

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

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What we do

Community Councils are made up of local people who give their time to work for, and on behalf of, their community.

St Arvans Community Council (SACC) meets on the third Wednesday of every month (except August and December) at 7pm in the Meeting Rooms. The meetings last approximately 2 hours and are open to the public. Our chief responsibility is to make known the concerns of local people to Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) and other public bodies, for example the Police and Natural Resources Wales.

MCC has a duty to consult with SACC over local services such as planning and licencing applications.

In addition, SACC:

- Provides small grants for local organisations and projects.
- Pays for the emptying of dog waste bins.

- Owns and maintains benches and notice boards.
- Consults with local residents on planning applications.
 - Maintains defibrillators
 - Reports highway problems to MCC.
- Consults with MCC and the Police on issues of speed and road safety.
 - Investigates resident enquiries and questions.
- Appoints representatives on bodies such as One Voice Wales.

Chair's report

2024-25 was a busy year for the Council.

A new Councillor was co-opted (Councillor Peter Taylor) and the Personnel group successfully recruited a new clerk.

The Highways group continued to work on road safety measures including traffic monitoring strips, signage replacement, repainting of road markings and lobbying of Monmouthshire County Council for additional safety measures.

The Environment group are now working with a local handyperson to ensure maintenance and repair of play equipment, fences, benches and other street furniture around the village. They continue to ensure that defibrillators are kept in good working order. They also take part in local litter picks.

Additionally, the Council organises grass cutting around the village and collection of dog waste.

The Communications group have updated Councillor iPads and set up the Council Facebook page.

Grants were awarded for churchyard maintenance to St Arvans Church and Penterry Church.

Planning applications were reviewed in collaboration with residents and recommendations communicated to Monmouthshire County Council where appropriate.

Councillors have also continued to collaborate with other local groups such as the Memorial Hall Management Committee, the Village Trust, One Voice Wales Area committee and Wye Valley Villages Group.

Peter Farley (Chair)

What we cost 2023-24

Expense	Budget	Spend
Admin	£7,355	£4,382
Annual allowances	£1,710	£1,650
Audits	£385	£1,775
Cleaning	£1,091	£1,304
Defib batteries and pads	£200	£220
Dog bin emptying	£1,320	£1,120
Grants	£500	£750
Grass cutting	£611	£1,464
Hall hire	£500	£443
IT	£700	£1,196
Mobile phone	£170	£168
Subscriptions	£350	£308
Training	£280	£160