Llangoedmor Community Council	
Meeting Date:	November 2026
Report Title:	Contribution to the OAP Christmas Party
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Presented By	Cllrs Furse and Robinson
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Introduction

Cllrs Furse and Robinson met with representatives of the Llechryd Village Party on 23rd October 2026 to discuss how the Community Council could contribute to the OAP Christmas Party and could develop links with the group in the future.

Meeting

Minutes of the meeting and conclusions reached are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Proposal

It is proposed that the Council makes a donation of £500 towards the cost of the OAP Christmas Dinner.

Proposer: Cllr J. Furse

Seconded: Cllr M. Robinson

Appendix 1

Llangoedmor Community Council

Meeting 2nd November 2026

Proposal

The Llangoedmor Community Council should make a donation of £500.00 to Llechryd Village Party to support the provision of this year's Christmas Dinner for the elders of the community that the Community Council serves. A contribution of this amount would equate to £5.88p per attendee based on 85 people.

Proposers

Councillors Mel Robinson and James Furse

Background

The Community Council at its meeting on 5 October 2026 expressed a wish to offer financial support to the organisers of this year's Christmas Dinner but deferred its proposal to *transfer £250 from Reserves to provide a contribution to the OAP Christmas Dinner and that this budget be made recurring as part of the planning process*, until the November 2026 meeting.

Councillors Robinson and Furse agreed to meet with the organisers of the Christmas Dinner to ascertain a) the level of financial support that might be required and b) that if financial support were offered by the Community Council, that it would be accepted.

Councillors Robinson and Furse contacted the organisers with an offer to meet, and an informal meeting took place at the Coracle Hall on 23 October. Those present at the meeting were Amanda Edwards, Sharon Griffiths, Nicky Redmond and Mel Williams representing the organisers, 'Llechryd Village Party'.

From the discussion it was noted that:

1. Financial support from the Community Council for this year's Christmas Dinner would be welcomed;
2. That any financial support would add resilience to the organisers' current funding position for the dinner (circa £1,700.00) to ease any pressure on the numbers due to attend;
3. That the organisers' current funding for the dinner had been derived from a combination or fundraising from events and local businesses, and a substantial grant from a grant-making organisation from outside the community;
4. That the governance of 'Llechryd Village Party' was being considered by its members, with a view to it becoming a formal Charity (it manages its own finances, banking and other affairs entirely separately from the Coracle Village Hall Committee);

5. That the organisers would welcome an opportunity to discuss with Council Members the future funding of the Christmas Dinner and other events beneficial to the Community.

The sum of £500.00 is being proposed both to strengthen the finances of the organisers to ensure that no-one from the community should be turned away if eligible, and to signal a spirit of positive co-operation to assist future engagement with such a key stakeholder of the Council.

During the discussion the principle of co-funding activity was accepted by all as being appropriate and that any funding provided this year would not set a precedent for any future funding, there being a wish to explore and devise together a funding strategy and formula that would meet the needs of community events beyond the Christmas Dinner, addressing other groups in the community such as the young and those with caring responsibilities.

Cllr Mel Robinson
Cllr James Furse