

DOLWYDDELAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2024/25

In the financial year 2024/25 the Community Council received £20,000 as the precept. We also received £2949.45 in VAT refunds from prior years, £2140 from the toilets and £490 in fees for the cemetery.

Our expenditures were £1183.65 for room rentals, insurance, maintenance of the defibrillator pads and subscriptions, £1,647.59 for staff costs. The Christmas Tree standing charge for power £775.08. The Christmas Tree purchase and a donation towards the food and drink. Dog bins cleaning including catching up from last year £752.50. Cemetery maintenance costs were £3590. Toilet costs were £3592.04. The Cenotaph care was £279.00. We also paid bank charges of £175.08.

We received SNPA funding of £2,260 towards the cemetery and had costs against this of £2,600, but had £433.40 to recover in VAT. A small underspend of £93.40. We received £1,540 from SNPA towards the Cenotaph maintenance to repaint the lettering and clean it up. We spent £1,260 on repairs, leaving a surplus of £280 for further maintenance.

We had from the prior year £3000 from the Borzello Trust and received a further £249 from the St James chapter. We spent £3,367.21 but have some recoverable VAT of £320.80 to offset against this.

We had from the previous year from CCBC £7,984 for the community plan and spent £7,982 in the year. The Community Plan is available on the website.

We received from CCBC SPF £7,650 towards a feasibility study for the Hydro Scheme with expenditure of £9,180 but the difference is VAT which we recovered to break even. The outcome was that the Hydro Scheme is feasible. We received SPF funding towards the Cemetery of £61,943. We spent overall £77,290.94 and received a VAT refund of £12,048.36. We have a further refund of £4,834.31 to receive, which leaves an underspend of £4.73.

Our opening balance at the beginning of the year was £13,747.29 of which £548.27 belonged to Dolwyddelan in Bloom (DiB) and £10,984 was restricted for the Borzello and Key Fund projects.

At the end of the year our balance was £11,662.66 of which £589.96 belonged to DiB and the remainder £11,072.70 was in DCC reserves.

This year we have just received £33,600 from Conwy SPF for phase 2 of the Hydro Scheme to carry out the necessary surveys, design the final scheme and apply for planning permission. Once this is done, we will have a greater understanding of what can be achieved and what benefits it can bring to the community. At that point we will hold a public meeting to decide on the corporate structure needed to take the scheme forward and apply for the grants to actually build the scheme.