

LLANGYNOG COMMUNITY NEWS

(October 2013)

(Sponsored by Llangynog Community Council)

Items of Interest from Community Council Meeting 17th September:

Matters Arising from Previous Community Council Meetings:

Proposed Closure of Public Toilets by Powys County Council:

Having been alerted to the decision by Powys County Council Cabinet on **30th July 2013**, via an article in the **County Times**, that unless Town and Community Councils, or others, were prepared to take on the operation of the Public Toilets in their Towns and Villages, they would be closed by **31st October**. This was confirmed by our County Councillor Darren Mayor, who had also been informed after the event and supplied us with copies of correspondence he had received. Following on from this, an **Extraordinary Meeting** of the Community Council was convened on **6th September**, to consider the impact of this proposal on our village, as the deadline for a decision on this matter was **30th September**. As a result it was resolved to seek clarification of costings and other points contained in Powys CC's Guidance for Transfer document, highlight the fact that it was extremely unlikely that we (either financially or practically) were in a position to take this on, the subsequent impact it would have on tourism and to express our concerns that there was no prior consultation or advance warning that this was being considered and to highlight the fact that our Clerk had not received any official correspondence from them. It was also resolved to invite the Author of the Report to the Cabinet, Councillor Barry Thomas, to attend our next Community Council Meeting on **17th September**, to discuss the matter face to face. As it turned out, he was unable to attend on that date but undertook to meet with the Community Council on a future date. (This will now take place on **1st October** 2pm). At our meeting on **17th September**, after consideration of the response from Powys CC to our request for clarification and additional information, it was resolved strengthen our case by sending a press release to local newspapers, TV companies and the Welsh Tourist Board, highlighting the impact this would have on tourism, as our Toilets are probably the busiest in Powys, at a long established stop over point for travellers and tourists from Shropshire, the West Midlands and beyond (a random survey conducted on the car park on a daily basis, confirms this beyond any doubt). We will endeavour to persuade Powys County Council and Welsh Assembly Government to include our toilets in the Group adjacent to trunk roads, that are already part funded by WAG and are scheduled to be kept open until March 2014 and beyond. Our Assembly Member Russell George has tabled a question about this in the Assembly Chamber, this week.

Damage to Cwm Rhiwarth Road: Some repair work has now been carried out on Cwm Rhiwarth Road. Concerns were expressed about the lack of edge sealing on patches and County Councillor Mayor undertook to follow this up.

Community Website (Llangynog online): John Wilson of **Dol Eglwys** would like to thank those who have submitted potential content or suggestions but would like to hear from anyone else who might have something to submit. Possible content he has in mind:

Facilities – News – Tourist Accommodation – Local Businesses – Village History – etc. The site will be **bi-lingual**, so **help with translation** would be very welcome. John can be contacted via E-mail: **llangynog@yahoo.co.uk**.

Any Other Business:

Affordable Housing:

Correspondence received from the Rural Housing Enabler advised that both Housing Associations approached so far had declined to take on this project. There was a possibility that another Housing Association might take a look at this after March 2014.

Hedge and Verge Cutting, Road Sweeping and Gully Jetting:

Concerns were expressed that some hedges and verges, especially those going up to the Cattle Grid on the Bala Road, had not been cut. The Road Sweeper and Gully Jetter had not been to the village this year and it was resolved that a request be put to Highways to ensure they came before the onset of Winter. County Councillor Mayor undertook to look into this.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.30pm. If anyone has concerns about anything affecting the village or any suggestions for improvements, please contact the Clerk or any one of the Councillors on the list displayed on the Public Notice Board.

Other News:

What a Ball!

If you weren't at the Llangynog Ball, you missed out on a great party! Nearly 140 guests, 30 arriving by coach, over 200 cocktails, a busy bar, a busy dance floor and over £3,100 raised. There are so many people to thank, who helped before, during and after the event. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible, including everyone who bought tickets, came along on the night and really enjoyed yourselves. You all looked fabulous!

We know everyone had a great time but would like your feedback, so that we can make it even better in two years time! An evaluation form is enclosed with the newsletter for your completion or drop a note to **sarah@vicaragefarm.net** or call 860622.

New Members Needed: New Members needed for the local **Entertainments Committee**. Contact: **C. Williams** on **860419** if you are interested in helping.

Soup and Song (Cawl a Chan) Evening:

A Soup and Song evening will be held in the Memorial Hall on **18th October at 7pm**.
Tickets £6. Proceeds to Local Community.

Wanted – Metal Gate:

Due to damage caused by a courier reversing into the wooden gate at Vicarage Farm, Sarah Chambers is looking for an old character metal gate to replace it. If anyone can help or know of a possible source for such a gate, please ring Sarah on 860622.

