



## Llangammarch Community Council

### Annual report 2019-20

The year started with a few items left over from 2018-19, namely trying to get the bus shelter at Tirabad repaired and attempting to discover the Church in Wales' plans for St David's in Tirabad. The changing of the management committee of the Tirabad Hall started with volunteers coming forward to take over the running. The Council was also informed that the small triangle of land, that used to be the play area, will stay in private hands.

The process of making the Council website Accessibility compliant was begun, to ensure it meets the legal requirements by September 2020. The main stumbling block was the preparation of compliant pdf files. This would require a new .pdf creator that checks for accessibility for screen readers.

The box of instructions and requirements for Operation London Bridge (death of the monarch) was completed and is stored in a safe, but public space.

Investigations began into the possibility of an electrical car charging point near the toilets. Eventually, it was discovered that this would not be viable, but the council is still vigilant for possibilities.

The perennial topic of speed in Llangammarch and Cefn Gorwydd continues to bumble on. During the year a few signs were renewed. In January, GoSafe and the local PCSO visited the community and explained the process of speed gun training. It is yet to be seen if this will be a viable option. Covid -19 put a temporary halt to any proceedings.

After over ten years of fighting for the Local Development Plan to at least be adhered to for the Cefn Llan, the Planning Inspectorate Wales, ruled that it should go ahead. This was a great disappointment, inasmuch as even the Powys Plan was over-ruled, as it stated there should be 16 dwellings. One Voice Wales are looking into this, but it is understood that it cannot be reversed.

It was agreed that the roof of the Public Conveniences be replaced in the summer of 2019. Three quotes were obtained. The work started at the end of the summer and cost £2600 including VAT. There was a slight adjustment made to requirements, inasmuch that guttering to be placed at the back will catch the rainwater so that it can be saved in water-barrels for use in the gardens. There will also be a push-button tap installed to allow people to fill up water bottles. This will be listed on a national site.

The John Penri slate on the fence of St Cadmarch's eventually split into four. It was agreed to look at the options. The slate was in an irreparable state, so it was agreed to get a new one from the Snowdonia Slate Company. The slate has now been encased in an oak surround. There is also an A5 framed information sheet to go with it. Both are on display within St Cadmarch's.

The phone box at Glan yr Afon was once again been scheduled for decommissioning. Residents nearby have confirmed that they wish the box to remain in situ. The process for acquiring the box, for the council, was begun. However, in late 2019, we were informed that the telephone box will remain and it will be repainted sometime in 2020.

After the receipt of the 2019 RoSPA report on the playground it was agreed that the Asset Committee needed to look at the options available. A public meeting was called to decide what to do about the playground. It was agreed that the sub-standard equipment be removed. What remained was to be made safe. The children's competition resulted in a roundabout of some sort being the preferred replacement. The playground was closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September for work to begin, removing items, making good the steps and adding fencing. The Council applied for a Lottery Grant of £8040 for a new roundabout. In January we were told this was successful. G L Jones from North Wales will install it when the weather and Cobid-19 restrictions allow.

Benches within the area have come under scrutiny. There are some that need repair, some that need removing. The assessment of these is ongoing and funds have been allocated in the 20-21 budget to replace some.

The Community App NextDoor was started up for Llangammarch. It has proved successful with nearby council areas joining in (Llanwrtyd, Treflys and Cilmeri). A few teething problems emerged with people trying to use it like FaceBook or Instagram as unlike the latter, it is not public. This App came into its own when the Covid-19 restrictions were in force and worked as a base for co-ordinating shopping and medicines collections for the residents.

Residents requested the council into the possibility of a bus shelter in Llangammarch for the school children. This is ongoing, but is likely to see adjustments to the shelter by the Alexandra Hall.

As we close the 2019-20 Council Year, we find ourselves dealing with Covid19. This has impacted heavily on VE day activities and others planned for the summer of 2020. It also meant, following a change in the law, that the council meetings are set to be virtual events until the lockdown lifts.

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