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MAKING USE OF YOUR 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, baby changing 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 ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The Council would like to thank all residents who completed the questionnaire form. In total, some 227 valid responses were received which is a 27% response rate by number or households (227 out of 829 households in Llandough). For a survey of this kind the rate of return is very good placing significant reliance in the results obtained.

The recommendations derived from the survey responses were: -



INTERIOR VIEW OF HALL

- The Council should give strong consideration as to how it can improve the Parks, Play Areas, and Sports Facilities and how it can support and work with the local School.
- The Council should give strong consideration to how it might work with the local pub as this is a reasonably well valued local facility.
- The Council should consider how it might work with local businesses.
- The Council should explore how it can go about attracting a doctor's surgery to Llandough and a local shop/s to the area.
- It would be a quick win for The Council to investigate public transport provision to and from Llandough.
- The Council might want to consider how they can go about encouraging constituents to form small community-based groups that serve the community.

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- It is strongly recommended that The Council pursue the Vale of Glamorgan Council to place the local playing fields in to trust for the community.
- When planning community engagement, the Council will need to be mindful of the seemingly different needs and requirements of different demographic sectors of the community.
- The Council should continue with its Biodiversity work as this is valued by the community and is another 'quick win'.
- The Council should investigate development options for the reserve allotment sites in Lewis Road.
- The Council has formed a Community Engagement Working Party to take forward the recommendations of the survey report and actions will be taken where possible in support of their delivery. A full copy of the survey report is available on the Council's website.

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MULTI USE GAMES AREA

In light of the views of residents that the Council should seek to enhance the play facilities available for young people, the Council has arranged to meet with the Vale of Glamorgan Council with Councillor George Carroll to assess how a multi-use games area can be provided within Llandough. At the meeting we will be looking at possible locations and funding arrangements. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has some funding available from what are called S106 funds and the Community Council will be considering whether the shortfall can be covered by grants or possibly a loan requiring Welsh Government approval.

LLANDOUGH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Situated directly behind the Llandough War Memorial Hall, the Club is very keen to attract more visitors to its lovely, friendly and welcoming establishment right in the heart of the village. Attractions apart from a sociable visit and a drink include monthly quiz (Last Saturday each month), skittles, New Year's Eve Party and televised sporting events. It is also an ideal venue for family parties and celebrations. Why not drop by any evening for a drink and a chat and see what we can offer. New members are welcome and if you would like to know more please call Dave on 07968867409.

LLANDOUGH VILLAGE FETE

This year's fete will be held on Saturday 9 June, 2018 commencing at 2.00pm in the playing fields. Further details will be published nearer the date and we hope to see many of you there for a fun packed afternoon.

NEXT LITTER PICK

The next litter pick will be held on Saturday 14 April, 2018 commencing at 10.00am outside the Llandough War Memorial Hall. All residents are invited to participate along with Councillors. This is a real opportunity for you to help improve the environment of the village and meet some new people. Appropriate safety equipment will be provided to all those taking part. We hope to see some of you on this day.

LLANDOUGH CIVIC SERVICE

The Community Council will be electing a new Chairman in early May and the Civic Service will be held in St. Dochdwy's Church on 13 May at 3.00pm – all residents are invited to attend.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

The address for the Council's website is www.llandough-cc.co.uk. Here you will find details of your Councillors, agendas and minutes of Council and Committee meetings, latest news and contact details of local groups and organisations.

WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACHIEVED IN 2017

Residents may be interested to see how much the Community Council provides, organises and delivers in support of the community. Here is a brief resume of achievements in 2017: -

- Funded the refurbishment of the tennis court in the playing fields
- Maintained the village green outside the Church
- Maintained the Brook Green site at the top of Llandough Hill
- Maintained the village garden off Spencer Drive
- Managed the 67-plot allotment site off Corbett Road
- Provided Christmas trees for the two churches and provided Christmas decorations for the Hall
- Managed the Llandough War Memorial Hall
- Worked successfully with the primary school jointly organising the Rogation Walk and funded the fireworks for the successful display organised by the school
- Gave financial support to a number of local organisations and others who provide services of benefit to residents
- Commented on a range of planning applications ensuring the views of the community were made known to the planning authority
- Organised the successful Christmas Carol Service and Coffee Morning involving Llandough Primary School and Ysgol Pen-y-Garth
- Organised a community engagement survey providing a strong evidence base which will inform the future work of the Council
- Continued to press for the Hospital and Vale of Glamorgan Council to take action to control hospital staff and visitor parking on residential roads
- Organised the annual village fete, providing the marquees and sponsoring some attractions
- Organised 2 litter picks with help from several residents
- Developed a new bio-diversity action plan with a focus on working with the school to plant wildflower seeds at designated locations, indigenous bulbs and erection of bird and bat boxes.

Residents will be pleased to know that due to the Council's effective financial management the local council tax often referred to as the 'Precept' will be only marginally increased for 2018/19 to account for inflation.

CORBETT ROAD ALLOTMENTS

There are just a few names left on the waiting list for a plot at this excellent allotment site so this is an ideal opportunity for you to put your name on the list. Allotment gardening is in vogue at the moment as it provides people with the opportunity to get involved with local food production, eat healthier food and get that much needed exercise. It is also a way of meeting new people and learning from the experience and know-how of experienced gardeners. The cost of an allotment for a full year is around £37 with reductions for those who have reached state pension age. If you would like to have your name on the list, please contact the Clerk (contact details below).

CAR PARKING ISSUES

All members of the Council are frustrated as residents are about the day-time, weekday parking problems on residential roads. The Council has repeatedly complained to the Hospital Management, Police, the Vale Highways Officers and Vale Councillor for Llandough. Over the years, we have helped bring about some improvements but the core problem remains. The Council regularly meets with Hospital Management to discuss with them what they can do to address the issue and it appears that despite their best efforts they are unable to effectively deal with the problem. It has to be acknowledged that they have no control of what happens on the public highway. The Council has recently written to the Vale of Glamorgan Council requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of time restricted residential parking areas being introduced in the village. The Council has made it clear that Llandough is a special case being the only community in the area with a hospital which is the second largest in Wales. We will keep residents updated on progress.

APRIL OPEN MORNING

The Council is arranging an open morning on Saturday 28 April, 2018 from 10.00am to 12 Noon which will be an opportunity for residents to meet organisers of local groups with a possibility that you will be able to sign up to become a member of groups. There are a range of groups operating in the village who cater for the needs of all ages. We will also be making a presentation on the history of your community going back hundreds of years. You will be very surprised to find out the special nature of the long history of Llandough. We will also be providing refreshments at no cost to those attending. Further details will be published nearer the date. Hope to see you there.

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.

Defib DEFIBRILLATOR

The Council needs the help and support of residents to support a grant application to the Big Lottery for a defibrillator to be purchased and affixed to the front wall of the Llandough War Memorial Hall. We have already applied for a grant that was refused due to insufficient evidence of community engagement. In order to address this point and hopefully re-submit and achieve a successful outcome the Council wishes to invite you to send a letter or e-mail of support for the application to the Clerk to the Council (contact details below). We hope that many of you will help out as this facility can save lives.

DID YOU KNOW THAT: -

The Council applied for an innovative practice award under the One Voice Wales' scheme for local council service of the year and at a ceremony held in Builth Wells on 5 July, 2017 Council representatives were presented with a highly commended certificate. Councillor Dr Mo Misra, Chairman of the Council commented that, 'I am delighted to receive the certificate as it recognises all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make Llandough such a wonderful place to live.'

The Council hopes that all residents will have a special time on St David's Day

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