

# LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## *NEWSLETTER*

### 1999

**A Community Council election** was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1999. The following were elected as Councillors:

- **Margaret Jenkins**
- **Peris Williams**
- **Terry Griffiths**
- **Haydn Williams**
- **John Jones**
- **Glyn Williams**
- **Roland Jeremy**

At the Annual General meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June Margaret Jenkins was elected to serve as Chairman for the year and Peris Williams was elected as Vice-Chairman. Arthur Harries continues as County Councillor.

**Peris Williams retired** from his position as Clerk to the Council in March this year. The Council is very grateful to Peris for all the hard work he undertook during his five years of office. His successor as Clerk is Elaine Collins from Johnstown

The Council continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Notices for each meeting are displayed on the two noticeboards and a press release is published in the Carmarthen Journal following each meeting.

**The precept** for this year is £5190 – the same as for last year. In March the Council made the following donations: Llangain Church-£150; Smyrna Chapel-£150; Memorial Hall-£90; Llangain Millennium Committee-£200; Llangain Sports and Recreation Association-£1000.

**The Council has continued to experience long delays with Carmarthenshire County Council,** both in replying to correspondence and in carrying out the work requested. The County Council has confirmed that work is programmed to commence on footways from Smyrna Square to Brynderi during late September or early October this year. The County Council has also arranged for a stone drain to be installed on the B4312 to prevent water crossing the road during heavy rainfall. Outstanding issues include the provision of a street nameplate sign for Maesyrawel and the painting of the bungalows. The Council is also awaiting the results of a flow

analysis of the drainage system at the Penycoed Pumping Station.

**The Council has remained very concerned about the problem of speeding** in the village and has repeatedly pressed both the County Council and the Police to monitor the situation, both on the main road and on Heol Smyrna. Some Police speed checks have been undertaken on the crossroads and arrangements have been made for the installation of a GK Analyser to monitor both the speed and the density of traffic. The results are awaited.

On a similar topic a letter has been sent to the County Council regarding the problem of traffic congestion which occurs in Johnstown at peak times. The Council has requested that the operation of the traffic lights be adjusted to help ease the situation. A letter of support has been sent to the Action Group in Johnstown fighting the proposed new road layout, which will considerably worsen the situation in Johnstown.

**Litter continues to be a problem** within the village and the condition of the bus shelters is causing some concern. The Council is investigating the possibility of replacing the bus shelter on the crossroads with one of a modern design. It is hoped that this will be funded by Antur Cwm Taf / Teifi through the Community Association.

**All of Llangain's 13 footpaths are now open** and further improvement works are planned if the Council is successful in obtaining money from the County Council under the Maintenance of Footpaths Community Programme. A decision is still awaited on the diversion of FP25/10, Coedmor Avenue. Two groups of British and foreign volunteers spent some time in the village last year while working on improvements in Green Castle Woods. They were housed in the Church Hall and enjoyed hospitality at Tafarn Pantydderwen and the village Fun Day.

**Last year Llangain won the Environment section of the Carmarthenshire Rotary Village of the Year competition** and has submitted an entry again this year. The village has also entered the Wales in Bloom competition and judging for both will be held shortly.