

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

In **January** 2017, the Council resolved a community rate increase of only £1.10p per annum with any additional costs to be met from reserves.

In **February**, the Council gave donations of £1575.00 to local organisations such as Llangain School, Memorial Hall, Gardening club, Smyrna Chapel and Sports & Recreation Committee, Bowls Club and also some organisations such as Air Ambulance and British Legion. A full list is posted on the village noticeboard or from the Clerk, tel. no. 290 199.

It was reported that the Sports & Recreation Committee has new volunteer members who have plans for fund raising etc. and the Community Council wish them well for the future.

In **March**, Cllr. Haydn Williams visited Mr Myrddin Jones of Brynhawddgar (formerly Broadlands) who has reached 96 years of age, the oldest resident in the community and gave him a gift and the best wishes of all. The Chair acknowledged the work of County Councillor D.B. Davies during his terms of office and wished him and Mrs Davies good health and enjoyment in their retirement.

Also, the Council discussed concerns from residents regarding potential problems for Llangain as a result of new traffic arrangements in Alltynap Road. This could result in large lorries having to travel through Heol Smyrna in the night thus exacerbating traffic problems already being encountered by residents in that area. It was resolved to invite Mrs Angela Burns AM to a meeting to express residents' concerns regarding the issue and also present problems being encountered by the community because of large farm traffic etc.

In **April**, Mrs Burns came to a special meeting to listen and discuss concerns expressed by Councillors on behalf of residents. As a result, she promised to support the Community Council and residents and discuss the issues with the County Council.

After the 2017 Local Government Elections, the Community Councillors were returned without opposition and, therefore, the new Council would be in being until 2022.

At the **Annual General Meeting** in **May**, Cllr. Terry Griffiths was elected Chair for the coming year with Cllr. Carl Atkins as his Vice Chair. The outgoing Chair, namely, Cllr. Anne-Louise Morgans thanked fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their support in the efforts to resolve local issues.

The Chair welcomed the new County Councillor, Cllr. Carys Jones to the meeting and wished her well in her office. Cllr. Jones thanked the Chair and members for their good wishes. She stated that she was already aware of some issues and problems in Llangain and promised to represent their interests during her term of office.

In June, the Council received a letter from the Governing Body of the school asking for their support to get a 20mph speed limit from the top of Maesyrawel to Smyrna crossroads. The

Council resolved to support the Governors in their request and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council on this matter.

Village benches and the Best Kept Village Awards sign are currently being refurbished. Residents should be aware that the **new community website** [www.llangain.org](http://www.llangain.org) is now fully operational and contain much local information with additional material and photos being added as an on going process. Should anyone belonging to any village organisations and clubs wish to use it for publicising events and report news etc., please contact the Clerk or Cllr. Haydn Williams. Also, it would be helpful if an interested person could assist as another Editor.