

T&A Community Association Newsletter May 2019

We now meet quarterly on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7pm at the Ynysawdre Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Tondu. So please come and join us. Following our meeting on May 1st, our next meeting will be on the 7th August 2019

Email: contact@tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk

Website <https://tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk> Please check for regular updates.

Our Face Book page: Tondu and Aberkenfig Community Association



NOTICE BOARD

We are pleased to announce and would like to thank the Pentre Felin Retail Parc Managing Agents, who have on behalf of the owners, provided us with a Noticeboard. It is situated on the wall, at the main entrance to the site. This will contain updates and information regarding local events etc. Please contact us if you have a Charity Event you wish to promote.

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Now Outline Planning Application has been granted for an initial 135 houses (Phase One) we need to be vigilant on how they develop this now regenerated space.

Upon writing to Merthyr Mawr Estates at the end of February, we received a reply from Rory McLaggan, which included the following 'Following the signing of the S106 Agreement, Llanmoor Homes made an offer to purchase the site, and the Estate agreed to sell. The sale completed on the 31st January at which point Llanmoor Homes took ownership of the site.

It was not necessarily our intention to sell at this stage but given the many technical challenges of such a large brown field site, and our lack of knowledge, experience and expertise in taking such a project forward we decided that it was right thing to do.

I am pleased that Llanmoor will be taking on the development as they are familiar with the site and the various sensitivities and constraints and have a successful track record in Tondu having developed the adjoining land.' Naturally, since this development we have opened a dialogue with Simon Grey of Llanmoor Developments.

SPEEDING ON MAESTEG ROAD:

Maesteg Road, Tondu (mainly by the Llynfi Arms)

According to an email from PC Mark Simmonds (South Wales Police) the NPT have conducted speed scoping exercises in the area and will continue to do so, in addition to arranging the GoSafe van to attend the area and was brought on as a site in Mar 19. During that month were enforced 4 times with 29 speeding offences identified.

ILLEGAL PARKING/ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

Any incidents like vandalism, cars parked illegally/blocking or parking on dropped kerbs/double parking at the school, fly-tipping, dog-mess etc., please phone 101 and report to talktous@bridgend.gov.uk This will then be logged for future reference. Please supply photographic evidence where possible and safe to do so.

LITTER/RUBBISH:

If you have any grievance, especially illegal parking and spilled rubbish against the Waste Transfer Station, report with photographic evidence, to gareth.barnes@kier.co.uk Tel: 01656 726010.

PENTRE FELIN RETAIL PARC:

You may or may not have noticed the Parc managers have installed security cameras around the Car Park and Loading Bay, this is to prevent late night parking, fly-tipping and vandalism.

OUR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Over the past two years having become increasingly involved in the activities of the two Community Councils here, both having been extremely helpful in getting this Association off the ground, by assisting with our printing costs, meetings and now BOTH have awarded us a grant to get our website off the ground.

NHCC have provided bulbs, which Mr & Mrs Masters have planted along the southern wall of the Retail Park. This will be repeated next year, along with a promise from Cllr Baker that Simon (Bakers DIY) will match the quota.

So, it would be great if members could support them, moving forward, by attending their monthly meetings.

NEW MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A small group of us have achieved a great deal in our short existence and we need to expand and move forward. We have received backing from both our local Community Councils – they have funded our website, NHCC have provided us with spring bulbs and are going to include us in the Christmas lights programme; YCC have helped with printing and have also added us to their Christmas lights and we are hoping both will soon be in financial position to purchase Deliberators, one for the Retail Parc and one for Aberkenfig, both the Parc's Management and Simon of Bakers DIY have agreed to having them fitted for Public access and finally the Pentre Felin Retail Parc have funded a notice board, which we hope to be unveiling soon.

With the support of our two local Councillors, Tim Thomas and James Radcliffe, we have written opposing the proposed cuts to bus services in the area; responded to the planned development of certain areas proposed in BCBC's LDP 2018-2023 and giving our viewpoint on the proposed boundary changes.

Now we are looking for new members and people who can't commit long term but are willing to help-out with particular professions, skills, knowledge on specific things from time to time (such as planning, development, ecology, lighting, environment, legal, historians, web design, printing). Any business owners wishing to sponsor our newsletter?

Please email: contact@tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk with your skills-set or come along to our next meeting, your Community needs you.

ROAD CLOSURE

We have received notice from Network Rail they will be carrying out maintenance work on the Fountains Level Crossing and consequently the Fountains Road will be closed from 22.00 hrs to 6.00hrs Monday 6th May to Tuesday 7th May 2019.

Useful Contacts:

Community Council Meetings: Please check out the times, as all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Ynysawdre Community Council meetings will be held at Ynysawdre Parish Room at 7.00 pm prompt on the third Tuesday of each month. PACT MEETINGS ALTERNATE MONTHS 6.15 at Ynysawdre Parish Room (opposite Tondy Cricket Club) Tel: 07904 604049 (Mrs Anne Wilkes) Email: ynysawdrecommunitycouncil@hotmail.com <http://ynysawdre-community-council.co.uk/>

Councillor Tim Thomas Tel: 07552 650550 Email: Cllr.Timothy.Thomas@bridgend.gov.uk

Newcastle Higher Community Council usually meets at 19.00 on the second Tuesday of the month, apart from August, at either St John's Church, Aberkenfig, Smyrna Chapel Vestry, Penyfai, or Tondy Methodist Church. Tel: 01446 750663 (John Richfield) Email: clerknhcc@btinternet.com <https://www.newcastlehighercc.wales/NHCC/>

Councillor James Radcliffe Tel: 07977 017636 Email: Cllr.James.Radcliffe@bridgend.gov.uk

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YNYSAWDRE PARISH ROOM (opposite Tondy Cricket Club) is available for hire at £10 per hour. Current availability is Monday mornings, Wednesday morning/afternoon, Thursday morning/afternoon and Friday afternoons. Available for family parties/events Saturday and Sunday afternoon/evening.

Regular sessions for the community:

Monday Club (over 50's) afternoons, Pilates/evening (pre-book with Sarah Davies Pilates Fitness via Facebook),

Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm.

Fitness Class with Ashley on Tuesdays at 10am.

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Dog Training with Mutz N Strutz Friday evenings 6 - 9pm (pre-booking required 07533 484 822).

They hope that Connect Community Church and Children's Theatre Company will be available at the hall soon.

Contact: Mrs Anne Wilkes, Clerk of Ynysawdre Community Council: Tel 07904 604049 or Email:

OUR GOALS:

To continue to build on the good Community spirit and proactively work towards improving and protecting the villages of Aberkenfig and Tondu, and to keep what little green spaces we have clean, tidy and 'green'.