

MAKING USE OF YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HALL

The Llandough War Memorial Hall comprises of a large hall capable of accommodating up to 100 people, a large and well-equipped kitchen, disabled toilet facilities and rear meeting room space for up to 12 people.

The Hall has been maintained to a very high standard and is currently available for celebratory parties, meetings of groups as well as sporting and cultural activities. Hire rates are very reasonable - for occasional users the rate is £15 for the first hour and £11 per hour thereafter and for regular users a much reduced price of £9.00 per hour. There are a number of weekday evening and weekend slots that are available for immediate hire.

If you are interested in making a booking, please contact Paul Egan on 01446 409294 or by e-mail p.egan67@ntlworld.com

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

On two occasions each year the Community Council organises a village litter pick designed to remove much of the litter and rubbish that accumulates over a period of time. Councillor Peter King is the marshal for the litter pick and all volunteers are provided with suitable equipment to ensure their safety whilst engaged with this important activity. The litter pick will take place on **Saturday 14 May commencing at 10.00am outside the Llandough War Memorial Hall**. Litter picks usually cover a period of no more than 2 hours and it is amazing how much rubbish and litter can be collected especially if a large number of volunteers take part. If you would like to make a contribution to your community please be available on the date and time and you will be welcomed with open arms.



INTERIOR VIEW OF HALL

ST. DOCHDWY'S CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

Llandough TOTs is a get together for those with pre-school children on Wednesday mornings during school term time. Held at Llandough War Memorial Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am, you are welcome for tea/coffee and toast at a moderate cost of £1.50. Come and meet other mothers, fathers and grandparents with their children. You and your children would be most welcome.

COUNCIL SURGERY

The next Council surgery will be held on Saturday 30 April from 10am to 11.00am in the rear room of the Llandough War Memorial Hall. This is an opportunity for members of the community to discuss matters of common interest with Councillors.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO RESIDENTS

CORBETT ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Members of the community are invited to contact the Clerk to the Council if they are interested in putting their name down for an allotment at the Corbett Road site. The Community Council manages the site and it is in very good condition offering the opportunity to grow wholesome vegetables and meet new friends. A Tenant's Association is in place to assist the Council in the management of the site and represent the interests of tenants to Councillors. The cost of renting a plot for a full year is in the region of £30 and this offers extremely good value for what can be gained from allotment gardening. There is a reduction in cost available to senior citizens.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Council operates a community transport scheme for the benefit of local residents who wish to visit to local supermarkets. The service operated by Paul Morris, a local resident, is available on Thursday mornings and anyone interested in accessing the service should contact the Clerk to the Council.

ST DOCHDWY'S CHURCH

On Tuesday 14 July this year, St. Dochdwy's Church is 150 years old and this will be celebrated with a special service. In addition, on the preceding weekend, it is the intention to hold a flower festival open to the public when all local organisations will be invited to display an arrangement. Further information will be announced nearer the date. Existing Church services are held on the mornings of Thursdays at 10.30am and Sundays at 9.30am and all are welcome. We are a friendly congregation and new persons are welcome. So please join us and have a chat over coffee after the service.

LLANDOUGH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

The Club, which is situated directly behind the Llandough War Memorial Hall on Cogan Pill Road, gives a big welcome to local residents and others. We are open Monday to Friday from 5.00pm and from 4.00pm on Saturdays as well as Sunday lunchtime and Sunday evening from 7.00pm. You are welcome to take part in our regular activities which include bingo, skittles, and monthly quiz or just enjoy a drink and chat in a very pleasant environment. We would love to see you.

OVERGROWING HEDGES AND TREES

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that overgrowth from their gardens does not adversely affect pedestrians using public footpaths in the community.

VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Llandough Community Council currently has a vacancy for a Councillor which will be filled through the process of co-option. Co-opted Councillors have the same rights and responsibilities as those Councillors who obtain office through election. The position of Community Councillor does not attract any remuneration. Councillors are expected to attend the monthly meetings of the Council and also to serve on a number of Committees which normally meet on a quarterly cycle. The role is varied and enables local people to use their skills and experience to enhance the work undertaken by the Council for the benefit of the community.

The Council wishes to invite interested and eligible people to submit their applications for the role of Councillor by way of a letter outlining the following:

- the contribution you believe you could make to the work of the Council;
- the personal qualities that you would bring to the role;
- Your availability for attending meetings.

The web-link to check your eligibility to become a Councillor is <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>.

Please make sure that you include your home address, telephone number and e-mail address in your letter.

All members of the community are welcome to apply. The Council is committed to achieving a balanced composition of Councillors that reflects the community of Llandough.

Closing date: 21 April, 2016 12 Noon

Applications will be considered at the Council meeting on 28 April, 2016

Please write to the Clerk, Paul Egan, 63 Woodham Park, Barry CF62 8FJ or e-mail your application to clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk

IN TOUCH

CIVIC SERVICE

Councillor Roy Collier has been appointed as Chairman Elect for 2016/17 and he will hold his Civic Service on Sunday 5 June at 3.00pm in St. Dochdwy' s Church. Councillor Dr Mo Misra has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman elect. All members of the community are invited to attend the Service and for refreshments afterwards in the Llandough War Memorial Hall.

VILLAGE FETE

The fete will be held on Saturday 11 June in King George V Memorial Playing Fields. All are welcome.

BROOK GREEN POCKET PARK

For those of you who walk through the pocket park situated at the top of Llandough Hill you will have noticed that the water that used to flow through the Brook has disappeared. The Community Council is active in endeavouring to ascertain why after so many years the water has dried up and will continue to explore options to get to the bottom of the matter.

PATHS FOR PEOPLE

The Community Council has contacted the Ramblers Association for guidance on how actions can be taken to encourage the use of the footpaths within the community. It is important that the paths are regularly walked so that maintenance issues can be identified and put right ensuring that there is uninterrupted use.

COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Community Council raises a local tax each year that residents pay as part of their council tax to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The monies collected are then paid to the Community Council for it to fund the amenities provided to residents as well as the day to day work of the Council. It has been decided that for 2016/17 the amount charged will remain the same. The precept as it is called is used to:

- a) Maintain the village green, village garden and the Brook Green pocket park.
- b) Maintain the Corbett Road allotments site.
- c) Fund Christmas trees.
- d) Pay for the village fete.
- e) Contribute to the costs of running the Llandough War Memorial Hall.
- f) Part funding the community transport scheme.

PARKING ON ESTATE ROADS

In order to reduce the congestion on Estate roads residents with driveways are urged to use them in order to reduce the number of cars parked on Dochdwy Road. Residents who have no option but to park on Estate roads are respectfully requested to park sensibly and not cause any unnecessary obstructions.

If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like the Community Council to consider please feel free to write to the Clerk to the Council, 63 Woodham Park, Barry CF62 8FJ or e-mail him on clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk