

Henllanfallteg Community Association Timeline (to 2014)

The land the Millennium Hall now stands on was in 1985 and earlier split into three strips parallel to the road. The strip next to the road belonged to Hope Cottage, middle strip Spring Gardens and further strip the Plash Inn.



Around 1990 the then owners of the Plash Inn, Mr and Mrs Vasey purchased Hope Cottage and its strip garden. Shortly afterwards they sold the two garden strips (nearest and furthest) to the owners of Spring Gardens, Mr and Mrs Turton. The Turtons split up and Mrs Turton and new partner Lem, applied for planning consent to build a house on the land comprising the three garden strips. The Council turned down the application as they felt a house was inappropriate. Mrs Turton and Lem split the title of the Spring Gardens and the strips in 1991. They sold the garden strips to the Community Council in 1995 after prolonged negotiations with the Council Valuer. Mrs Turton and Lem then sold up and left, moving to Llanboidy. John and Buddug Blandford then became owners of Spring Gardens around the end of 1991 early 1992. The garden strips were subsequently transferred to the Community Association on 22nd October 1998.

8th August 1995 - First public meeting held in the open at the Memorial Playing Field to discuss forming a "Community Association".

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These new groups were being promoted by the Welsh Office, via local support "quangos" to act as the local end of the funding stream becoming available from Europe. Locally this was also seen to provide a legally constituted body to take ownership of the land (That the Hall now stands on)

15th August 1995 - A further meeting held at the Memorial Playing Field, and association and officers set in place, with first chair as Clive Denton from Brynglas, and Karen James as secretary, John Bodkin as Treasurer.

13th September 1995 - First meeting held in Henllan Amgoed Chapel Vestry, to explore options for a village hall. The land initially called the "Memorial Plot"

14th November 1995 - Land formally part of garden at Spring Gardens finally acquired by Henllanfallteg Community Council Title no WA586332. Title document and Land registry original then with Lewis and Lewis St Clears.

31st January 1996 - Constitution of the Henllanfallteg Community Association signed and bank account opened.

Feb | March 1996 - Community survey undertaken to ascertain viability of the proposed hall.

July 1996 - Planning application for new hall submitted.

8th September 1996. - First AGM. £20 approximately in kitty! £500 grant received from Prince of Wales Trust for upkeep and improvements to the plot.

1997 - John Donovan becomes chair.

19th December 1997 - Planning Application for new Hall registered.

February 1998 - Protest meetings held by objectors to the hall construction.

28th May 1998 - Planning consent granted.

3rd June 1998 - Hall planning application reported in minutes as "approved". Meeting held with architects to explain ongoing tender process.

1st July 1998. - Charity status to be sought. Limited company status to be sought and additional bank account "Building Account" opened. New Hall to be called "Llanfallteg Community Hall"

28th August 1998 - Henllanfallteg Community Association registered as a Charity with Charity Commissioners no 1071264. Governing Document is constitution adopted on 31st January 1996. Area of Benefit Henllanfallteg and neighbourhood. Area of operation Carmarthenshire, Wales.

8th October 1998 - Lowest tender from TPT accepted for building the Hall.

22nd October 1998 - Land was to be transferred to Henllanfallteg Community Association "nominated Trustees", Karen James, John Bodkin, Ernie Goodridge and John Donovan, to be held in trust for the Charity - restrictions imposed by virtue of Section 36 of the Charities Act 1993 will apply to the land (subject to sub section (a) of that section. Land transferred with the benefit of an easement granted by Mr and Mrs Vasey, Plash Inn and Henllanfallteg Community Council in July 1996 (re foul drainage). The transfer was to be executed by Richard Williams (ACT) and John Donovan being two of the Charity Trustees on behalf of the Charity under general authority given pursuant to section 82 of the Charities Act 1993.

2nd December 1998 - AGM Committee retained en bloc and funds stand at £94.54 Agreement to alter the Association Constitution in line with Welsh Office recommendation. TWO sets of minutes totally different!

22nd January 1999 - John Donovan stood down as chair. John Bodkin nominated to replace him as signatory to building account and other documents(?) Mr Wyn Williams took over chair but no record of how.

- 23rd April 1999** - Oak Bench donated by ACT. Construction contracts signed after the meeting.
- 27th April 1999 (OR JUST AFTERWARDS)** - Land transfer claimed to be executed by Richard Williams and John Bodkin being the only two nominated trustees. (*See correspondence from Philip Roche*) This was required to keep the record straight and then allow the drawdown of the Millennium Commission Funding to build the hall. Land Registry records don't support this ever taking place.
- 4th August 1999.** - Construction work in progress. John Bodkin donated the piano.
- October 1999** - Mr Wyn Williams passed away. Ernie Goodrich took over chair. Richard Meade took over project manager's role for ACT.
- 3rd January 2000.** - Coffee morning for first viewing of the new hall.
- 7th March 2000** - AGM Ernie Goodrich confirmed as chair.
- 12th April 2000** - Official Opening
- 22nd July 2001** - First joint fête held with Playing Field.
- 28th July 2000** - Entertainments Licence obtained
- 10th October 2000** - No smoking policy agreed.
- 5th March 2001** - AGM Mr Goodrich continues as chair. £716.53 in kitty.
- 4th June 2001** - £2267.27 donated by Betty Adams from old Llanfallteg show monies.
- 6th March 2002** - AGM Cliff Richmond appointed as chair. Mr Goodrich withdraws from all hall activities due to ill health. £1506.42 in kitty.
- March 2002** - First Newsletter circulated

