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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 2025-2026 was £21,718. The precept was £20,000 or £85.83 per band D household. The expenditure for the year was £19,926 with income of £26,249.

What does the Community Council do?

Among its main duties, the Community Council manages and maintains the Village Hall and the Footway Lighting. They are consulted and make 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 village hall continues to be at the centre of village life and is well used by residents.



Village Hub: A Village Hub meets every Thursday during the year apart from the month of August when it is closed. This has proven very popular amongst residents and is well attended. A varied range of free food and refreshments are provided with games of bingo and quizzes put on by volunteers.



Special events are celebrated throughout the year. Craft sessions and interesting talks on topics relevant to the age range are also arranged by volunteers.



Thanks to Cllr Sharon Worsnop, Sue Jones, Sarah Haycox and Jane and Lee for volunteering and helping the Hub to continue. Thanks also to Hotel Wrexham for all their support, Networld Sports (for providing the volunteers with their smart aprons!) and Kelloggs UK for the free boxes of cereals.



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 2025-26 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.

National Eisteddfod 2025

Isycoed was incredibly proud to be chosen to host the 2025 National Eisteddfod which took place from 2 to 9 August, celebrating Welsh arts, language, and culture with competitions, performances, and community events with an attendance during the week of over 170,000.

The National Eisteddfod is Wales' largest cultural festival, celebrating music, poetry, visual arts, dance, and theatre, and attracting over 170,000 visitors annually. In 2025, the festival was held on farmland at Is-y-Coed. The site was transformed into a temporary town with a 1,500-seat pavilion, multiple performance spaces, stalls, and a Gorsedd circle for ceremonial events, providing a vibrant hub for both competitions and entertainment.

Attendees could explore a wide range of stalls, exhibitions, and workshops, enjoy performances, and participate in cultural activities. The festival's layout was designed to maximize accessibility and footfall, with more stalls than in previous years and no strict grouping, allowing visitors to experience the full diversity of Welsh arts.

The event, although daunting in size, was extremely well organised by the Eisteddfod Committee, causing very little disruption for local residents.



Christmas tree lights switch on event

This is an annual event organised by the Chairman and his wife Sue assisted by the 'Hub' volunteers. Carols, mulled wine and refreshments ensure the event is well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Lee for his expertise on the night– our PA guru!



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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