



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

1 OVERVIEW

2024-2025 The four wards that are constituent of Llanbadoc Community Council are: Little Mill, Monkswood, Glascoed & Llanbadoc.

Ward	Est Pop.
Little Mill	500
Monkswood	230
Glascoed	200
Llanbadoc	200

2 COUNCILLORS

2.1.1 Little Mill

- Colin Deakins
- Julian Bowen-Sargent
- Hannah Dando

2.1.2 Monkswood

- Jo Storey

There is a vacancy in Monkswood.

2.1.3 Glascoed

- Jenny Carpenter

There is a vacancy in Glascoed.

2.1.4 Llanbadoc

- Jan Clarke
- Ann Bowyer

2.2 NEW COUNCILLORS

- none

2.3 RESIGNATIONS

- none

3 PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS



LCC supported its partner [Little Mill Village Hall Association](#) by providing a two-phase grant towards the hall purchasing new doors to help with security, improved access and heating costs. The grants were paid to LMVHA in the amounts of £3,000 and £2,000 respectively.

Signage for the Usk / Llanbadoc Geology trail has been installed at the Llanbadoc Island car park as part of the trail which was devised [by The South East Wales Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites](#).

LCC teamed up with the [Gwent Wildlife Trust](#) for 'balsam bashing' sessions at Llanbadoc Island. These sessions demonstrated how to safely remove balsam from the ground for stacking and burning. Two well-attended sessions were held, successfully removing and destroying the balsam.



LCC Councillors continues to attend meetings for the Usk Town Masterplan (Usk TC Improvement Plan) and are awaiting the outcome of the surveys that have been conducted.

LCC are aware of the poor road condition in the county make regular submissions to MCC through '[My Monmouthshire](#)'.

LCC continues to support and work alongside the [Llanbadoc Voluntary Pathcare Group](#) the group is made up of local volunteers who carry out clearing and improvement works of footpaths in Llanbadoc. LCC has provided materials and equipment as and when required.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES



LCC continues to provide defibrillators with one in Monkswood and the other at Little Mill Village Hall. These are regularly monitored. There is also a defibrillator at Glascoed which is monitored by residents. Defibrillator monitoring updates can be found on [Defib finder – find the defibrillators nearest you](#). The unit at Little Mill Village Hall was fitted with new pads and new battery. The unit at Monkswood received an upgrade to the cabinet to prevent the ingress of water and new pads.

LCC continues to provide dog waste bins in Llanbadoc, Monkswood and four in Little Mill, the annual cost is £1,346.76(For the year)

LCC receives and responds to planning notices issued by MCC. Councillors have worked closely with residents in hearing and dealing with their planning concerns and taking them forward to county officers.



Councillors routinely carry out litter picks



LCC continues to work with MCC to carry out routine maintenance and inspections. LCC arranges street sweeping in Little Mill, the cutting of the play area in Little Mill and the cutting of the hedges. In Llanbadoc MCC carries out annual cleaning of the car park cattle grid and clearing of the ditch leading into the river.

The play park in Little Mill is maintained by LCC, this year the sand-filled matted safety areas below the play equipment has been repacked and cleaned.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATION

County Councillors Meirion Howells and Tony Kear have regularly attended LLC Council meetings and have been active in sending and responding to emails. LCC has coordinated with County Councillors to address any issues or matters raised by the public that cannot be resolved by LCC. LCC is satisfied with its relationship with County Councillors and intends to continue collaborating with them.

6 WOODLAND & COMMON LAND MAINTENANCE

Annual woodland management included surveys at Little Mill Play Area, Common Y Fal, Pergoed Woods, and Llanbadoc Island. Tree surveys were conducted on four sites, with work set to begin in 2025, pending acceptance of a quotation and the end of nesting season.

In collaboration with Farming Connect, LCC commissioned a comprehensive long-term woodland management report for Twyn-y-Cryn Woods in Glascoed. This plan will enable LCC to develop a multi-phase project, working alongside residents and stakeholders, to enhance and protect the woodland for future generations.

LCC contacted Farming Connect Wales with a view to becoming a member to access information and funding opportunities to enhance reporting on agricultural, woodland, and common land owned and managed by LCC. The application was accepted.

LCC worked with residents of Glascoed and BT Openreach to provide the means to allow a dedicated fibre optic line to be installed. The work netted LCC £3131.25 in wayleave payments.



Glascoed common has been cut and the overgrowth around the border has been cut back to show the extent of the site. It was noted that unauthorised planting has taken place on the site and the plants have been removed. An unauthorised fence has been identified, and residents were written to demanding the removal of the fence. The fence will now be removed by a council approved contractor. This is to ensure that The Commons Act Wales is being followed.

In June 2024 the volunteer Pathcare Group upgraded footpath access across a surface drain culvert on Lower Common.

<p>BEFORE</p>	<p>AFTER</p>

Further planned works for the site will take place in 2025 – 2026 as part of The Council’s ongoing biodiversity and community enhancement plans.

The removal of Japanese Knotweed in Trostra Common carried out by a contractor has been completed. Monitoring is ongoing to ensure that it does not return.

New signage to promote the one-way system at Llanbadoc Island was purchased.

In response to concerns from residents’ signage for ‘no camping’ has been put up at Llanbadoc Island. It was agreed that the area renowned for campers will be used for the planting of wildflowers to make it difficult for tent placement.

7 GRANTS OUTGOING.

Month / Year	Grant
June 2024	£468 to Monkswood Cricket Club
June 2024	£3000 to Little Mill Village Hall Association towards purchase of new doors
December 2024	£64.75 to Little Mill Village Hall Association for purchase of selection boxes
March 2025	£2000 to Little Mill Village Hall Association towards purchase of new doors
Total grants paid out: £5,532.52	

8 DONATIONS RECEIVED.

£900 received from a business in Glascoed

9 PRECEPT

There was no increase to the precept following on from 2023-2024. The precept was agreed at £27,752.00

10 2023 – 2024 AUDIT

The internal audit for 2023 – 2024 was returned unqualified. The Clerk and Chair agreed to include signed HMRC PAYE statements in future audits to show that The Council is complying with employment rules and making regular HMRC payments.

11 2024-2025 AUDIT

John Turner has agreed to carry out the internal audit for 2024-2025 and will receive it by the end of May 2025.

12 POLICIES AND PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT UPDATES

Financial Regulations were updated in accordance with the most revised version provided by One Voice Wales.