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Yscir Community Council NEWSLETTER 2023



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From our Chair, Jane Price

Yet another year has gone by since our last newsletter and at last we have been able to hold Face to face meetings in Cradoc Golf Club.

We still have concerns regarding PCC's proposal regarding the closure of Cradoc School, and we are still supporting the school in their efforts to keep it open.

Our long-serving Clerk, Mike Westhorpe, retired at the end of last May and, subsequently, his replacement, Mrs Jane Joseph, has had to resign due to ill health. We are therefore looking to appoint a new Clerk to the Council as soon as possible. (See advert below.) If you or anyone you know who would be interested in this post, please can you contact me.

I would like to thank all the community councillors for all their hard work and commitment, attending meetings in their own time and in supporting me as their chairman. We are attending zoom training sessions to keep our knowledge and understanding of the workings and running of community councils up to date.

Our long-standing Councillor, Dilys Davies has recently retired so I would like to welcome our new Councillor, Kevin Gore, who has lived in our community all his life.

My special thanks goes to Councillor Valerie Davies, who is standing in as Clerk, until a replacement is found. This is a very important unpaid role as, being a councillor, the Council is not allowed to reimburse her. Thank you also to Councillor Kate Dunning who takes and produces our minutes and has produced this Newsletter.

In conjunction with the Sports Committee, we organised a beacon and get together on Yscir Common for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. There will be a similar event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Camilla Queen Consort (see over page).

I would like to wish all of you within Yscir community all the very best, and also to remember all those residents who have given so much time to our community over the years who are no longer with us. Our thoughts go to all the families within the community that have lost loved ones.

If any members of our community would like the Council's help in any way please contact me, or any of the other councillors. Thank you.

Yscir Community Council - Vacancy for Clerk

A permanent, paid position of up to 180 hours per year, working from home. There are six evening meeting per year held at Cradoc Golf Club. Training and the opportunity to obtain relevant qualifications will be provided.

Further details of the post and application form are available from
the Chair: Cllr Jane Price 07790 120969 or clerk@yscir.net.



YSCIR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

Our community speed watch scheme has now been up and running since June 2021 and we have completed 30 sessions. We currently have six trained volunteers but would welcome other interested residents as each session requires 3 people. Just contact the clerk for more information. We will then organise a training session.

The main aim is to create a safer environment for all residents living within our community. It will also help to identify areas of greater concern.

You may have wondered why we cannot carry out sessions in all parts of the community? The scheme only operates in 20, 30 and 40 mph speed restriction areas. We are only allowed to carry out the sessions in areas that have been approved for health and safety and accurate observations.

We do appreciate the cheery waves, especially on the cold, windy days.



Coronation of King Charles III and Camilla Queen Consort
A Celebration Beacon & BBQ on Saturday 6th May 2023,
at 7:30pm, on Aberyscir Hill

All welcome, including well behaved dogs on leads.

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

Yscir Community Council consists of seven councillors, elected by the local community every five years (with the next election due in May 2027). The Council meets six times a year with additional meetings, if required, to consider planning applications. Although not a member of the council, County Councillor Iain McIntosh has attended the meetings and been very active in helping the council to get work done by Powys County Council within the area.

Almost all the income of the Council comes through the precept (£7,045 in 2022/23 higher than usual because it included provision for the election costs). The Council spent £3,000 in 2022/23. The most significant expenditure (£1,500) was the salary for the Clerk, who organises the meetings and undertakes any additional administrative work required by the Council. No concerns were raised by the internal and external audits for the 2021/22 year.

The council published its councillor training policy in November 2022. Since then all our councillors have participated in various courses designed to keep them up to date with their role on the council.

The Council maintains two defibrillators in the community. One is in Aberbran (outside Ty Torlan) and one in Battle (opposite Heol y Garreg). In addition there are defibrillators at Cradoc School (near the front entrance) and at Cradoc Golf Club (at the rear of clubhouse).

Speedwatch has continued to try and make the roads safer in our villages (see previous article).

The telephone box in Cradoc has been repaired and repainted by BT and will continue to operate as an emergency telephone box.

A tree has been planted by the benches in Aberbran for the Queen's Grand Canopy Initiative.

Report by Iain McIntosh, County Cllr for Yscir with Honddu Isaf & Llanddew

Following the recent court decision to refuse the request, by the Campaign to save Cradoc Primary School, for a judicial review into the decision made by Powys County Council to close our school, I have written to the Welsh Education Minister, Jeremy Miles MS, asking him to visit the school; and to consider other issues we have with the Council's decision. It's important to note, however, that despite the eventual timing of Phase-1, the school will remain open on its present site until September 2024 at the earliest, and will remain there until the new school is built.

Since being elected as the County Councillor for this ward I have been campaigning to have plans for two emergency service mobile phone masts upgraded to enable a full mobile phone service. I'm pleased to hear both masts will now be upgraded to shared rural network masts, which will bring a phone and mobile internet signal to many areas in of the ward currently without any signal at all. Both masts have been built and I understand the service will be switched on soon.

Church of St Cynidr & St Mary - Aberyscir

A message from Huw Marshall, Church Warden

What's the point of going to church? At our small church in Aberyscir we come together in response to our Creator God's love for us. We come to find hope for the future and the friendship and support that helps us make the most of the present.

If you want to respond to the beauty of nature, the beauty of God's creation, by trying that bit harder to be kind and generous to those around you, then come and join us on the second Sunday of each month at 10am. It's that little bit easier to succeed if you are part of a group. You can be sure of a warm welcome in a rather lovely, if cold and damp, building!

