

Henllanfallteg Community Council

Chairman's report 2009-10

The Community Council has had another busy year with much work being carried out behind the scenes by the Clerk and Council members.

Our ongoing discussions with Carmarthenshire County Council over traffic calming road signage in Llanfallteg were finally resolved. This resulted in enhanced village boundaries and the 30mph roundels plus repainting of other road markings across the Community.

Long before the cold winter our Councillors were also involved in lengthy discussions and meetings with Pembrokeshire County Council to persuade them to repair the road from Llanddewi Velfry to the Community. Led by our Vice Chair Clive Mortlock, Councillors were able to prove that the road was indeed the responsibility of PCC, a fact that representatives of the Council were initially not willing to accept. The cold winter made the road condition worse before PCC's commitment to make the repairs were carried out but seemingly only after more representation from our Community Council.

We continued our good working relationship with Carmarthenshire County Council who was swift to patch the potholes across the Community after the ice and snow.

The Community Council has continued to try and resolve the problem of poor foul drainage in Llanfallteg. Following meetings with our Assembly Member Angela Burns, Carmarthenshire County Council and Dwr Cymru Welsh Water we were successful in securing funding DCWW for an engineering study to provide an outline design and costs for a mains sewerage scheme. Now we now what is possible from an engineering perspective we can move forward in 2001/11 to investigate what grant funding options might be available to help us.

We have had to raise our annual precept (that is the amount residents contribute to the Community Council through their Council Tax bills) for 2001/11 to £3,400. This returns the precept to an expected level for a Council such as ours after using our reserve finances to subsidise a low precept in the 09/10 financial year. This has reduced our reserves to a more appropriate level.

We are fortunate to have an active Community Council with members who have a genuine interest in doing something for the Community and work constructively to do so. Members have represented residents' interests by providing responses from our Community perspective on a wide range of consultations on public services in the county. Councillors have also attended a range of meetings and seminars including Town and Country Planning and public transport with our Community interests.

We have had continued support from our County Councillor Sue Allen which has been valuable for a number of matters where partnership with the County Council has been required.

I hope in this General Election year there has been some more interest in and perhaps better understanding of government and politics. The Community Council has an important role to play and, as we can see, can get things done. There is still a vacancy for an additional member for Henllanfallteg Community Council. I hope that we can find a

resident from Henllan, Rhydywrach or Cwm Felin Boeth who would be interested to join the Council and help represent the wider Community.

Once again I wish to thank Ella Beattie, Clerk to the Council and all Council members for their work over the past year and anticipate another busy year ahead.

G Carpenter 10 May 2010

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