



Forden with Leighton and Trelystan Community Council

Annual Report 2025–2026

1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

1. About the Community Council

1.1 Overview

Forden with Leighton and Trelystan Community Council serves the communities of Forden, Leighton and Trelystan in Powys. The Council operates within the 2022–2027 electoral term and works to support local wellbeing, community cohesion, and the improvement of local amenities.

1.2 Councillors

Councillors were elected at the May 2022 Local Government Elections or co-opted thereafter.

Ward	Name	Address
Trelystan	Terry Lomas	6 Redwood Close, Leighton
Trelystan	Adam Lloyd (Vice Chair)	Bramley House, Withy Avenue, Forden
Trelystan	Di Stevens	Lower House, Trelystan
Forden	Rachael Briggs	16 Withy Avenue, Forden
Forden	Shaun Rees	Lyndale House, Forden
Forden	Mark Williams	
Forden	Clayton Bowen	8 St Michaels Crescent, Forden
Forden	Anthony Day	Brookfield, Forden
Forden	Suzanne Rowlands (Chair)	5 Withy Avenue, Forden
Forden	VACANT	

1.3 Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

The Council employs one part-time Clerk who also serves as the Responsible Finance Officer.

Clerk: Rachel Tibbott

Address: Glanllyn, Leighton, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8HJ

Email: clerk@fltcc.org.uk

1.4 Council Meetings

The Council meets monthly (excluding August and December recess). Meetings are normally held alternately at Forden Community Centre and Leighton Village Hall at 7pm, on the last Thursday of the month.

Meeting dates for 2025–2026 included:

- 24th April 2025
- 29th May 2025 (Annual Meeting followed by Ordinary Meeting)
- 26th June 2025
- 31st July 2025
- 25th September 2025
- 30th October 2025
- 27th November 2025
- 29th January 2026
- 26th February 2026
- 26th March 2026

1.5 Responsibilities

Forden with Leighton & Trelystan Community Council is responsible for the following services:

- The Pavilion, Forden
- The Bowling Green, Forden
- The Sports Ground, Forden
- The Sewage Treatment Plant, Forden
- The Hardcourts, Forden
- The Cemetery, Forden
- The Green, Forden
- Noticeboards in Leighton, Trelystan and Forden
- Benches in Forden and Leighton
- Playparks in Leighton, Heritage Green and Forden School
- Defibrillators and cupboards in Leighton Centre, Trelystan Crossroads, Forden Community Centre and The Chapel in Forden

2. Financial Summary 2025–2026

2.1 Income

- **Precept:** £56838
- **Other Income:** £11604.55

2.2 Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year, including staff costs, community projects, maintenance, and grants: **£51760.61**

2.3 Bank Balances

Opening Balance 1.4.25 £117297

Closing Balance 31.3.26 £127639.81

Ear marked funds:

General playparks				£3,600.00
Cemetery				£20,000.00
Pavilion				£10,000.00
Sports Ground				£10,000.00
Adjoining field to Sports Ground				£10,000.00
Leighton Playground				£10,000.00
Heritage Green Playground				£10,000.00
Forden School Playground				£10,000.00
Hardcourt Area				£17,520.00
				£101,120.00

2.4 Audit

The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2026 was submitted to Audit Wales in accordance with statutory deadlines. The Council will update its website upon receipt of the External Auditor's report.

3. Council Priorities & Action Plan 2026–2027

The Council's Action Plan outlines its aims and priorities for the coming year, including:

- Enhancing community wellbeing and resilience
- Supporting biodiversity and environmental improvements
- Maintaining and improving local amenities
- Strengthening community engagement and transparency
- Supporting local groups and events

The Action Plan will be reviewed and adopted at the May 2026 Council meeting and published on the Council website.

4. Public Participation

4.1 Website

The Council website provides access to agendas, minutes, policies, financial information, and contact details:

www.fltcc.org.uk

4.2 Attending Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings. A public participation session of up to 3 minutes is included at the start of each meeting and notice of at least 15 minutes before a meeting starts is needed to be given if public wish to speak.

5. Training Plan

5.1 Training & Development

The Council has adopted a Training Plan covering the skills and development needs of Councillors and the Clerk.

5.2 Training Matrix

Training undertaken is recorded in a Training Matrix updated regularly and published on the Council website.

6. Activities & Achievements 2025–2026

Below is a summary of the Council's work throughout the year:

April

- Councillors painted the playpark equipment in Leighton and Forden (by the school).
- Councillors cleared the storeroom at the Pavilion making room for the new boiler system.
- Donations made to the newsletters in Leighton and Forden
- Thermomarkings replaced on hardcourts in Forden
- Natural Resources Wales Discharge Licence purchased regarding the Sewage Treatment plant in Forden.
- Asset register updated.

May

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Renewal of Insurance
- Appointment of Internal Auditor

- Purchase of new basketball nets and backboards for Forden hardcourt area.
- Purchase of new foldable tables for the Pavilion making them easier to handle.
- Tree highlighted as dangerous in report felled in Forden sports ground.
- Purchase of new bird scaring materials for the Pavilion Forden to stop birds fowling on the paved areas.
- Painting and repair of play equipment at Leighton playpark with grateful thanks to Carpenter & Pattersons of Welshpool.
- Painting and repair of basketball posts at Forden hardcourts with grateful thanks to Carpenter & Pattersons of Welshpool
- Painting of play equipment at Forden (school) playpark

June

- Approval of Internal Auditor's Report
- Approval of Annual Governance Statement

July

- Windows replaced in the play house in Leighton playpark
- Benches, tables and playhouse repainted in Leighton playpark.

September

- Upgrade of remaining internal lights in the Pavilion, Forden to LED
- Steps and area around noticeboard in Trelystan repaired, adding a rail for safety.
- Revenue Grants given to Leighton Village Hall and Forden Community Centre.

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October

- Official response to consultation on the proposed new sites for the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation returned to Powys as requested.
- ROSPA inspection reports received for Leighton, Forden and Heritage Green playparks.

November

- Cllr Lloyd elected as new Bio-diversity Lead.

January

- Repair of steps at Pavilion completed
- Storm damage fallen trees made safe at Sports Ground
- Biodiversity Churchyard maintenance grant applications agreed for Leighton, Forden and Trelystan.
- Biodiversity report published
- Outside lights in Pavilion repaired
- Ducting in attic of Pavilion replaced.

February

- Defib pads for all 4 defibs in Leighton, Forden and Trelystan purchased plus batteries for the defib at the Community Centre Forden

March

- Renewal of One Voice Wales membership
 - Biodiversity grant received consisting of a hedgehog box and birdboxes which will be situated in Trelystan, Leighton and Forden cemeteries.
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7. Conclusion

The Council remains committed to supporting the residents of Forden, Leighton and Trelystan by improving local amenities, strengthening community engagement, and promoting wellbeing and resilience. We thank all Councillors, volunteers, and community members for their contributions throughout the year.

Rachel Tibbott

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
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