

Community Council Charter

Our Mission:

Enabling residents to participate in shaping our communities and proactively enhancing our distinctive rural communities for the benefit of the health and well-being of residents and future generations.

Our Objectives:

Planning

- Distinctive, sustainable rural communities.
- Protecting and enhancing the Conservation Areas
- Safety through design.
- Public Realm – enhancing our streets & public open spaces
- Encourage healthy activity
- Five ways of working / sustainability principles / sustainable development

Housing

- Support for residents with matters related to housing

Health & Well-being

- Active travel infrastructure
- Access to open spaces
- Play & fitness opportunities
- Community groups & activities
- Protection from air, noise and light pollution
- Liaison with the police on issues related to public safety & well-being

Vulnerable Groups & Equality

- Be inclusive of those with disAbilities, with support where necessary
- Consider the needs of all residents, young and old, male and female.

Mobility & Accessibility

- Planning to enable walking and cycling
- New infrastructure for Active Travel
- Public Realm to facilitate and encourage use of public transport & active travel
- Maintenance and enhancement of existing infrastructure

Environment

- Biodiversity – protecting, enhancing and providing habitat for wildlife
- Sustainability – sustainability principles. Reducing waste
- Public Realm – enhancing our streets & public open spaces for people
- Pollution – tackling air, noise, & light pollution

Communications & engagement

- Proactive engagement with residents and other public bodies
- Communicate clearly and with purpose at regular periods
- Ensure all have access to our communications
- Facilitate two-way communications

Education

- To give children the best start in life.

History

- Value, highlight and protect our history

Representation

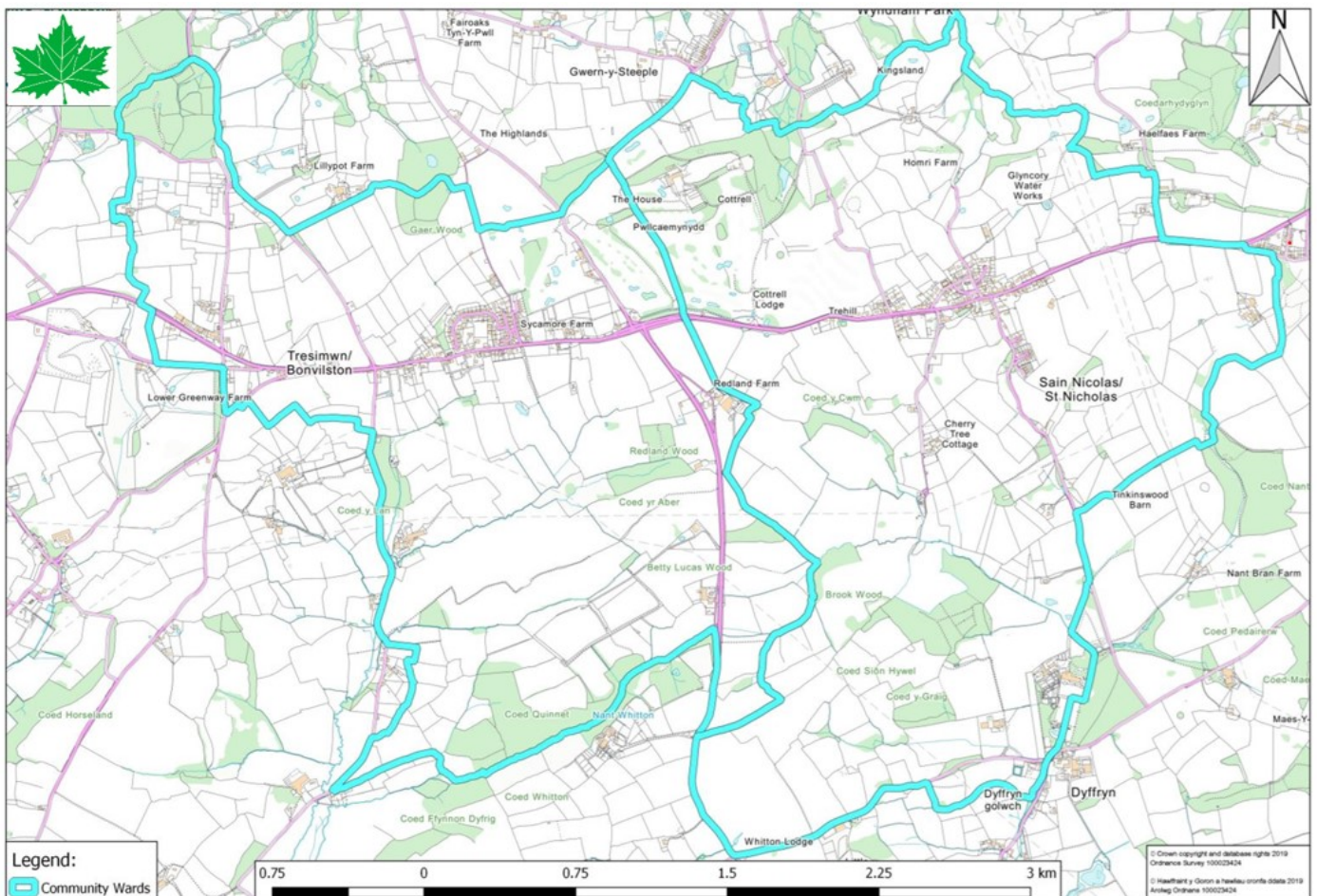
- A democratically elected Community Council
- Liaison with other public bodies to achieve positive outcomes for the community
- Scrutiny of matters related to our community

Governance

- We will demonstrate good governance in managing the business and finances of the Community Council
- Councillors adhere to the ***Nolan Principals of public life***
 - Selflessness
 - Integrity
 - Objectivity
 - Accountability
 - Openness
 - Honesty
 - Leadership
- Our decision-making process will involve the **Five Ways of Working:**
 - thinking about long-term needs and demands as well as current ones.
Long Term
 - acting to prevent problems getting worse or from starting in the first place.
Prevention
 - considering how actions in one area may impact on other areas & public bodies. ***Integration***
 - acting in collaboration with third sector organisations and other public bodies to help achieve well-being objectives. ***Collaboration***
 - involving the people that services or activities are going to benefit or affect from as early a stage as possible. ***Involvement***

- We will contribute to the Welsh Government’s **7 well-being goals**:
 - a prosperous Wales
 - a resilient Wales
 - a healthier Wales
 - a more equal Wales
 - a Wales of cohesive communities
 - a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
 - a globally responsible Wales.

Our Communities



St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council