

NEWSLETTER 2024



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From our chair, Jane Price

Yet another year has gone by since our last newsletter. Firstly I would like to thank all our community councillors for their hard work and commitment, attending meetings in their own time and supporting me as chairman. We continue to attend zoom training sessions to keep our knowledge and understanding of the workings and running of community councils up to date.

Our thanks to Kate Dunning and Geoff Watkins who have retired as community councillors. We are pleased to welcome Peter Jones and Gemma Davies as our new councillors.



My thanks go again this year to Councillor Valerie Davies who is standing in as Clerk, until a replacement is found. The role of Clerk is still being advertised.

We still have our concerns regarding the closure of Cradoc school though I think we all know the outcome that it will unfortunately be.

We are planning to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on Thursday 6th June 2024 at Cradoc Golf Club. Anyone willing to help and support this event please get in contact .

Organised litter picking continues in our community and thank you very much to those who regularly keep clear our area of litter. You are welcome to join us with tea and biscuits afterwards at the golf club.

I would like to wish all of you within Yscir Community all the very best, and also remember all those residents who have given so much time to our community over the years who are no longer with us.

Yscir Community Council—Vacancy for Clerk

A permanent paid position of up to 180 hours per annum, working mainly from home. There are six evening meeting per year plus additional planning meetings held at Cradoc Golf Club.

Further details are available on the website or from clerk@yscircc.org.uk

Yscir Community Council Annual Report Year to 31 March 2024

Yscir Community Council consists of 7 councillors, elected by the local community every 5 years (with an election due in May 2027). The Council meets 6 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 its meetings and been very active in helping the council to get work done by Powys County Council in the area.

Almost all the income of the Council comes through the precept, £5,107 being received in 2023/24. The Council spent £2,827 in 2023/24. The expenditure was lower than budgeted because we currently have no clerk. No concerns were raised by the internal and external audits for the 22/23 year.

We now have a new website where you can find information on council meetings and procedures together with local information.

The Council published its training policy and all the councillors have participated in various courses during the year. Full details of the council policies can be found on our website.

The Council are maintaining 2 defibrillators in the community in Aberbran (outside Ty Torlan) and Battle (opposite Heol y Garreg). In addition, there are defibrillators at Cradoc School (near front entrance) and at Cradoc Golf Club (rear of clubhouse). Speedwatch has continued to try and make the roads safer in our villages.

Church of St Cynidr & St Mary Aberyscir



As we see the first green shoots of Spring around us would you like to become part of a group of people that finds joy in the present and hope for the future? Such a group meets as the congregation in the church of Saints Cynidr and Mary once a month – and often then goes on to enjoy Sunday lunch together at the Golf Club.

So if you share our aims of caring for the natural world, and our neighbours in it, then please join us one Sunday at a service of Morning Prayer or Communion followed by ‘a cuppa and a chat’. We often then go on to the Golf Club in Cradoc for Sunday lunch. What’s not to like? We’ll do all we can to make you feel welcome and a part of our community.

Further details can be obtained from Huw Marshall via email
rhmarshall@hotmail.co.uk

Quiz Night

We held a very successful quiz event at Cradoc Golf Cub. There were 11 teams on the night which was a great turnout. We had lots of laughs and great fun was held by all. With amazing support for the raffle, all prizes kindly given by committee members and friends, which paid for the hot dogs. The best team name was won by Dawn McIntosh's team 'We got 99 problems but this quiz aint one'. A huge thankyou to all who attended and we looking forward to organising another social event in the future.

Pontfaen Young Farmers

✧ 75th Anniversary Concerts ✧

This June, Pontfaen YFC will host a matinee and evening concert as one of our three events to celebrate our 75 year Anniversary!

The line up will include some of our most memorable one plus performances. Also, we are hoping to arrange a choir to perform during the concerts. We would like to have as many past members involved as possible so please share far and wide and get in touch if you'd like to take part in anyway!

To pre order your tickets — pontfaenyfc75@gmail.com



Cradoc Golf Club & The Fairways Restaurant



18 hole Golf Course/Clubhouse/Driving Range/Practice area & Putting Green.
New members welcome.

So here we are with thanks to Cradoc Golf Club to give you a quality food offering at refreshing prices. Call us or email us to book a table. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Perry - The Fairways Restaurant

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Cradoc School

Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Temporary Governing Body

The Temporary Governing Body are busy in the background helping to shape the direction of the merger of the three current schools effective 01 September 2024 and the location and architecture of the brand new school building. – More will be shared about this in future newsletters. Recently, the Temporary Governing Body has been working with Powys County Council looking at school budget, staffing, policies, merger of IT provision and the new school name and logo. If you would like to contact the Temporary Governing Body, you can do so using the following contact details:



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

Addressing Local Concerns: Farmers' Engagement and Road Maintenance



Iain McIntosh

As your Powys County Council representative, I am committed to enhancing the engagement between the authority, our local farmers and all local residents. After hearing from concerned farmers and Young Farmers' Clubs, I have initiated talks with the Council and will be proposing a motion at the next meeting to improve our collaboration with the agricultural community.

Additionally, I am addressing a worrying proposal in the Council's latest budget to convert our unclassified minor roads back to unsurfaced tracks, aiming to reduce maintenance costs. I have contacted Cabinet members for clarification and am actively lobbying against this plan to ensure better road maintenance.