- 28th April 2002** - Llanfallteg History Society formed.
- 6th November 2002** - John Bodkin resigns as treasurer, but remains as nominative trustee, with Gary McKenzie taking over.
- 24th February 2003** - Building Bank account closed and balance of £3761.29 transferred to Community Association.
- 5th March 2003** - AGM Ernie Goodrich made Life President. Chair remain unchanged. £5502 in kitty
- June 2003** - Community Web site up and running.
- Aug 2003** - Ernie Goodrich passed away.
- 17th October 2003** - Winners of Carmarthenshire Village of the year competition.
- May 2004** - Gary McKenzie stands down as treasurer and Heather Bearman takes over. Dave King takes over as minute secretary. Josie Thomas takes over chair after Cliff Richmond resigns from trustees.
- 1st September 2004** - Games night receive grant of £5000 from Awards for All
- June 2005** - Projector and screen fitted in the Hall and all Audio Visual equipment installed in a cupboard. Filmbank "Video Screening" license obtained.
- 1st October 2005** - Millennium Hall granted "premises license".
- 8th October 2005** - Film nights started with the first film, "Girl with the Pearl Earring"
- 3rd May 2006** - Constitution revised to clearly identify the Nominative trustee's role and position. Heather Bearman stands down as treasurer and Eve Edwards takes over. Karen James stands down as secretary due to back issue and Dave King takes over the full secretary role.
- June 2006** - Newsletter renamed "Helgorn Taf Bugle"

- May 2007** - Josie Thomas stands down as chair and Myrddin Pynn takes the chairs position.
- July 2007** - Side garden redesigned and laid out with slabs and new seats.
- 16th February 2008** Film night ends due to lack of interest.
- May 2009** - Flagpole donated by Clive Mortlock
- June 2009** - Outside of The Hall painted.
- September 2010** - Front Doors and most windows replaced with PVC due to rotting.
- 1st December 2010** - 4kw of Solar PV panels installed on the roof.
- August 2011** - Replica of Vortipor Stone erected at the front of the side garden.
- 10th January 2012** - Grant award received of £3420 from the Environment Partnership, for a community energy survey followed by supporting events and actions.
- May 2012** - Myrddin Pynn stands down as chair and Wendy Heron takes the chairs position.
- 18th July 2012** - PRS performing rights society licence obtained.
- 25th October 2012** - Octagonal Table donated and installed at the front of The Hall.
- 26th November 2012** - Registered for receipt of "Gift Aid" from HMRC.
- December/January 2012** - Main Hall redecorated by Haydn Owen
- 7th January 2013** - TV receiving license obtained.
- 11th January 2013** - Nominative trustee transferred to the Charity Commissioner.

- 22nd February 2013** - Millennium Hall joined the Community Wireless Broadband network, giving a 10 Mb connection for Hall users.
- May 2013** - Public Access Defibrillator installed in the entrance porch with grant from British Heart Foundation.
- 13th June 2013** - CCTV fitted and HCA registered with Information Commissioner.
- 22nd July 2013** - Linda Cooke takes over cleaning the Hall on self employed basis.
- 25th August 2013** - Vortipor trails noticeboard unveiled
- 14th September 2013** - First Autumn show run by HCA.
- 16th January 2014** - Meeting with Business Wales to improve CA revenue.
- 9th February 2014** - Most of the fence around the south and west sides blew down in a series of storms.
- April 2014** - Games Night ends - lack of helpers!
- 16th April 2014** - Revamped bilingual web site goes live as part of Vortipor Project.
- 10th May 2014** - Table tennis started on Thursday evenings.
- May 2014** - Myrddin Pynn restored as chair at AGM
- 16th May 2014** - New fence erected by Stephen Hughes on South and West sides
- 25th May 2014** - provisional grant award letter from Awards for All to tune of £4686 to be spent on new furniture.
- 24 August 2014** - Cloud Store set up for Secretary documents
- 23 September 2014** - Community Calendar goes on sale, based on winners photos selected at the Fete in July.
- October 2014** - New meeting room table, plus 50 new chairs and six round tables received as part of Awards for All funding. Games night

equipment disposed of. New magnetic notice boards fitted on outside the Hall.

9th November 2014 - Vortipor project funded by a CCC
Landscape and Heritage grant concludes with a celebration exhibition.