

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Community Councillors :** Haydn Williams (Chair), Wendy Beck (Vice Chair), Terry Griffiths, Roland Jeremy, Marilyn John, John Jones, Lloyd Jones, Anne-Louise Morgans & Glyn Williams. **County Councillor – Cllr. Daff Davies, Maesgwynne Mansion, Llangain, Carmarthenshire. SA33 5AL. Tel: 241494**

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**Community Rate** Due to the lack of surpluses held by the Council and the need to move ahead with Community projects, the Council resolved to increase the community rate to £29.23 for the year 2005-06. This compares with rates levied by other Community Councils in Carmarthenshire and will be used for planned community projects.

**Donations** During the year the Council has financially assisted the Parish Church, Smyrna Chapel, the School, Memorial Hall, Llangain Players & Sports & Recreation Association.

**Employee** Our thanks again go to Val Bowen, Beeches for cleaning the bus shelters throughout the year.

**Bilingual Notices** The council would welcome the use of both English and Welsh by the various organizations, and committees when publicising events.

**Council Activities** Due to representations by the council, reflecting road markers have now been placed near Johnstown playing field where there was previously dangerous parking on the blind bend which had been of concern to residents of Llangain Community.

After periodic requests over several years the council has been successful in obtaining an extension to the 30mph speed limit beyond Cenir, Heol Smyrna as far as Cwrthir. An application has been made to the County Council for a modern replacement bus shelter to be erected and resited by the front pavement at Smyrna crossroads at a potentially substantial cost. The present shelter has been in place since the 1940s and is now constructively unsafe. Whole hearted gratitude is extended to Mr & Mrs Gareth Williams who have voluntarily established a new footpath from Dol-y-Dderwen to Church Road with a tarmac surface and safety barriers. This useful short cut will greatly assist locals. The street light previously placed near Penycoed pumping station has been moved to the actual crossroads in order to illuminate the junction and a new streetlight erected on Church Road to illuminate the new footpath. The pavements in Coedmor Avenue and Heol Smyrna have been resurfaced.

**Twinning** With the kind co-operation of Mr Lynn Davies, the council has applied for possible twinning arrangements with an Irish village. More developments are awaited.

**Litter** The Council would like the co-operation of the public to pick up litter where ever they can when walking the village streets and lanes. Church Road is a particular problem at the moment.

## NEWSLETTER 2005

**Annual Dinner** was held this year at Panyrathro Mansion House. A presentation was made to Mrs Margaret Jenkins by Cllr. John Jones, the outgoing chairman to mark her long and invaluable contribution to Llangain Community during the last 30 years.

**Celebration Happy Birthday** to Miss Maggie Howells of Arfryn, Heol Smyrna who celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in July. Born in Danlanfach by the river, she is our oldest resident and has lived in Llangain all her life. Among her presents were a visit by the Chairman, Cllr. Haydn Williams and County Cllr. Daff Davies, a bouquet of flowers and her picture in the Carmarthen Journal.

**Choir Visit** Llangain were pleased to welcome the Leidekranz Oberensingen Male Voice Choir from Nurtigen in Germany to the community. During their visit the President Elect of the choir planted a rose in the school garden. They were entertained by the schoolchildren and visited individual gardens. Haydn Williams addressed them in Welsh during their lunch at Y Pantydderwen. The German translation was done by Nicol Hopkins and the visit arranged by Mr Lynn Davies, both of Dolydderwen.

**Community Website** The address, finally, is [www.llangain.org.uk](http://www.llangain.org.uk) Members of the public are encouraged to visit the site and if they wish to comment or contribute in any way they should contact Margaret Edwards of CIS. Tel : 220366. [margaretedwards@tourlink.co.uk](mailto:margaretedwards@tourlink.co.uk)

**Competitions** The **Wales in Bloom** was again entered by Mr Lynn Davies. The **Morfa Bach** area in lower Llangain have entered separately since 2004 when they won the Bronze Medal. This year's results to be announced. Entry requirements for the **Village of Year Competition** did not allow Llangain to enter in 2005.

**Primary School** In the light of recent disconcerting news regarding the future of the school, the Council is keen to encourage any support from residents. Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mrs Angharad Jones on her appointment as headteacher. A promotion CD Rom was recently launched.

**Police Activity** Regrettably, it has again been necessary to ask the Police to investigate incidents of vandalism and disruptive behaviour. Such incidents unfortunately do nothing for the image of the Community. **Specific complaints should be made directly to the local incident room on 0845 3302000 where your complaint is registered and investigated.**

**A-Z Services (County Council)** This annual booklet distributed to every household by the Carmarthenshire County Council is extremely useful to contact various departments e.g. to report a faulty street light (light number on the lamp).

**6 OCTOBER** : Ray Gravell Live Broadcast on BBC Radio Cymru from Y Pantydderwen at 8.30 a.m

**7 OCTOBER** : BBC Wales Bus in the Memorial Hall car park. 1pm - 4pm. All welcome.