

LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN HILL, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

1. I was installed as Chairman of the Council at the Annual Meeting in May 2014. The Civic Service was held on Sunday 11 May 2014 and I am very grateful to Reverend Canon Roger Williams and Reverend Elfed Jones for presiding over the Service. The collection at the Service totalling £132.50 was donated to the Alzheimer's Disease Society. I attended many Civic Services with my wife throughout my year and was very proud to represent the Council at these occasions.
2. During the year, there was significant progress to report :
 - a) The village fete was very successful with the weather staying fine and everyone enjoying a good day out.
 - b) Christmas decorations were once again provided and the Council is grateful for the financial assistance provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
 - c) A number of local volunteers with Councillors and the Clerk planted spring bulbs and plants in a number of locations in the village and most of these came to fruition this Spring.
 - d) The Council has maintained a constructive relationship with the Ward County Councillor and the Neighbourhood Policing Officer. We are grateful for their support and the excellent work they do in support of issues raised by Councillors. I would like to say that our new County Borough Councillor Kate Edmunds is doing a sterling job in representing the interests of the village.
 - e) A local volunteer came forward to replace John Huish and Clive Carreyett in running the community transport scheme. We are very grateful to Paul Morris for taking on this highly important work for the community. The Council will always be grateful for the sterling efforts of John and Clive for running the service for over 10 years.
 - f) The Corbett Road allotments site is being maintained in an excellent condition and the Council continues to work with the Allotments Association to ensure that matters of concern are fully discussed and actioned as appropriate.
 - g) The Chairman and the Clerk have continued to meet on a regular basis with the Hospital Manager. These meetings are proving to be highly effective in relation to ensuring that the Council are fully up to date with developments at the hospital.
 - h) With the assistance of a grant from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the footbridge replacement at Brook Green was completed to a very high standard and arrangements are in hand to arrange an official opening in late June, 2015.
 - i) The Council responded to a number of Welsh Government consultations affecting local councils including the White Paper on Local Government Reform – Power to the People.
 - j) The Council is pleased that it has been able to rent an allotment plot for a local special school enabling members of the sixth form to develop gardening skills.
 - k) The Council made a number of grants to the Hall Management Committee to fund a number of important maintenance and health and safety matters.

- 1) The Council worked with a local resident on Welsh language awareness issues and a Christmas concert was held in the Hall involving the choir from the local welsh school.

DONATIONS MADE.

The Council donated the following sums of money during the year:

Penarth and District Scout Council - Donation	50.00
ALZHEIMERS DISEASE SOCIETY - Donation from Civic Service	132.50
LOL Llandough Youth Club - Donation	700.00
PARISH OF LLANDOUGH WITH LECKWITH - Donation for TOTS Group	100.00
Talking Books (Wales) - Donation	50.00
Llandough Thursday Club - Donation	75.00
Stroke Association - Donation	50.00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru - Donation	50.00
Bobath Cymru - Donation	50.00
Llandough Wednesday Club - Donation	75.00
Bertha's Army - Donation	50.00
Teenage Cancer Trust - Donation	50.00

Finally I would like to thank my fellow colleagues for their support in 2014/15 and thank the Caretakers for their excellent work in ensuring our local amenities are maintained in good condition and to the Clerk for his help and support on Council matters. I would also like to thank former Councillor Tony Muston for his support as Vice-Chairman and following his recent resignation wish him well for the future.

Councillor Brian Hill