Turning Over a Very Old Leaf:

Rob McBride, Tree Hunter, is coming to give a talk in Llangynog Memorial Hall on Friday, **1st November at 7pm**. **Tickets £5** (includes glass of wine) and for Children **£2** (with a soft drink). All welcome. Any enquiries please contact Sarah on 860622 (sarah@vicaragefarm.net) or Jennie on 860312 (j.eilbeck@tiscali.co.uk). **See enclosed flyer for details**.

General Information:

Weigh Hey Slimmer's Club: Meets every **Thursday at 5.30pm** in the **Library of the Memorial Hall**.

The **Post Office** is open in the **Memorial Hall** every **Monday and Thursday 9am-2pm**.

The **Community Food Co-operative** offers **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables** every **Wednesday** at the **Memorial Hall** between **2.30-3.00pm**. For info ring **Brenda Young** on **860243**.

Come and enjoy our **Contact Club:** Every **Monday** from **11am-2pm** in the **Memorial Hall**. Open to anyone of **any age**. We have a **variety of activities** every week (see **What's On**). **Lunch** is provided. If getting to the Club is a problem we do have **volunteer drivers**, who would be more than happy to **collect you from your home**. Please call **Jennie Eilbeck** on **860312** or **Carol Jones** on **860230**.

New Inn: Every Thursday Bingo 9pm

Llangynog Book of the Month Reading Group:

Mon 28th Oct Light Between Oceans by M L Steadman – Bryn Tanat

Mon 18th Nov And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini - Tegfan

Contact: Alison Layland 860457

WHAT'S ON – OCTOBER 2013

Day	Date	Memorial Hall	Time
Thu	3 rd Oct	Weigh Hey Slimmer's Club	5.30pm
Fri	4 th Oct	Yoga with Paula	9.15-12.30pm
Sun	6 th Oct	Ysgol Pennant (Sponsored Walk)	10.30-2pm
Mon	7 th Oct	Contact Club (Bingo)	11am-2pm
Wed	9 th Oct	W.I. Meeting	7pm
Thu	10 th Oct	Weigh Hey Slimmer's Club	5.30pm
Fri	11 th Oct	Yoga with Paula	9.15-12.30pm
Mon	14 th Oct	Contact Club (Mavis Nicholson)	11- 2pm
Tue	15 th Oct	Community Council	7.30pm
Thu	17 th Oct	Weigh Hey Slimmer's Club	5.30pm
Fri	18 th Oct	Yoga with Paula	9.15-12.30pm
Fri	18 th Oct	Story and Song (Cawl a Chan)	7.00pm
Mon	21 st Oct	Contact Club (Cookery Demo)	11-2pm
Tue	22 nd Oct	Powys CC Tenants Panel Meeting	2pm
Thu	24 th Oct	Weigh Hey Slimmer's Club	5.30pm
Mon	28 th Oct	Contact Club (Sera Carpenter)	11-2pm
Thu	31 st Oct	Weigh Hey Slimmers Club	5.30pm

DATE FOR DIARY:

Fri	1 st Nov	Rob McBride – Tree Hunter	7.00pm
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CHURCHES:

(See Church Newsletter for Details of

Services at St Cynog's and St Melangell's) Sun 6th Oct Buddug Medi 6.00pm

Sun 13th Oct Rev G Richards 10.00am Sun

20th Oct Rev G Prys-Owen 6.00pm

Capel Carmel:

Wesleyan:

Sun 27th Oct T Ellis

2.00pm

Thanks to Alison Layland for the Welsh Translation. Any items for the November edition should be sent to Trevor Foster, The Old Rectory (llangynognews@hotmail.co.uk) by 19th October.

TURNING OVER A VERY OLD LEAF

Rob McBride, a passionate Tree Hunter and Campaigner for Ancient Trees of the UK and Europe, is coming to talk about trees at Llangynog Memorial Hall on Friday, 1st November. Rob has featured previously on BBC Country File, Escape to the Country and even the Weakest Link! More recently, in the Chronicle and finds, records and hopefully, protects Ancient Trees in the UK by being a volunteer with the Woodland Trust and its fantastic project "The Ancient Tree Hunt" (www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk). Rob is carrying out the first ever ancient tree survey of Offa's Dyke and, more recently, he has been looking at the ancient yews at Pennant Melangell and helped to arrange with Powys County Council for the trees to have Tree Preservation Orders placed on them, for the first time in their very long history. The talk will cover all sorts of weird and wonderful, fascinating facts about trees and will be interesting to everyone.

**Tickets on the door for the event, starting at 7pm, will cost £5 (which includes a glass of wine) and for children £2 (with a soft drink). All Welcome!
Enquiries: Contact Sarah on 860622 or Jennie on 860312.**