

Dear Residents

I hope you are all well and managing during these challenging times. If you need any advice or help, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of Llangynog Community Council (LCC) listed at the end of this newsletter.

We had intended to send a newsletter out in March but establishing a community support network to help whilst coronavirus measures are in place took priority, and with information changing by the day it would have been out of date very quickly. When we get back to some form of normality it is intended that a newsletter is sent quarterly (March, June, September and December). The aim is to keep you all informed with what's going on in Llangynog including issues, actions and events.

Whilst Sarah and Eldrydd, our new Community Councillors, were out canvassing many suggestions and items of concern were raised, a list of 31 in

total. These cannot all be addressed at once but have been reviewed by LCC to agree priorities and are due to be scheduled over the coming months once LCC meetings are able to resume. Some items were discussed prior to the coronavirus shut down and an update is included below. Other topics such as footpaths and replacing rubbish bins with recycling bins in the carpark and car sharing will be covered in the future.

Our Community Councillors are here to listen and help. If you have any issues or suggestions for Llangynog or this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact one of your Community Councillors, or our clerk, Rhian Briscoe (details can be found at the bottom of this email). I hope you find this information useful.

Please all keep safe and take care during these difficult times.

Best wishes

Gareth Evans, Chair of LCC

Welsh Translation

LCC feel it is important to provide a bi-lingual service and apologise that this newsletter has not been translated into Welsh. If you have a computer/email and would like to help translate these newsletters so we can offer a bilingual service, please contact Rhian Briscoe.



Broadband

Is your broadband/internet service fast enough for you? Mark and Jane Hennell are looking at the various options available to make the service faster in Llangynog. If you are interested, please contact them on pencaedufibre2020@gmail.com **The more interest there is, the more likely something is to happen.**

Montgomeryshire Village Award

We were planning to enter for this bi-annual award. Given the situation with coronavirus, this has been postponed until next year, but that doesn't stop us looking forward to the brighter future. The award gives us the opportunity to review the space around us, including:

Painting the toilets



Community Councillors were planning to freshen-up the outside of the public toilets with a lick of paint in early May. This might not be possible then, but they will get on to that as soon as they can.

Wildlife and Biodiversity



As well as hands-on work, volunteers are gathering together to look at areas around Llangynog where plant and wildlife can be increased, whether it be leaving some verges and an area within St Melangell's Church uncut to encourage wildflowers to bloom, replanting the planter in front of the toilets or a bug hotel near the playground. A group formed just before lockdown and has come up with many ideas. If you are interested in joining the group to provide ideas, advice or hand-on work, please contact sarah@vicaragefarm.net or tel 01691 860622.

Litter Picks

Although recognised that many residents already pick up litter, we want to expand this to include more people. Rhian Briscoe will be organising litter picks to clean-up Llangynog and surrounding area. Rhian already has some volunteers to help but is looking for more to be involved—if you have a couple of hours to spare, please

contact Rhian.

It is hoped that if possible, rather than just throw all litter collected away, items that can be recycled will be separated.

Whilst it is not possible to organise any group until after lockdown maybe you can help when out on your daily exercise and if you see rubbish and it is safe to do so, pick it up.



Bonfires

Following the recent fire caused by a spark from a bonfire, Llangynog Community Council ask that you please do not light any fires in any part of the village and surrounding areas during any dry periods and especially not during this lockdown.

Mid Wales Fire and Rescue Service urge people in the county not to be tempted to burn garden or household waste.

Fires in the open are a drain on their resources. Please think about the consequences of such fires – now is not the time to be burning or starting fires in

the open as they can quickly spread out of control, especially in dry weather.

These fires not only put our firefighters at risk unnecessarily but the smoke from such grass fires can cause breathing problems and worsen conditions such as asthma, at a time when the health of our communities is already of heightened concern.

During the Covid-19 pandemic it is imperative to adhere to advice on isolation and social distancing.



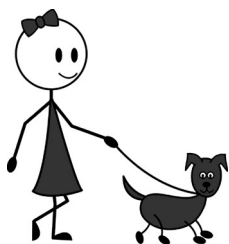
Potholes

LCC have raised the poor condition of the roads directly with highways and also Bryn Davies, our local PCC councillor. As road repairs are considered essential maintenance, Powys County Council (PCC) are continuing to repair roads and are planning to fix the potholes in the Pennant Valley loop soon. We have also registered the poor repair on the Bala Road. If you know of any other potholes of concern, please register them on the PCC website or contact Rhian who is able to raise them.



Update on the Bridge

As well as the recent damage to the bridge coming into the village, it has been identified that the listed bridge needs to be strengthened. LCC have asked PCC to discuss dates when the bridge will need to be closed to try to ensure that there is plenty of warning for road users and that disruption is kept to a minimum.



Dog Mess

This is an issue that continues to cause problems with all towns and villages. A number of residents have raised the issue of dog mess around the village and on footpaths. Please can LCC remind you to pick-up after your dog and dispose of it in an appropriate bin.

There has also been dog mess around

the St Melangell Churchyard. Dogs are allowed up the path on a lead as the church have a right of way and welcome dogs to the church. Again, please pick-up any mess. Dogs are not allowed on any other part of the churchyard.

Dog mess is not pleasant in any place, particularly by loved ones' graves and can be especially harmful for children and other animals.

Sunflowers and Scarecrows

Something that we can all get involved with. In the coming week or so you will receive a couple of giant sunflower seeds (waiting for delivery!) which you can plant in your gardens. Plant them at the front of the house to grow, so we can all see them develop over the coming months as we go about our daily exercise. At the same time make a scarecrow, or two! Again, leave it at the front of the house for all to see. It can be any type of scarecrow, made from any materials you have. At the end of all this, we would like to select an area where we can put all the scarecrows for us all to see.



Llangynog Playground

As you may be aware, a Playground Committee has been formed and is busy fundraising to improve the existing playground to encourage the facility to become a meeting space for children, their friends and families. It is also hoped to have some outdoor exercise equipment which adults can use as well. If you have any suggestions or can help with fundraising or grant applications, please contact our clerk, Rhian Briscoe.



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