

## **LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR PAT CARREYETT, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015/16**

1. I was installed as Chairman of the Council at the Annual Meeting in May 2015. The Civic Service was held on Sunday 17 May 2015 and I am very grateful to Reverend Canon Peter Fox and Reverend Elfed Jones for presiding over the Service. The collection at the Service totalling £164.40 was donated to Marie Curie Foundation Holme Towers. I attended many Civic Services with my husband throughout my year of office 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 reasonably good and everyone enjoying a good day out.
  - b) Christmas decorations were once again provided which brightened up the village during a very wet Christmas period.
  - c) The new footbridge was constructed at the Brook Green pocket park and was officially opened by Councillor Fred Johnson, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Council is grateful for the £12000 grant received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council towards the cost of the footbridge.
  - d) Shortly after the footbridge was opened, the constant water flow into the site suddenly ceased and has not returned. The Council has endeavoured to ascertain a reason for this but to date this has not proved to be possible.
  - e) 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.
  - 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 Council responded to a number of Welsh Government consultations affecting local councils including the draft Local Government (Wales) Bill published in November, 2015.
  - h) 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 which was very well attended. As well as being grateful to the school I would like to make special mention of Councillor Michael Edwards who entertained us with his viola playing and mecanno demonstration which was very popular with young people in attendance.
  - i) The Council website has been further developed to account for the requirements of the statutory guidance published by the Welsh Government on 'Access to Information.'
  - j) The Council appointed Councillor Andree Haran as a new co-opted Councillor during the year.
  - k) Two litter picks and two Council Surgeries were held.

- l) The Council engaged in meetings with other local councils in the Eastern Vale to discuss possible opportunities for clustering relating to the Re-Shaping of Services agenda being developed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- m) The Council worked with the Affordable Homes Officer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to develop a policy governing the release of affordable homes to people with a local connection.

### **DONATIONS MADE.**

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

LOL Llandough Youth Club - Grant for Table Tennis Table	89.99
Llandough Thursday Club - Donation	75.00
ALZHEIMERS DISEASE SOCIETY - Donation	75.00
Bro Radio - Donation	100.00
Llandough Wednesday Club - Donation	75.00
Penygarth School Association - Donation	100.00
Bertha's Army - Donation - Re-Issue of Cheque	50.00
Bobath Cymru - Donation	100.00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru - Donation	75.00
Teenage Cancer Trust - Donation	75.00

Earlier in 2016, former Councillor and a good friend of mine and my husband, John Huish passed away following a lengthy period of ill health. John was a stalwart of the community and always put others before himself. For over 10 years he and my husband ran the community transport service which was highly appreciated by the community. He will be sadly missed.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow colleagues for their support in 2015/16 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 Councillor Roy Collier for his support as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Pat Carreyett