

NEWSLETTER

Ynysawdre Community Council

Autumn 2019



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON COUNCILLOR GEOFF LETMAN

This year has been a challenging time for the council as we continue to deal with the problems of previous years.

Unfortunately some members have left during the year for personal reasons and the council now has three vacancies. A new member was co-opted in September.

We increased the number of floral displays by having all barrels filled with annual in addition to the 28 hanging baskets which will be followed by daffodils in the Spring 2020.

Solar powered Christmas trees will be as last year with an additional five trees on Heol yr Ysgol for 2019.

New fencing and gates have been erected at Bryn Road Allotments and Queens Street will have part new fencing soon. The council has also purchased two new litter bins, one on Derllwyn Close and Pandy Park, serviced by Bridgend County Borough Council. Hiring of the Parish Hall continues to improve generating more income to spend during the year. The council welcomes any suggestions that the community may have for future projects and spending plan.



Community Councils are the grass roots of any local community, serving their residents under their wide range of legal powers. We provide the services not covered by Bridgend County Borough Council and on occasion work in partnership with

BCBC. Our aim is to improve the community and support local groups.

Members of Ynysawdre Community Council look forward to receiving any suggestions you may have for your community.

The Full Council Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month, except during August, when we are in recess. The Meetings commence at 7.00 pm at Ynysawdre Parish Room, Bryn Road. Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend these public meetings to observe proceedings. There is also an opportunity at the start of the meeting for residents to inform councillors of any local concerns or ideas. We also hold quarterly Finance Committee Meetings and other meetings when required. Notices regarding meetings are published on our notice board outside Ynysawdre Parish Room and on our website.

Community groups, sports teams and Charities may apply to YCC for a donation to their organisation once a year (between 1 April and 31 March). Please contact the Clerk of the Council. So far this year we have donated £50 to Urdd Gobaith Eisteddfod, £50 to Bridgend Carers and £200 to Tondu Robins RFC



Do you know about Tondu & Aberkenfig Community Association. You may wish to join? Pick up a form from Bakers DIY Aberkenfig or visit the website and use the contact form. www.tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk E: contact@tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk

SERVICES PROVIDED BY YCC

Flower baskets in 2018 plus barrels this year

Family Events: Easter & Halloween

Bus Trips - end Nov/Dec: Big Pit to see Father Christmas and Bristol Christmas Markets

Christmas lights - additional in 2019 along Heol yr Ysgol. The will be on from 25 November

Maintenance of Public Rights of Way

Allotment - Bryn Road, Queen Street and Onslow Terrace

Play Scheme - Active4Life - this year at the Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig 12 - 23 August

Installation of two litter bins

Provide Ynysawdre Parish Hall for hire

FREE dog fouling bags - entrance of the Hall

EASTER EVENT 2019 at Tondu House Farm



Ynysawdre Community Council were proud to award a grant to local adults football team, Tondu Robins, to go towards the cost of essential training equipment. The Robins, who play their home games on Pandy Park, made a miraculous turnaround from a club that was facing the abyss of folding to marching on to the final of the Nathaniel Car Sales Open Cup Final only to be narrowly edged out by Maesteg Park. A club two leagues above the Robins.

With very little funding available for the adults game, club captain Craig Davies described the grant as 'one of the many reasons for the turnaround in fortunes for the Robins.' Craig added 'Nobody can dismiss the hard work from senior players in turning around the club fortunes, as well as the massive efforts of new coach Keith Taylor but the grant enabled us to buy essential equipment to improve our training methods.' With the desire to succeed and keep the club afloat, the Robins won their final seven league games and beat stiff opposition to meet Maesteg Park in the cup final.

The final was a new experience for most of the team, playing on a larger and faster surface at Penybont FC's 4G pitch. Despite the speed of play, the Robins kept Maesteg Park at bay only allowing them pot shots from distance. Despite a resolute defence, the Robins were stunned when Maesteg Park finally unlocked a well organised defence to take the lead 5 minutes from half time. Lesser teams would have dropped their heads at half time, but the Robins were made of sterner stuff and having faced the prospect of folding from the league were far from ready in throwing in the towel. Just when an equaliser looked possible, heart break emerged when a controversial off side decision was given. Goal given – 2-0 to Maesteg. Final whistle, despite the loss the Robins stood proud against the top side in the County Borough.

So what next for the Robins? The club continue to improve both on and off the pitch and are not only looking forward to be continuing to link up with Ynysawdre Community Council, but have been boosted by a new sponsorship deal with local sports and nutrition specialists, C. D Coaching and Nutrition. The goal is promotion and after a successful pre-season are always on the look out for new players. The club have improved the experience for spectators with improvements to their Pandy Park stand and are encouraging the community to get behind the club as they progress through the leagues.

If you are a business looking to support the Robins or you would like to play for the Robins, call Craig Davies on 07969383656 or visit the Tondu Robins on Facebook.

The Parish Hall, opposite Tondu Cricket Club, available for hire at £10 per hour for meetings, events, workshops and classes. Children's parties (weekends only). Enquiries via the Clerk of the Council please. Maximum capacity 50 people. Suitable access for all.



The Monday Club would welcome new members. 1 - 4pm weekly. This is a social afternoon, don't feel isolated or lonely - join the group.

FREE HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURS 31 OCTOBER 2019

Ynysawdre Parish Room

6 - 8 pm

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd best costume



Bristol Christmas Market bus trip Saturday 30 November 2019

Visit Santa at Big Pit, Blaenavon
Saturday 7 December 2019
(pay at the venue to visit Santa)



Both trips leave from outside Tondu Cricket Club at 9.00 am. Seats per Adults £2, children free. Please contact the Clerk to book seats in advance: **Tel 0790 460 4049**

MAKE A CHANGE AND BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a councillor representing your community

- YOU will help make improvements and keep it a great place to live and work
- YOU will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training
- YOU should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team

We currently have a few vacancies - please contact the Clerk of the Council for information on eligibility and discuss the role.

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There has been an incident of fly-tipping along the riverbank behind Glan y Nant

This has caused considerable upset for residents, Bridgend CBC will not remove it, although they are the only authority with the power to prosecute. Unfortunately, YCC will have to use £400 of their reserves to pay for the removal of the rubbish. We have a budget of £500 a year to keep the Public Rights of Way accessible and any extra would be better spent on an extra four solar powered Christmas Trees or other services.

**Do you have any suggestions to improve our community?
Would you like to see more flowers?
More Christmas lights?
Clean bus shelters?
Areas of concern for a clean up?
Would you like to volunteer to clean up or perhaps plant daffodils?
Any other suggestions?**

**The council would like to hear from you by phoning the Clerk or any Councillor,
Email or text**



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