trees and weeds blocking a road or pavement
- Antisocial behaviour

Alternatively, you can report your concern to the Community Council

clerk@penhowcommunity.org 01633 401106



If you have an item that you would like to be discussed at the monthly Community Council meeting, please contact the clerk so that it can be included on the agenda.

Meeting agendas and minutes can all be found on our website www.penhowcommunity.org and in the village noticeboards.

