Old St Mellons Community Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Old St. Mellons Community Council (OSMCC) for the year ending 31 March 2026.

OSMCC is a non-political Council and comprises of nine Community Councillors all of whom are residents of the authority:

- Cllr Debbie Brown (Chair)
- Cllr Sam Evans (Vice Chair)
- Cllr Ieuan Burridge-Bryant
- Cllr Jane Croad
- Cllr Gaynor Hassan
- Cllr Anne Hopewell-Ash
- Cllr Rosemary James MBE
- Cllr Dianne Rees MBE
- Cllr John Summers

Two working parties report to OCMCC

Assets Working party

Cllr Debbie Brown - Chair
Cllr Sam Evans – Vice Chair
Cllr Ieuan Burridge-Bryant
Cllr Jane Croad
Cllr John Summers

Community Working party

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Cllr Rosemary James
Cllr Dianne Rees

OSMCCTC Committee

Liz Croad-Protheroe - Chair
Ieuan Burridge-Bryant - Vice Chair
Liz Morgan - Secretary
Rhianna Solosy – Welfare/Safeguarding Officer
Katharine Green - Vice Welfare/Safeguarding Officer
Anthony Clark - Social Secretary

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BUDGET

The Council's main source of income is its Precept. Further income is generated from Village Hall hire, graveyard management, OSMCC Tennis Club.

The precept is the amount that Cardiff Council collects from Old St. Mellons' residents for OSMCC as part of its Council Tax arrangements.

The Precept in 2025-2026 was £59224

The Council's expenditure largely related to:

Finance Costs

- Old St. Mellons Village Hall, Newport Rd. Management and maintenance.
- Ty'r Winch Rd. Playing Fields maintenance including regular mowing, hedge and tree maintenance, paths and boundary maintenance.
- OSMCC Tennis Club maintenance of 2 courts, gates and equipment.
- St. Edeyrn's Burial ground and boundary maintenance.
- Ty'r Winch Playing Fields pavilion maintenance and utilities.
- Staff Salaries
- Community Notice boards – maintenance and replacement
- Funding to maintain the Community website

A full breakdown is available in the Annual Accounts.

All Councillors were paid an annual allowance payment of £156 or pro rata - length of service incurred during the financial year.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CARDIFF COUNCIL

The Charter meetings have been held during 2024/2025 and Community Councils would like a continuation of such meetings, due to a change in the Monitoring Officer meetings have been less frequent.

TRAINING PLAN

All Community Councillors are asked to attend training courses as appropriate and OSMCC is a Member of One Voice Wales which undertakes most of the training needs of local Councils. A Training Plan is published on OSMCC website.

AUDIT

Accounts ending 31 March 2026 will be subject to an Internal Audit by a qualified Accountant and also an External Audit by the Auditor General for Wales. The outcome of all Audits are published on the Council's Website.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A representative of the Cardiff Council Standards Committee has attended meetings of the Council.

KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2025/2026

Complete a new modular build Pavilion (Section 106 money)

Part Resurface of the Village Hall carpark

Possible refurbishment of toilets and kitchen at the Village Hall (section 106 money)

New Trees to be planted in the future at Ty'r Winch Playing Fields

Maintaining and improving the facilities available to the residents of Old St. Mellons ensuring all facilities are properly resourced and supported.

Continue to establish further memberships with OSMCC Tennis Club.

Establish funding for floodlights to the Tennis Courts

The Council will continue to scrutinise every planning application and to make comments to the Head of Planning where appropriate.

The OSMCC has been active in the consultation on the Replacement Local Development Plan and has commented on boundary reviews affecting its administrative area

ASSETS

- The Council owns the freehold land of the Ty'r Winch Road Playing Fields and are responsible for maintenance.
- The playing fields were awarded the Keep Wales Tidy Flag. The children's play area is managed by Cardiff County Council who are responsible for installation, and maintenance as part of a Section106 agreement.
- Village Hall which is hired out to various regular groups as well as being available for private bookings such as for birthday parties, and funeral wakes and business meetings as WIFI is available.

- 5 noticeboards in Old St. Mellons located: Village Hall, Ty'r Winch Playing Fields, Beechtree Park, Arcon House and St. Edeyrn's Village providing regular updates for the community on various matters and activities taking place.
- 4 Heritage trail notice boards.

ACTIVITIES

Summer 2025 there were many tennis events and tennis taster events at the Tennis courts, new members were acquired.

The flower boxes around the Village, and flowers/shrubs were planted.

November 2025 In conjunction with the local Churches and SW Police the Council was pleased to facilitate the annual Remembrance Sunday event at the War Memorial. Followed by refreshments made available at The Fox and Hounds.

December 2025 a very successful Community Christmas Carol service was held with the support of Ty'r Winch Public House staff and owner. All residents of Old St. Mellons were notified of the event and many attended.

RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

OSMCC is represented by two Members of the Village Association as well as being represented on the governing body of St. Mellons Church in Wales Primary School by Cllr Sam Evans

OSMCC has a close working relationship with the local Police and in particular with the Police Constable Support Officer. OSMCC supports the community engagement between residents and the police by advertising the local Cuppa with a Copper meetings in the Ty'r Winch PH in the newsletter and website.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the completion of full refurbishment of the two tennis courts and established the OSMCC Tennis Club with the assistance of utilising the section 106 monies and the support of the Welsh Lawn Tennis Association and Cardiff Council. It has been very successful; Coaching facilities have been provided to help boost membership numbers with open days planned for this Summer.

We are confident that the OSMCC continues to be a vibrant and key part of the community.

The Community Council has succeeded in digital accessibility and being able to fully conduct hybrid meetings.

OSMCC are proud to note that there are diverse community groups including OSMCCTC, Village Association and Churches activities as well as community groups such as Knit & Natter, Gardening Club, The Entertainers, the allotment society, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

PRIORITIES

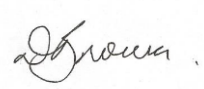
To build on the success of OSMCC to contribute to improving the facilities available to the community and to contribute to the quality of life of the community of Old St. Mellons. Further to effectively communicate and consult with the residents to build on the success of the community and to welcome the new residents and maintain the longstanding positive relationship of the community of Old St. Mellons.

SUMMARY BY CHAIR

OSMCC has achieved considerable success during this past year. Obtaining section 106 monies which has enabled a new Pavilion at Ty'r Winch Playing Fields and further refurbishments of the Village Hall planned. The success of the Tennis club continues with the hopeful provision of floodlights in the winter months if funding can be made available.

The OSMCC has continued to hold its regular meetings Hybrid at the Village Hall or Zoom, ensuring access for all councillors with varying technical skills, enabling public participation when appropriate.

It maintains close links with all sections of the community especially the Village Association with whom many more events are planned for the coming year.
The OSMCC vision is to ensure that the new developments surrounding the village, at St. Edeyrn's development will be fully integrated into the community.



Cllr Debbie Brown
Chair to Old St. Mellons Community Council