

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER 2008

Community Councillors :

Ann-Louise Morgans (Chair), Terry Griffiths (Vice Chair), Roland Jeremy, Marilyn John, John Jones,, Lloyd Phillips, Glyn Williams, Haydn Williams, and Fred Peters who joined us after the May election.

Clerk & Financial Officer :

Mr Iwan Griffiths. Tel : 290199.

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County Councillor : Cllr D.B.Davies, Plas Maesgwynne, Llangain. Tel: 241494.

Community Rate The Council resolved an increase of £3+ for band D households with effect from April 2008. This has been necessary because of increases in basic charges and the Council's contributions to local projects.

Council Activities

Donations

During the year the Council has financially assisted Llangain Church, Smyrna Chapel, Llangain School, Memorial Hall, McMillan Nurses, Heart Foundation, Cruse, Air Ambulance, Red Cross, Carm C.A.B, and the Bobby Van project, a total of £850.

Christmas Tree

Again for Christmas 2007 the Community Council arranged for an illuminated Christmas Tree at Smyrna Crossroads .

Footpaths

The Council continues to work with the County Council to maintain and improve the Community's footpaths for the benefits of walkers. Should you encounter any difficulties or notice any work needed on your walks, please report them to a Community Councillor.

Projects

Bus Shelter

Following concerns regarding the condition of the shelter at Smyrna Crossroads, the County Council demolished the present structure. Rather than wait three years for a replacement, the Community Council, together with the kind assistance of County Cllr. Daff Davies have secured a replacement. Residents should note that the Community Council have had to contribute a sum of £1500, 50% of its cost to achieve this. The new shelter, has been designed especially for its new location having regard to easy view for those waiting for transport and the prevailing weather conditions. The Council have also replanted the old location which eventually become a continuous beech hedge.

Vehicle Activated Signs . The Council are in discussion with the Highways section to erect two vehicle activated signs, one on either side of the village to deter dangerous driving. If our application is successful each one will cost the Community Council £2000, on a matched funding basis. The Council will decide on the timescale when final details are known as there will be financial implications that may affect the level of Community rate in future years.

Homewatch Co-ordinator : Cllr. Roland Jeremy.

Street Representatives

Coedmor Avenue - Brian Rowlands (no.5).
Church Road - John Jones, 20A Dol-y-Dderwen.
Ger y Capel & Main Rd. - Ellis Evans (no 9).
Dôl-y-Dderwen - Roland Jeremy (no 37).
Heol Smyrna – Peris Williams, Cnwc-y-Deri.
Maesyrawel - Gary Morris (no 5).

Village Website

www.llangain.org.uk is in operation. Please view its contents. Should you wish to volunteer to update or contribute in any way, please contact Margaret Edwards, Carmarthenshire Tourism Association on 01558 667116.
margaret@localinfo.org.uk

Dog Fouling

There is concern regarding a small minority of dog owners. All owners are asked to use the green bins or **preferably** take their bags home.

Residents Concerns

The Community Council seeks to represent your needs and your views. If you feel strongly about a specific local issue, please contact your County Councillor or directly to the County Council ,if applicable, using their A-Z of Services or on tel : 234567

Part Night Lighting

The County Council have offered a scheme whereby some Community owned street lights are switched off between the hours of 1.30 and 5.30 in the morning. This will reduce energy costs, light pollution and only apply to lights with the symbol **721** on their post. Before we make a decision residents are asked for their views and make them known to their Councillor or the Clerk on the number provided.