

## IN TOUCH

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### CAROL CONCERT AND COFFEE MORNING

The very popular Carol Concert and Coffee Morning will be held in the Llandough War Memorial Hall on Saturday 9 December from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The Ysgol Pen-y-Garth School choir and local opera singers will provide that wonderful feeling of Christmas and will be supported by a Meccano display, martial arts demonstration and an opportunity to sign up to join some of the local groups operating from the Hall. There will also be a raffle in support of the Penarth Foodbank. There is no charge for entry and the refreshments will be provided free of charge. See you there.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Following a recent consultation on local social media it is pleasing to note that we have sufficient interest from local businesses, organisations and individuals who would like to sell products at the Fayre. We will be providing free refreshments for all those attending. The Fayre will be held on Saturday 16 December from 10.00am until 12 Noon in the Llandough War Memorial Hall.

Items on sale will include Bric a Brac, Jams and Preservatives, Home Made Crafts, Dog Treats and Goodies, Dog Toys and Leads, Calendars, Christmas Cards, Decorations, Chocolates, Lucky Dip and Children's sweets

Please come along and meet your Councillors over a cup of tea or coffee. They would like to meet up with residents at this special time of year.

We hope that residents will give their support to both of these seasonal events.

### NEW COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to welcome Councillor Benny Augustian a resident of Dochdwy Road who has recently been co-opted to the vacant office of councillor. He is looking forward to representing the interests of residents in this important role.

### AUTUMN CLEAN-UP

Your Community Council was delighted about the number of volunteers who joined Cllrs Edwards, Dr Misra and King to pick litter on 9 September. As the photo shows, a lot of litter, and some fly-tipped rubbish was collected. Many thanks to Geeta Hitesh and Aran Kerai, Shanta Rupalia, Rey and Pauline Greenaway, David Watts, Dave and Sally Hebbes, Meriel Kirk and Llinos Misra.

It is great to see the community joining together to make our community an even better place to live.



Litter picks are planned for 2024 on the following dates and times:

16 March, 29 June and 21 September – from 10.00am until 12 Noon – meet at the hall.

## NEW ALLOTMENT SITE – LEWIS ROAD

Following last year's community consultation event, the Council had examined the views expressed by residents about the concept design and some amendments to the design had been made. A follow-up event was held on Saturday 14 October 2023 which was well attended. In the main the revised concept design received support from those in attendance. The next step to bring the vision to reality is to ascertain whether planning permission is required and following that to have the technical design specification prepared and then to explore grant opportunities to part fund the development. There is still a long way to go but the Council is determined to provide this much needed allotments to address the high demand for these facilities in the community.

## VILLAGE FETE

Next year's village fete will be held on Saturday 8 June and we will shortly commence the planning for this highly popular event in the village calendar. We are currently looking for some local volunteers to join our Working Party to help with the arrangements for 2024. If you would be interesting in giving up some of your time to help us, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## ROOFING AND GABLE WORKS AT THE HALL

The roofing and building works have now been fully completed and we are extremely grateful to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Strong Communities Grant scheme for helping fund the work. It would have been very difficult to find all of the funds for this work but the Grant scheme came to our rescue and the hall is now in excellent condition. Some internal painting work will be shortly be undertaken making the hall an even more attractive venue for hirers.

## ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council wishes to recruit two youth representatives to work with councillors to plan for the development of services for younger people in our community. Youth representatives will be expected to attend meetings of the Council and to provide their views on the needs and aspirations of young people resident in Llandough. You must be over the age of 15 but under the age of 26 and are considered by the Council to be suitable to represent the interests of individuals under the age of 26 who live, work or receive education or training in the community area. Youth representatives do not necessarily have to live, work or receive training in the community area themselves provided that the Council considers them suitable for this important role. We will be writing to Headteachers of comprehensive schools about the appointment of youth representatives. If you are interested in becoming a youth representative, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## SCHOOL SHOP OPEN FOR ALL

The school shop is open every day during school terms (8-9.30am and 3-4pm) and is available for your everyday purchases. All members of the community are welcome to use the facilities which include an opportunity to purchase a tea or coffee and meet with other residents.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER?

