

# ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The Community Council consists of 8 Councillors covering the Isycoed Community Council ward, which is part of the larger Borough ward of Holt. The main areas of Isycoed include Bowling Bank and part of the Industrial Estate. There are 231 domestic households covered by the Community Council in total. The Council is supported by a Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

The Council meets eleven times a year, on the third Tuesday of the month, except for August.

All Councillors give up their time voluntarily but can opt to claim a statutory amount of £156 for office related expenses and travel if they so choose.

### **How does the Community Council raise money?**

Each year the Council raises money through the precept.

The budget for 2024-2025 was £19040. The precept was £19,040 or £81.71 per household. The expenditure for the year was £ 60,435 which included a large grant of £33,302 received from WCBC via the Shared Prosperity Fund to upgrade parts of the Hall.

### **What does the Community Council do?**

Among its main duties, the Community Council manages and maintains the Village Hall, and the Footway Lighting, and comments on any Planning proposals as they affect the Community and takes forward any issues that arise that affect the well-being of residents. The Council also works with the Unitary Authority to ensure they are providing the best services possible for the Community, in terms of Cleansing and Environmental works and the Highways. The Council also works closely with local voluntary, environmental and village social groups, and provides grants where possible to support the work of those groups.

The Council can only work within the 'powers' set to it by law, but nevertheless can meet a number of its aims through its 'power' of ensuring Well-being in the Community. The Council embraces the seven well-being goals as set by the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015. These goals are:

- 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.

## Summary of Community Council Activities and Achievements during 2024-2025

**Village Hall:** The Community Council applied to WCBC for a Shared Prosperity Grant and were successful. A grant in the region of £33,302 was awarded and this enabled the Community Council to carry out improvements to the Village Hall entrance, roofing and surrounding drainage, as well as lowering of the internal Hall ceiling, to reduce heating costs. A further application was made to the Community Payback Scheme administered by WCBC and this enabled the provision of disabled toilet facilities and baby changing station and upgrades to Ladies toilets. Complete redecoration of the centre, new blinds and flooring completed the works to upgrade the Hall.

Thanks go to Community Councillors Dennis Edwards and Steve Ellis for giving up their time to carry out work in the Committee room.



**Village Hub:** A Village Hub has met throughout the Autumn and Winter months, and has been funded through another SPF grant. This has proven very popular amongst residents and will now be extended to cover the spring/summer period as well going forward. Thanks to Cllr Sharon Worsnop, and Sue Jones and Sarah Haycox for volunteering and helping the Hub to continue.



**VE Day 80 celebration** – on the 8<sup>th</sup> May the Community came together at the Village Hall to celebrate. Church bells were rung and a beacon was lit on land behind the village hall. Fish and chip suppers were available and refreshments were served from the Village Hall provided by the Community Council. The Chairman Cllr Peter Jones and Cllr Paul Williams built the beacon.



**Reduction in speeding:** The Community Council has highlighted areas of concern for speeding to Wrexham Council and North Wales police.

**Provision of defibrillators:** A defibrillator has now been provided by the Community Council, located outside St Paul's school.

**Website:** A new website has been developed for residents, to provide information about the Community and the activities and financial management of the Community Council.

### **Grant Support**

In 2024-25 the Council supported local groups that encourage healthier living and promote well-being in the Community.

Donations were made to groups supporting families in the community of Isycoed.

### **Community Engagement**

In carrying out its main activities the Council is mindful of the importance of engagement with the Community. All meetings, announcements, events, and consultations are published on the Council's website, <https://www.isycoedcommunitycouncil.org.uk/> and on the community noticeboard.

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If you have any issues of concern, please contact one of your Community Councillors, and they will do their best to help you. If you wish to contact the Council, or wish to attend a meeting to speak to the Council, please contact the Clerk on the telephone number above