

# LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER 2000

## **The Community Councillors are:**

Peris Williams (Chairman); Roland Jeremy (Vice Chairman); Haydn Williams; Margaret Jenkins; Terry Griffiths; Glyn Williams; John Jones.

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

**The precept for this year is £4500.** The Band D Council Tax for 2000/2001 is £18.54 (Llansteffan £19.04, Llangynog £21.32) which represents a 14% decrease on last year.

In March the Council made the following donations: Llangain Church-£150; Smyrna Chapel-£150; Llangain Youth Club-£250; The Samaritans-£50; WRVS £25; Childline Wales-£25.

To commemorate the new millennium the Council has purchased a weather vane as a gift to the village. The weather vane will be fitted to the wall of the Memorial Hall and should be in place shortly.

## **Some outstanding issues were resolved during the year:**

- the pavement between the Square and Brynderi has been constructed.
- a new nameplate for Maes yr Awel has been erected
- British Gas has accepted responsibility for the screening of the LP compound along the main road and will be replacing the conifers with a deciduous hedge. However the side of the compound must remain fenced as any tree screen would be a barrier to air flow.
- the County Council has decided to proceed with the option of installing a storm overflow from Penycoed Pumping Station.
- PIW are building the final four plots at Dol y Dderwen and when these are completed the footpath will be constructed.

**The litter bins** should now be emptied by the County Council on a weekly basis.

**The Community Council has opted to become part of a new "Best Value" partnership scheme with the County Council and Hyder for the provision of public lighting.** The scheme, which includes both maintenance and electricity charges, will mean a reduction in the Community Council's current lighting costs.

Following a request by residents a new streetlight will be installed at Llangynog Road. **The problem of speeding has again been of concern this year.** The police conducted a survey of traffic in Heol Smyrna which showed that the majority of drivers are exceeding the 30mph speed limit but force policy is not to prosecute drivers driving at 40mph or less. The police concede that the targeting of speed offenders is only effective whilst the police are present and that the most effective way of reducing overall speed is through the deployment of speed calming measures. The Community Council has requested that the County Council consider installing a speed camera within the village as part of their speed management strategy.

**The County Council's policy for the allocation of housing is becoming of increasing concern.** The Community Council is unhappy that the County Council has not given priority to elderly or disabled residents or to local people when allocating the bungalows in Maes yr Awel. The Council has written to both the local M.P. and Assembly Member expressing their discontent with this policy. **Llangain won the Environment Section of the Carmarthenshire Rotary Village of the Year Competition for the second year running** and has submitted an entry again this year. The village has also entered the Wales in Bloom competition and a new planter has been purchased for the Square. Judging for both competitions will take place during the next couple of months. Everyone's help in keeping the village tidy and litter free would be very much appreciated.