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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Your Community Council is planning to resume the community transport service that was suspended during the period of the pandemic and we are now inviting any individual within the community to tell us whether they would like to be a passenger on the service. Just telephone the Clerk to the Council who is Paul Egan and let him have your name, address and phone number. You can contact him on 01446 409294. If you would prefer to contact him by email it is clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk

The service will be available on Thursday mornings and you will be picked up from your home and dropped off at your home when the minibus returns from the shopping visit. You will be transported to the local supermarkets and the volunteer driver will help you take your shopping to the van which is equipped to enable anyone with a disability to participate. We will invite you to make a small donation of £2.00 to assist with the costs involved.

Taking part will not only help with your shopping but will also be an opportunity to meet new friends.

Our new volunteer driver is keen to start the service and has indicated that she will take passengers to supermarkets in Cardiff Bay and to the shops at Culverhouse Cross on a rotating basis subject to the views of passengers.

When we undertook a survey of the views of older persons in 2022 support was given to the resumption of the service which suggests that many residents would welcome having this opportunity to undertake a shopping trip each week.

We sincerely hope that you support the service which is intended to support any person in our community who requires assistance with their shopping.



COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Llandough Community Council currently has one 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 other than for expenses. 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.

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: 12 September. Applications will be considered at the Council meeting on 14 September. Please write to the Clerk, Paul Egan, 63 Woodham Park, Barry CF62 8FJ or e-mail your letter of application to clerk@llandough-cc.co.uk

NEW ALLOTMENT SITE – LEWIS ROAD

Following last year's community consultation event, the Council has been examining the views expressed by residents about the concept design and some amendments to the design have been made. We promised to hold a follow-up event this year and the date arranged for this is Saturday 14 October 2023 at 10.00am in the village hall. Those attending will be advised of the changes made to the design and the steps that will now be taken to develop the site for the benefit of residents. Following last year's event, we received a high number of expressions of support and many local residents have put their name forward for an allotment plot. Hope to see you at the event that will be published nearer the date.

VILLAGE FETE

The ever-popular village fete was held on Saturday 10 June 2023 and as usual attracted a large audience who were entertained by many events held during the afternoon. We would like to thank everyone who attended and supported this popular event in the village calendar.



We are now planning for next year's fete and would like to hear from any local residents who would like to have a stall at the fete. If you would like to have a stall at the fete, please contact the Clerk to the Council with details of what you would like to sell at the fete. We would also welcome any views from residents about what they would like to have included in the fete programme.

CONTINUING THE FOCUS ON BIO-DIVERSITY

The Council with some local volunteers continues in its mission to improve the biodiversity of our community. During 2023/24 we will be focussing on the following:

- Wildflower seed planting
- Planting of daffodil bulbs
- Continuing to develop the bird sanctuary in the redundant tennis court located in the playing fields
- Possible development of scrub land at the top of Llandough Hill as an alpine garden.



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.

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 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

The hall will be closing down for 4-6 weeks until the end of September 2023 in order for essential building works to be undertaken. The hall is managed by a charity known as the 'Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Institute.' It is managed by five community Councillors who are principal trustees. The Hall Committee is extremely grateful for the financial support that has been made available by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Strong Communities Grant scheme towards the cost of the building works.



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.

LITTER PICK

The next community litter pick will be held on Saturday 9 September from 10.00am until 12 Noon. Please feel free to join your Councillors – meeting outside the hall at 10.00am.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE HALL

Following last year's successful Fayre, we are planning to hold another event on Saturday 16 December from 10.00am until 12 Noon. If you would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please contact the Clerk to the Council giving your contact details and what you propose to sell at the Fayre. We have made provisional arrangements for a Carol Service and coffee morning to be held on Saturday 9 December and are currently awaiting notification from the two primary schools serving the community as to whether their respective choirs will be available to sing for us.

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 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 recently funded the painting of seats and litter bins on the village green, Brook Green and the village garden. We hope that residents will like the new colour scheme that has been chosen.

NEW COMMEMORATIVE TREE FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN

A new Ginkgo tree will shortly be planted on the village green in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II. We understand that this species is one of the late Queen's favourite trees. The compost from the flowers laid on the village green last year will be used for composting purposes.

NEW COMMEMORATIVE TREE AT THE BIRD SANCTUARY

A tree has been planted by the Community Council on the grassed area in front of the bird sanctuary in the playing fields. The tree supplied by the Vale of Glamorgan Council has been planted in memory of those individuals who lost their lives from COVID during the pandemic.

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

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