

COEDKERNEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual Report for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

1. Introduction

Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires that all Community Councils must prepare and publish an Annual Report about the council's priorities, activities, and achievements during the financial year.

2. Council Annual Report

The Community Council's Annual Report sets out information relating to the Community Council, its Councillors, Clerk, Meetings, Council priorities, Activities and Achievements.

3. Organisation of the Council

Coedkernew Community Council was created in 1974 following Local Government Reorganisation it is one of 14 Community Councils in the Newport City Council area. Members of Community Councils are required to make a formal declaration of acceptance of office. Following the signing of the declaration, members of the Community Council are then holders of elected office and occupy a role that is part of the Welsh Local Government structure.

4. Your Council

The Community Council is the grass roots voice of Local Government and is closest to the people, it has 7 elected members, representing the Coedkernew area, although we have 2 vacancies at present.

5. Elected Member Responsibilities as individuals

A Councillor must have an active interest in their local community and plays a vital role in representing the interest of the community. Councillors must act within the law and sign a declaration to say they agree to work within the Code of Conduct. They are able to suggest ideas, engage in constructive debate, represent constituents and respond to the needs and views of the local community. Councillors are the voice of their local community and can work to influence other tiers of local government.

6. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

The Clerk is the council's chief officer employed under Section 112 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972. As the Proper Officer of the Council in law the Clerk is answerable to the Council as a whole. Individual members cannot give instructions to the Clerk. The Clerk of Coedkernew Community Council is also the RFO and manages its finances. The Clerk can be contacted on clerkcoedkernewcommcouncil@gmail.com.

7. Communication

The Coedkernew Community Council has a website where all agendas and minutes are published along with financial information, details of internal and external audit outcomes and council policies. The website is www.coedkernewcommunitycouncil.org

8. Meetings

Coedkernew Community Council usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm except in August and December. All meetings are open to the public with a time allocation.

9 Finances

The Community Council is funded by a precept which is collected by the City Council on behalf of the Community Council and covers the council's requirements. The members of the Coedkernew Community Council are volunteers and do not receive any payment from the public purse.

9. Council Priorities

We will continue to work with our Marshfield Ward City Councillors who regularly attend our meetings. We also work closely with our ward Police Officers who report back to the Community Council, we will also continue to report on any issues within our area, including planning, potholes, and anything else which affects our community.