It is planned to resume the community transport scheme to help local residents without transport to access the local supermarkets. We are anxiously looking to engage a volunteer driver who has the time and is eligible to drive the East Vale Community Transport Minibus. If you are interested, please contact Paul Egan, Clerk to the Council on 01446 409294 or by e-mail [clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk) To read about the East Vale Community Transport scheme the web-site is <https://www.eastvalecommunitytransport.org/> We already have details of 4 residents who wish to avail themselves of this service.

## THINKING OF HIRING THE 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. We now have free WIFI access and the availability of a projector and screen which can be used subject to the payment of a returnable deposit.

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 competitive -for occasional users the rate is £20 for the first hour and £15 per hour thereafter and for regular users a much-reduced price of £12.00 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 [clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk)

## TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council has recently invested in IT equipment to enable meetings to be held in the Council Chamber (at the rear of the hall). The equipment is needed to enable Councillors or members of the public to attend in person or from another location as now required by legislation. Members of the public may attend any council meeting and have the right to make comments or ask questions about any items of business on the agenda. The Council would welcome seeing local residents attending the meetings. All agendas are published on our website and on the community noticeboards.

## NEW YEAR COFFEE MORNINGS

On a pilot basis, a coffee morning will be held on Friday 12 January 2024, Friday 9 February 2024 and 8 March 2024 from 10.00am until 12 Noon. The purpose will be to provide a warm hub, to enable residents to engage with councillors and we intend to provide a number of speakers on topics of interest. A review of attendance levels will be undertaken at the end of the three-month period to assess whether to continue with the arrangements. We hope that the coffee mornings will be well supported and that you will take this opportunity to not only meet with councillors but also to make new friends in the community.

## PLANTING OF COMMEMORATIVE TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Council arranged for the planting of a new tree on the village green on 25 September 2023 in memory of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022). The compost used for the planting included that collected from the flowers laid on the green by residents last year. We will be arranging for an inscribed slate plaque to be fixed near the base of the tree and we are extremely grateful to Wilson Morgan (Memorial Stonemasons) of Penarth who have offered to donate the inscribed plaque and arrange for its fixing.

## **YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS**

The Community Council is always keen to develop projects and schemes which will serve to enhance the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community. Any ideas that residents may have would be warmly welcomed and you should contact the Clerk to the Council.

## **DOG FOULING**

Litter and dog mess continues to be a problem in our community although there is some evidence that dog fouling is less of a problem than hitherto. Nevertheless, this is a call for the limited number of irresponsible dog owner to clean up dog mess. This is still a problem in our community and the minority of dog owners are the problem. The Council is concerned about this issue which has serious implications for our environment as well as health issues. It is considering inviting Civil Enforcement Officers to patrol the community at unannounced times during the day and evening.

It is hard to believe that some dog owners even bag it and then leave the bags on the ground even when bins are close by such as in the playing field. How unhealthy is that? Everyone needs to pull together to protect the environment of our community and if anyone witnesses the actions of an irresponsible dog owner please report the matter to the Vale of Glamorgan Council – Web Link <https://forms.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/DogFouling>

## **INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The Primary School would be interested in considering expressions of interest from local residents, especially those who are Welsh speakers, who would like to volunteer in taking part in the school curriculum bringing their life experience in to the activities undertaken by pupils as they are developed to become active and responsible citizens. The Welsh Government are keen to see that those within the local area but also all those who are interested in and affected by the quality of education having a role to play in the development of young people. If you are interested in being considered as a volunteer, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## **PAINTING OF STREET FURNITURE**

The Council will be arranging for the bench on the green space at the bottom of Penlan Rise to be refurbished. Consideration will also be given to how biodiversity measures may be taken in relation to the space.

## **CONTINUING THE FOCUS ON BIO-DIVERSITY**

The Council with some local volunteers continues in its mission to improve the biodiversity of our community. In early October this year, the small team planted wildflower seeds at three locations and an array of bulbs within the village. Let's hope that Spring will provide great floral displays that we can all enjoy.

## **SURVEY OF THE NEEDS OF OLDER PERSONS**

We will shortly be circulating a survey form to all residents for them to complete and return using a business reply envelope. We would urge everyone to complete and return the survey form following its delivery to your household.

## **SEASONS GREETING TO OUR RESIDENTS**

Councillors would like to extend their seasons greeting to all members of our community. They wish you a very happy Christmas and every success and happiness in the New Year

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](mailto:clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk)