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Next Newsletter

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Stop press : Watch out for Tai Chi classes in the Village Hall on Saturdays 12.30 to 1.30. starting 3rd May. Contact Alan Jefferies 630778 for details

Llandyssil Community News – Newyddion Cymunedol Llandysul

April/May/June 2008
(Issue 12)

For residents of Llandyssil, Cefn-y-Coed, Cwminkin and Green Lane

Power lines

Scottish Power/Manweb have recently advised that with the development of the wind farms above Llandinum and Kerry additional power transportation systems – power lines – need to be built to connect with the grid system in Welshpool. This is the start of a long and complex process and as the pre application discussion stage has not yet been entered into the situation will be unclear for some time. However, should Scottish Power wish to proceed, there will be a public consultation on the project, with all affected communities in the Summer. One of three routes under current consideration would bring additional pylons along a power line corridor, similar to the one as you enter Abermule. A proposed route would go to the west of Kerry, below Cefn-y-Coed and just to the west of Llandyssil, crossing the Llandyssil to Abermule road on the Llandyssil side of Green Lane before going on through Forden and Leighton. No formal plans have yet been submitted but if the above route is selected as a possible option, it has been suggested there should be a strong response coordinating the interests of all the affected areas. As proposals are also being discussed to try to serve all the wind farms with one new line, the above project also may not proceed. The issue is being dealt with by Cllr Wynne Jones; the Community Council are planning to discuss in the issue detail at their next meeting on 22nd April. Please watch notice boards and next newsletter for further information.

Llandyssil Old School Hall - update

Seventy three people attended an open meeting on 13th February on the future of The Old School Hall. See meeting report below.

Since the meeting a letter has been sent to the Church in Wales.

The following three proposals were included the letter :

- 1. For the Memorandum of Understanding, as read out at the start of the meeting, but with various adjustments to reflect points made at the meeting, to be incorporated into the lease and for the lease to be signed. In order to meet Charity Commission guidelines, it was made clear that this proposal must also include provision for a substantial reduction in the proposed rent at least until the programme of essential repairs was completed. In the event of any disagreement for an independent arbitrator to be appointed to resolve any issues**
- 2. For a reduced rent to be paid of £500 to run the Hall as a community facility, accepting all the current restrictions, renouncing the idea of raising funds to improve the Hall but maintaining the Hall in acceptable condition to meet the standards required by Health and Safety legislation.**
- 3. For the Village to buy the Hall at a reasonable valuation. By this means, the Church would immediately gain a substantial lump sum and the village would retain this essential community facility.**

A response has been promised as soon as possible after consultation on the suggestions with the Managing Trustees.

The next Hall Management Committee meeting is at 7.30 on Tuesday 15th April. All are welcome.

A Village Meeting will be arranged when further information has been received.

Meetings and events

Report on Village Hall Meeting – 13 February 2008

It was widely felt that the Church's demands were too great in view of the service the village would be doing in relieving the Church of the need to maintain the Hall; that the rent agreed (£2,750) was too high given the restrictions imposed; that the village would be paying a commercial rent without the commercial freedom needed to raise money.

Many were uneasy about the constant need to obtain permission both for use of grass and serving of alcohol, especially in view of the church's refusals over alcohol for the Hog Roast, and that a proposed concert in the Church to raise money for the Church and Hall had been turned down..

It was felt, because of the absence of trust, it was essential that a neutral arbitrator be written into the lease to adjudicate in the event of permission being withheld unreasonably or with unreasonable delay.

Some people present felt that the rent should be renegotiated and brought down to reflect the restrictions imposed. Also that the rent should be reduced or held in abeyance during the period of restoration when there would be no income from use of the Hall. It was felt that the five-year period for substantial restoration was too tight and that the time-scale for restoration should be extended.

It was not understood by the meeting why the area of grass now needed to be fenced when it had not been fenced off previously. Since the use of the grass by the Hall was to be restricted, a reciprocal agreement was needed that the church would not develop the grass area.

For this reason the meeting felt it was essential that the lease should be revised by solicitors to make it more equitable OR that a signed Memorandum of Understanding be incorporated with the lease.

With regard to costs, once the lease was signed a minimum of £5000 a year for running costs would be needed. Last year £8000 was raised. Up to £100,000 would then be needed to put the Hall into reasonable shape within the first five years and a total of around £150,000 would need to be raised over the 25 years to renovate the existing Hall and add facilities for the disabled. If the extra meeting room was to be undertaken a total of £250,000 would be needed.

A letter was read out from Councillor Wynne Jones regarding possible funding. He said that the

Sunday 8 June at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 15 June at 3pm Holy Eucharist (Father's Day)
Sunday 22 June at 9.30am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 29 June at 3pm Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer

Abermule

New Abermule Amenity Area opened on 15 March – metalled walks, play area, picnic and wildlife areas.

Nursery Sale - Abermule C.C. on Sat 12 April 10 – 12.30 – contact 630240

Dolforwyn Amateur Dramatics Society

Variety Show on at 7pm Saturday 19 April in Abermule Community Centre. Adults £5/ Children £3. **A feast of local talent.**

Abermule Old Stars v Aston Villa Old Stars – Sunday 7 September

The Evergreen Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1.45 in the Abermule Community Centre. Many speakers and activities planned. Jean Jones 650336. All welcome.

Farmers Markets – Abermule C.P. School 10 April, 26 June, 9 Oct, 16 Dec.

Abermule W.I. – Full 2008 programme – contact Eira Humphreys - 630331

Young Farmer's Club – Meets Monday nights in Abermule Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact Dyfrig Rees 630623.

The Waterloo – now reopened, smartly refurbished and doing food

Abermule Bowls Club needs new members. If you have played before come and join us, if not, and you would like to learn to play, come down on a Monday or Friday evening and learn how to play. All ages welcome, young and old. The Club has a supply of woods for you to use, Free of charge. Contact Margaret on 01686 668405

Car boot sales – 26 April, 3 May, 17 May, 24 May, 7 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July, 19 July, 2 Aug, 16 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sept, 20 Sept. £5 per car/£10 car and trailer or large van. Phone – 630240/264.

Montgomery

Tennis Club - Open Day Saturday 19 April from 2pm

Mayor's Ball - Saturday 18 April

Montgomery Craft Fair – Saturday 5 July

Montgomery Show – Saturday 16 August

Royal British Legion Remembrance Service, Sunday 11 May at 3.15 in St Nicholas Church

Bicycles for hire in Montgomery . A bicycle hire scheme is intended to be up and running by end May . Details to be announced shortly.

Thursdays – **Keep Fit**, Town Hall. Sally Orme 01686 668630

Border Singles and Social Club – The Cottage, first Friday of every month at 7.30

Mondays, fortnightly - **Scrabble Club** in The Dragon – Hazel and Paul on 01686 668912

Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30 – Community Centre – **Montgomery Scouts** (Cubs). Ken

Whitmore on 01686 630718

Library - opening times Tuesday 5.30 – 7.30, Thursday 11 – 1pm and 2 – 4pm, Friday 5.30 – 7.30 and Saturday 10 – 2pm

Montgomery Energy Group Next meeting: Activity Centre 8.00pm Mon 21st April. Talk on Renewable energy. All welcome Latest newsletter now available. Details 668643

Montgomery Walking Group. Eric Gent 01686 668474

Village announcements

Please phone or e-mail the editor with any village announcements which should be considered for inclusion.

The editor has been asked to pass on lots of thanks to Ted Breakwell of Hawthorn Drive for emptying litter and dog bins. Hugely appreciated.

Sports news

Hockey – the Montgomery Ladies - the first Shropshire Hatcher Ladies Hockey League - with four village members ended the season mid league and playing good hockey!

Junior Football League – although not competitive, and therefore details are not kept, it is understood that the Montgomery under 9s are league champions in the North Powys Junior League. The under 10's are lying second. Both are in the semi finals of their respective cups. The under 13s are in cup final and could win their league. Several brilliant players live in the village.

Tennis – Coaching for under-12s will be available on the Montgomery tennis courts throughout the early summer, from April to July. Sessions run from 5- 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. To join, phone Sandra Adams on 01686-668606

Cricket - Montgomery Cricket Club – Nets are now underway on Sunday evenings with the first fixture – a friendly - on Saturday 19th April.

If there is other sports news which should be included, please contact the editor.

The Upper House (668465)

The Upper House supports a number of village teams:

Darts – not the best of seasons but with new players bedding in the team is looking for a better season next year.

Pool - The **A team** - standing mid table in the Newtown Pool League Premier Division with 24 points

The **B team** – the team is also mid league with 24 points in Newtown Pool League Division Three – have star players in Simon James – runner up and Alex Hamer at joint third.

Dominoes – The Upper House is lying third in Welshpool Dominoes Division Two with Les Owen currently the League's champion player.

Services at St Tyssil's Church in April, May and June 2008

Priest-in-Charge - Rev'd Derek Milton - 668243

In addition to the weekly service at 10.30 am each Friday, services will be held at :

Sunday 6 April at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13 April at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 20 April at 3pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 27 April at 9.30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 4 May at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 11 May at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (Whit Sunday)

Sunday 18 May at 3pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday 25 May at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 1 June at 3pm Evening Prayer

£22,000 already raised for the Hall should be able to be match funded by the Community Enablement Support Capital Fund. This funding is currently available until September 2008. However as Powys County Council is currently conducting a complete review of Grant Funding, which will lead to changes, any application should be made soon. In addition, funding of up to 15 per cent of the total raised for the Hall would be available from the Welsh Church Acts Trust Fund once the lease was signed. This could bring the total available within the first period, with the money we have now, to over £40,000, if a suitable lease can be agreed.

After extensive and animated discussion a Proposal was put forward by Roy Hewitt and seconded by Marilyn Parry to the effect that: “ **The community of Llandyssil overwhelmingly wishes to retain the Old School Hall for its use; that it encourages the Trustees of the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust to seek the best possible improvements to the current lease, either via its solicitor or via a Memorandum of Understanding, and that the latter should include increased commercial freedom; a more realistic rent during the period of restoration; an extension of the time for restoration; and a means of arbitration to resolve problems in the event of approvals being unreasonably withheld by the Managing Trustees.**” A vote was taken, with 69 people registering their approval; and four abstentions.

Youth Club Duck Race – Good Friday 21st March

On a night made for Ducks, a good crowd turned out to witness the first of what it is hoped will be an Annual Duck Race. The race was run in three heats with 6 ducks making it through to the final. Stan acted as duck pusher while Nigel H and Paula made a good job of stopping the ducks and of not getting too wet!! much to every ones disappointment!

The results were :- 1st - Simon James, 2nd - Rhys Thomas, 3rd - Brian George, 4th - Dora Hughes, 5th - Trevor Watkin, 6th - Norman Davies.

£215 profit was made for the Youth Club to buy outdoor equipment. Thanks go to everyone who turned out on such a cold night and to everyone who bought a duck or made a donation.

Events in 2008

Possible diary date -

Newtown Male Voice Choir – Saturday 14 June at 7.30

Newtown Male Voice Choir has written to the Church asking to be allowed to perform in St. Tyssil's on Saturday 14th June to raise funds for the Old School Hall. A donation would be given to the Church. The concert would be a tribute and to celebrate past singers in the Choir from Llandyssil – of which there are many. Watch village notice boards for further details.

‘The Dragonfest’ 2008 - Saturday 13th September.

The 2007 Dragonfest was a huge success – nearly £3,000 was raised.

After canvassing around the Parish and at the above Open Meeting to find the best date, approximately 100 replies were received. Four opted for September 20th but the overwhelming majority selected **Saturday 13th September.** Please put this date in your diary.

Old favourites should be back:

- **Dragons** everywhere – there were some fantastic Dragons last year. Can they come out of their lairs again. And will there be some new ones?
- **The Hog-Roast , Red Dragon Aduki Pie**
- **The Oscars (Duck Race)**. Will the first ever ‘Oscar’ winner be back to defend her title?
- **Stalls** – Bric-a-Brac, Books, Cakes, Plants amongst them. Refreshments, Raffles, A Dragon Treasure Hunt, Line Dancing, Village Band, Bouncy Castle
- **The Llandyssil Olympics** at ‘Brooklyn Stadium’. Win Certificates
- **Dragon Village walks with Maps**

Ideas already in.

- A **‘Tug-of War’** was once a favourite pastime here in the village. Plans are afoot. Could we challenge Kerry, Sarn, Berriew or Montgomery?
- A **‘pea – shooting’** competition, to rival Wisbech, Cambs.
- A competition for the **best Parish photograph** – see below.
- **Certificates and Prizes** for Best Original Parish Dragon, Most Innovative Dragon, Best School and Best Individual Model Dragons, Best Dressed Human Dragon plus more...
- **‘A Dragon Ride’** to see rural Dragons in outlying areas.
- An **evening garden party with musical entertainment and an Award Ceremony.**
- **Best Usable ‘Green’ Dragon Rubbish Bin.** Green in every way.

Many people, including kids, are already involved in The Dragonfest but if you have any ideas or would like to get more involved, can make things, paint, cook, man a stall perhaps, place an advert, sponsor an event, make a donation, or simply wish to do *‘something’* for The Dragonfest, please contact Lee on 668180, drop in at MaltHouse or e-mail pineapple-mews@aol.com. Watch the monthly noticeboard updates each 13th and Newsletters.

Village News

Best Parish Photograph Competition.

It has been suggested that there should be a competition to select twelve photographs for possible use in a Parish Calendar.

The subject matter would cover landscapes, buildings and people taken throughout the four seasons of the year since Dragonfest 2007 **within** the Parish of Llandyssil – barns, brooks, birds, bugs, and burial sites, faces, farmyards, flora and fauna, teams, tractors and trees. The twelve anonymous photographs would be selected by an independent panel of judges. A token gift would be given to each photographer whose picture was selected. The photographs would be on show at the Dragonfest and the winners would be announced at the Coffee morning on 27th September. Competition Entry Forms with guidelines, cost £1, from Malt House.

Llandyssil Walking Group formed

Following the Rights of Way Meeting on 6th February – see below - a Llandyssil Walking Group has been formed. Working closely with Ben Humphreys at Powys County Council and

experts and there will also be plant swaps, a trip to a local garden and social events. We look forward to seeing you again and welcoming new gardening enthusiasts. For further information please contact Vivien Hunter, Tel: 668603.

Provisional Gardening Club programme 2008

April 10 - Plant and book sale; **May 8** – Hanging baskets; **June 12** – Outing; **August** - No meeting; **September 11** – Trees; **October 9** - Question time; **November 13** - Preserves & chutneys; **December 11** - Social, wine tasting plus special guest.

This is a provisional list, subject to alteration. If you would like to suggest any topics not covered please let us know and we will do our best to include them. Tel: 668603.

Gardeners’ Notebook

The recent rain has delayed some of the jobs in the garden. Easter, usually one of the busiest times, has been wet, cold and windy but never mind there is still plenty of time to carry out the annual maintenance jobs. I have delayed sowing my seeds because my greenhouse is still in flat-pack form but hopefully I will be able to catch up in April. End of March and early April is the time to put in those Early Potatoes that have been chitted in a light, frost-free place.

If you are like me and have permanent shrubs in pots they need special attention in the spring. I shall be taking off the top layer of compost and renewing it with John Innes No 3 mixed with a slow-release fertilizer and then giving them a fortnightly liquid feed until the beginning of August. Watch out for those slugs and snails, they will even manage to demolish Hostas in pots. I put grit over the compost so they will have to find their lunch from somewhere else!

The most important job in the spring is to mulch the borders. I started this process three years ago and what a difference it has made. The soil is greatly improved and the plants are flourishing as a result. Mulching not only improves the soil texture but also conserves moisture and cuts down on the weeds, and that must be a good thing. Until now I have had to buy most of my compost and manure, however, with four compost bins, I am hoping that I will be almost self-sufficient next year.

If you are like me and getting impatient for some warm summer-like weather don’t be tempted to put out any tender plants too early. Previously I put them out into pots early May but found that we can still get frosts up unto end of May so now resist the temptation and wait until the last week of May. However there is nothing to stop us buying them earlier, when they are cheaper, and keeping them in the greenhouse or in the house on a window sill. They will need hardening off before putting them out all day and night so that they gradually get used to being outside all the time.

Don’t forget to stake the tall perennials like Delphiniums. I put the stakes in early so that when the plants grow their leaves cover them. Oh dear, there is so much to do with not enough time to do it – but the lighter evening helps.

Bus service

The bus service is now being operated by Viola Travel (01792 851569) – see times below. To check either call above number, see transport section of Powys County Council website – www.powys.gov.uk or call Welsh transport information centre on 0871 200 2233 giving your post code.

Tuesday/Thursday – departs from the Upper House pub

Leave Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1037 Arrive at Newtown Bus Station at 1054
Leave Newtown Bus Station at 1255 Arrive at Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1312

Mobile Library

The mobile library comes to Llandyssil village - Brooklyn at 2.30 pm and Upper House at 2.45 pm - on FRIDAYS fortnightly – 11/25 April, 9/23 May, 6/20 June

Other useful numbers

Dial a ride – 622566

Doctors' Surgery Montgomery - 668217

Newtown Police Station - 08453 302000

Reports on village activities

The Old School Hall – for Hall booking – contact Vivien Hunter, Tel: 668603.

Regular meetings

Brownies – every Thursday from 4 pm to 5.30 in term time - craft, badges, fun and games for 7- 10 year olds. (Tina Warburton tel : 668003).

Line Dancing – every Monday at 7.30 (Dave Hamer djhamer@hotmail.com tel : 668303). On March 21st, the Good Friday Daffodil line dance – with the Step in Line dancers from Newtown- raised £360 for Marie Curie. On 25th April there will be an event at Argae Hall to raise money for Hope House.

Women's Institute – The WI meets in the Old School Hall at 7.30 pm on the third THURSDAY of each month. If you are interested do come along and join us – be sure of a warm welcome. (Maire Hewitt tel : 668490) Speakers/events : April 17, Teresa Lewis on Indian Head Massage, Aromatherapy, Reflexology; May 15, Pauline Page-Jones on 'A trip through Laos' – a colourful look at a completely different way of life; June 19, Summer outing – to be arranged.

Youth Club - every Friday from 6.30 -8pm. (Sarah Hughes tel 668176 or Stan Davies tel: 668247). The Llandyssil Youth Club has over 40 members – ages 7 - 12 . Two trips are planned over the next month or so.

Coffee Morning – Meets on last Saturday of each month at 10.15 (not December)

Ceilidh Dance – the fun way to keep fit. A series of traditional dance nights has recently been held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Hall. The current season has ended. If there is sufficient demand, sessions will start in the Autumn

Gardening Club (Gardening & Wildlife Society)

The Llandyssil Gardening & Wildlife Society meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except January and August) in the Old School Hall. Non-members will be charged just £1 on the night. The varied programme will include talks by experienced local

the Community Council, it will support the opening up and promotion of public footpaths and Rights of Way and development of around six circular walks in the Parish of Llandyssil. Iolo Williams has kindly agreed to be honorary President.

At the instigation of Cllr Wynne Jones a grant of £1,100 had been obtained from by Sports Council Wales a) to install a fixed Route Map Board which the Community Council has agreed could be on the outside (south) of the bus shelter, and b) to install a few directional posts and develop leaflets. The grant is conditional on a number of Lead Walks being provided and for Powys County Council to be sent copies of any promotional material – posters/newsletter. The following outcomes are expected – to set up and maintain a series of walks from the village and to organise Lead Walks to launch the scheme. The objective is to identify two circular possible walks using designated public footpaths by the end of June. These will be walked and a report compiled.

A poster having been put up in bus shelter, the first Lead Walk was held at 2pm on Saturday 29th March starting from the bus shelter on the village green and following public Rights of Way (21, 22, 23, 54, 53 and 19) up Brook House Lane to Cwm Badarn, past New House, Cloddiau and back to the village. Even though very wet, the views were spectacular. The following provisional dates have been identified for future walks - Saturday 26th April, Saturday 17th May, Saturday 14th June. All will leave at 2pm from the bus shelter. Please watch bus shelter and other notice boards for further details.

There appears to be lots of interest within the village and a number of people are identifying their favourite public rights of way to ensure they are included. Do contact Lynn Davies (668247), John Billington (668619) or Tim Halford (668180) if you would like to be involved. Everyone is welcome.

Report of Footpaths and Rights of Way Meeting – 6 February Cllr Wynne Jones fights to gain Llandyssil and Abermule priority status

At the instigation of and chaired by Councillor Wynne Jones, a public meeting was held at the Abermule Community Centre on Wednesday 6th February at 7pm on Footpaths and Rights of Way. About 15 people from Llandyssil village attended the packed meeting. The objective of the meeting was to identify what action was needed to make the Dolforwyn Ward – Llandyssil, Abermule and Bettws – a priority 'footpath' community and for work on footpaths and rights of way to be started within the next 12 to 18 months. A presentation was made by Ben Humphreys, Powys County Council's Public Rights of Way Maintenance Officer for South Montgomeryshire, St John's Offices, Fiveways, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5ES – 01597 82 7544. ben.humphreys@powys.gov.uk

Powys County Council only received a two per cent increase in funding this year and no increase is anticipated next year - resources for footpaths are limited. Powys has around 9,000 kilometres of Public Rights of Way and for footpaths in this area to receive attention Llandyssil has to put its case. The village needs to identify 6 to 8 circular walks based on existing Public Rights of Way (footpaths, bridleways and byways) and then to make representation to Ben Humphreys. The 'definitive map' showing public footpaths in the area to be put on display in the Old School Hall – please watch notice boards for details.

If representation is made there would be a good chance of Abermule and Llandyssil - which are already high on the list – being given priority status. Cllr Wynne Jones would like to be copied in on any letters (Cllr.wynne.jones@powys.gov.uk) so he can lend his weight to any representations made.

Once priority status has been given a survey will be undertaken, followed by consultation with landowners. Once surveying is completed a clear map would be drawn up and schedules for the work agreed with the landowner. For all except standard stiles, Powys County Council would supply signage, stiles and gates (with a preference for a gap or a gate) and cover the cost of installation. Once in place, landowners are responsible for the maintenance of installed hardware on any Public Right of Way across their property.

Community News

Message from our County Councillor: Abermule Post Office

Residents and Businesses of both the Llandyssil and Abermule communities are currently concerned with the proposed closure of Abermule Post Office and replacing it with an Outreach Service for a maximum of eight hours per week. Since Llandyssil lost its own Post Office and Shop, I have become acutely aware that many people from Llandyssil and the surrounding area, now rely on Abermule Shop and Post Office for their service. This proposed closure will therefore affect many people over a wide area and in particular the elderly and most vulnerable in our communities. Many people from Llandyssil have already shown their support for my campaign to keep Abermule Post Office open, by either writing to me and/or their attendance at the Public Meeting on Thursday 20th March and I thank those concerned for that support.

Can I now appeal to all those that have not got around to writing to do so; support from the good people of Llandyssil will prove invaluable in this campaign. I remain confident that this campaign can succeed, but I cannot achieve this on my own. I need the support of the whole area. TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT.

Write to me at: Cllr. Wynne Jones, Whym, Abermule, Montgomery, Powys.SY15 6JJ
Or email me on: cllr.wynne.jones@powys.gov.uk

Wynne Jones, Elected Member Powys County Council - Dolforwyn ward Community Council

Minutes of meetings of the Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Abermule Gyda Llandysul are displayed on the Bus Shelter notice board, the Bakery notice board in Llandysill and Abermule village Shop and at <http://www.abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk> Do check out the Community Council website as it contains a great deal of interesting information.

Members (all 01686 numbers unless stated otherwise)

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Cllr Andrew Davies, 2 Parkside, Abermule
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e-mail : llandyssilcommunitycouncil@yahoo.co.uk

County Council and Community Council elections - Thursday 1 May.

Update on road improvements.

The lay-by between the cross roads to the village will now be on the North side. Work is not expected begin until early next year as approval for this work has still to be gained from the Church in Wales.

Work to improve ‘visibility’ at the Chapel crossroads is almost complete.

Play Area.

Funding of £3,400 has now been obtained to complete Phase 2 of the Llandyssil children’s play area. It is hoped work will start within the next few months.

Land behind Brooklyn

The land has been cleared. The Youth Club intend to erect a shed to store outdoor equipment on the field - and it may be used for the Dragonfest Tug of War – if the Tug of War is reinstated.

Old School Hall

Grants of £750 have been received from Llandyssil Community Council for the Hall and around £450 is expected to follow from Powys County Council in due course. These grants will be used to make running repairs.

Bus shelter/Green

There have recently been broken bottles and broken glass on both the larger green and the smaller green by the tree. As children play on the grass it would be appreciated if all litter could be put in the bin provided and any breakages could be cleaned up by those responsible.

Christmas decorations

The suggestion in the last newsletter that we should either light the tree on the green next year or have a village Christmas tree has received a very positive response. The views of the Community Council are to be obtained.

Home Watch

At a recent meeting in Abermule Community Centre a talk was given by the POLICE. It was suggested that a Home Watch scheme could be set up again. The chair of the Community Council invited the PCSO to come to Llandyssil and give a talk so that a Home Watch scheme could be set up in Llandyssil. Please look out for further details and please attend the meeting, your support is needed.