

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSTEFFAN A LLANYBRI**  
**LLANSTEFFAN AND LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Certification and approval of annual accounts for 2016-20

Regulation 15(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that the Responsible Financial Officer of Llansteffan and Llanybri Community Council sign and date the statement of accounts, and certify that it presents fairly the financial position of Llansteffan and Llanybri Community Council at the end of each year and the Council's income and expenditure for the year. The Regulations required that this be completed by 30 June 2020.

The (acting) Responsible Financial Officer has not signed and certified the accounts for the 4 years ending 31 March 2020 because the completed paperwork is still in the hands of the internal auditor. The considerable pressures of the Covid-19 outbreak have caused understandable delays.

Regulation 15(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that following the certification by the Responsible Financial Officer referred to above, the Council must approve the accounts. The Regulations require that this be completed by 30 June 2020.

The Council has been unable to meet to approve the accounts as the Responsible Financial Officer has not yet certified the accounts.

***The Community Council expects to have completed this process by the end of July and is following guidelines issued by Audit Wales for delays due to Covid- 19.***

June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020