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Cyngor Cymuned Llanedi

Llanedi Community Council

Festive FUN!

It's that time of year again when we put aside our worries and woes and start to enjoy the Christmas festivities. As in previous years, the Community Council will be organising a number of special events to get us into the spirit of the season. Christmas trees and lights will be provided on Hendy Square, the Fforest, Llanedi and Tycroes.

At Tycroes, the Council working with Tycroes Local Aid and the Primary School, has arranged for Father Christmas to switch on the Christmas lights on Friday, November 26th at 7pm.

Along with the Hendy Carnival Committee we have also arranged for Father Christmas to call at Hendy Square at 6pm on Friday, December 3rd. Here again, he will be switching on the Christmas illuminations.

Christmas tree lights will also be switched on at the junction of Heol-y-Plas and Llanedi Road, Fforest at 6.20pm and at Llanedi village at 6.45pm on the same night, December 3rd.



November 26th - 7pm: Father Christmas switches on the lights - Tycroes

December 3rd - 6pm: Father Christmas switches on the lights - Hendy Square

December 3rd - 6.20pm: Switch on Christmas lights, Fforest

December 3rd - 6.45pm: Switch on Christmas lights, Llanedi Village

Not For Sale

The highways department of Carmarthenshire County Council is working with the Trading Standards department to combat the increasingly common practice of leaving vehicles for sale on public highways. The lay-bys at Talyclun and at the Black Horse Square, Hendy are particularly affected by this.

The would-be vendors have no regard for the rights of drivers, who might wish, quite correctly, to stop for a short time, or who might urgently need to move into the lay-by to avoid collision with another vehicle.

One driver has told us that he only narrowly escaped such an accident recently at the bottom of Fforest Road where the junction with Iscoed Road is a known hazard. A lay-by was never meant to be used as a car-sales place.

Please report any FOR SALE vehicles you may see parked in any lay-by to the Highway Department or Trading Standards for the sake of safety on our roads.

Pride in our environment and our community

What has happened to our pride in our environment and our community? Despite facilities that have been provided for the disposal of waste and despite regular collections of waste from our homes, some individuals persist in marring our environment.

How often have you seen our countryside, hedgerows and rivers littered with building rubble, old prams, mattresses and black plastic bags filled to the brim? In a matter of days the bags are torn apart by birds and wild animals with the disgusting contents strewn around.



Heol Y Geibren, September 2010

I would urge all residents to rise up against this appalling behaviour. If anyone sees such antisocial activities report the incidents to the police immediately.

Tycroes Village Hall

Work is in progress to extend the Hall to provide a multi-purpose facility which will enable more voluntary groups to make better use of this valuable local asset.

The extension has been made possible following the receipt of a £40,000 grant from Llanedi Community Council and £25,000 from Carmarthenshire County Council Collaboration Fund.

Further grants are being sought by the Hall Management Committee to allow for the improvement of the kitchen and toilet facilities.

The Terry Price Youth Award

In the last edition of Llais Llanedi we launched our new youth award which is named after local iconic sportsman Terry Price (1945 - 1993).

This award is intended to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people under the age of 25 who live in the Council area - Hendy, Tycroes, Fforest and Llanedi.

News from our Primary Schools

Ysgol Yr Hendy

A coffee morning was held at the school on Thursday, October 21 to celebrate the harvest. The children gave thanks for God's gifts in words and song.

The children had collected vegetables and fruits and these were shared between the three care homes in the village - Arlangwili, Llwyngwern and Llys Gwyn. The children entertained the residents in Arlangwili on Tuesday, 19th of October.

Ysgol Llanedi

Our Christmas concert will take place in St Edith's Church, Llanedi on December 7th -time to be advised.

We were thrilled when Jack Speed, Year 4, came sixth in the Schools Cross Country championships. Our recently established Urdd club is proving to be a popular after-school activity with children participating in cooking, painting arts and crafts. Since the start of term pupils have achieved one Healthy Schools Leaf Award and two Eco-schools Bronze Awards. *Congratulations to the pupils who worked so hard to gain these accolades.*

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We are the Champions

In this edition we pay a special tribute to three local personalities who have achieved the highest accolades in their respective sports.



Robert Croft

2010 has been a very special year for Robert, with yet another achievement in his brilliant career. He has become the first cricketer since

1972 and only the ninth since the end of the second world war, to score 10,000 runs and take 1,000 wickets for one county.

When Leicestershire batsman Wayne White became his 1,000th victim this summer at St. Helens, two former Glamorgan players brought champagne onto the pitch and offered him a glass. Sadly the heavens soon opened and rain stopped play for two hours! But history had been made where Robert himself used to go as a boy to watch Glamorgan play. In typically modest fashion, he declared that this was by no means the end for him and that he would continue to play as hard as ever.

Congratulations Robert.



Non Evans

Congratulations to outstanding local sportswoman, Non Evans who recently represented Wales in wrestling in the New Delhi Commonwealth Games.

She is no stranger to competing at this level, having taken part in four previous Commonwealth Games. She won silver medals in Judo in 1994 and 1998 and was fourth in 2002. At the same games in 2002, she was sixth in the weightlifting competition. Non has the unique distinction of being

the only woman to have competed in three separate sports in the Commonwealth Games, two of these in the same games.

Non is also a record breaking rugby player. To date she has represented Wales in 87 internationals, scoring 64 tries. When added to the many successful penalty kicks and conversions she has taken, her total points score makes her the highest points scorer in women's international rugby.

We salute her incredible achievements and wish her every success in the future.

Alaw Beynon Thomas

Alaw continues to have an exceptionally busy and successful year in her athletic career. In January she represented Wales as part of the U23 women's team in the Celtic cross country international in Antrim, Ireland and a few days later was first in the 3000m Welsh indoor senior championships in Cardiff.



In March she took part in the Home Countries U 20 cross country international at Mansfield and in June was first in the 5000m Welsh senior championships. July saw her represent Wales in the 5km Home Countries international in Blackburn and a few weeks later she won the U23 5km Welsh road championships and was second in the senior event.

A few weeks ago she again represented her country in the Home Countries mountain running international in Aonach Mor, Scotland. Alaw's commitment and dedication to her athletics is outstanding and she is obviously a young athlete with a big future.

We wish her well in the years to come.

Safety on our roads -Tycroes and Llanedi

Traffic volumes in our area are among the highest in Carmarthenshire. Llanedi Community Council is extremely concerned about safety on our roads and will continue to press the County Council and South Wales Trunk Road Agency to tackle the problem.

Our most serious concern is the excessive speed of some road users. The Community Council is not responsible for road safety. However, it is so concerned about this problem that it has decided to jointly fund traffic calming measures with the County Council in an effort to reduce traffic speed at some of the most dangerous locations. The Community Council has introduced a rolling programme of road safety measures which include the two, speed-activated warning signs on Tycroes Road.

The stretch of road where these are located is extremely dangerous, as the road narrows and there are no pavements. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. There have already been some near misses. Your Council strongly supports local residents who are calling on the County Council to provide a pavement for pedestrians and to widen the road. In addition, the number of heavy vehicles using the road has increased significantly, and your Council believes that measures should be introduced to restrict these vehicles, for example, by placing a weight restriction on the road.

There are worries over the speed of vehicles on other routes, such as on Penygarn Road, but of most concern is the main A 483 trunk road which runs through the village (Pontardulais Road and Ammanford Road). The volume of traffic using the trunk road has increased steadily over recent years and the route from Junction 49 of the M4 - Pont Abraham - is a fast road. Although recent changes to speed limits on Coopers Straight have been implemented, traffic entering Tycroes is still travelling too fast on the hill into the village.

Tycroes primary school is situated on this extremely busy road and repeated requests to the South Wales Trunk Road Agency for a pedestrian crossing have fallen on deaf ears. The safety of our children should be paramount. Your Community Council has written to the Welsh Assembly Government about these problems and is awaiting a response.

The residents of Llanedi are also deeply concerned about the speed of traffic passing through their village. Residents would like to see a permanent speed camera installed centrally but if this is not possible, then a reduction of speed limits should be introduced, with the 40mph limit reduced to 30 and likewise, the 30 limit to 20mph. The primary school is located on the main road, with the parking area on the opposite side of the road. It is only a matter of time before someone is either killed or seriously hurt.

We will not rest until these problems are resolved.



Dog Fouling

This is a serious problem throughout the Community Council area. Whether it is on the playing fields, footpaths, pavements or parks, dog fouling is a real risk to health and a nuisance which is totally unacceptable.

Failing to remove excrement left by a pet dog in a public place is a criminal offence and can result in the owner being given a fixed penalty of £80 by one of the County Council's Dog Wardens, who now regularly patrol the area. This offence can also be referred to a Magistrates' Court where the maximum fine is £1000. Recently a Gwendraeth Valley resident was fined £400 by magistrates for allowing his dog to foul a public footpath.

The Council urges anyone who has witnessed dog fouling to report the owner to their local County Councillor who will take up the case.

Flower Power

We hope you enjoyed the floral displays which were provided across the four villages this summer. We have now replaced the summer plants with winter and spring flowering varieties and hope that these will provide some cheer and colour in the dark and cold months ahead.

Your council - Now on line

You can now keep up-to-date with what is happening at the Community Council by logging on to our web-site at www.cyngorllanedicouncil.org

The website is fully bilingual and gives you free access to the minutes of our meetings, policies and details of how to contact individual councillors and officers as well as general news and information.