

# Llais Llandyrnog Voice

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## Lis Morris memorial stage



An excellent evening was held at Ysgol Bryn Clwyd to celebrate Christmas and the opening of the Lis Morris Memorial Stage by Elfed Morris and family.

**A very big thank you to all who have contributed articles to this edition and to those who have donated during 2021 – many individuals have been very generous and we also thank the Tuesday Book Club for recent contributions. All greatly appreciated.**

**When you pick up your copy from the post office or the butcher's shop, please remember to place a contribution in the collection box.**



Happy New Year to all our readers – thank you for your support and to the team who have kept the *Llais* going every month. Thanks also to all our contributors who make it interesting reading. Please support the coffee morning on 5 February – the proceeds will go towards printing costs.

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*Ruth Griffith,  
Chair of Llais Llandyrnog Voice Committee*

## Spring is in the air



*Photos to gladden the heart – daffodils have bloomed at Maes y Wern and Hafod y Bryn.*



# Around the village

A very special resident has recently come to the village – Alba, Rob Dowell's guide dog. We hope that Alba will be very happy in our midst and a great help to Rob.

Welcome also to Tom and Penny Hughes and family to the White Horse.



Congratulations to Elen McCool Jones on her success at the Chirk Christmas swimming gala. Representing Ruthin Rays, she competed against Wrexham, Llandudno, Chirk, Chester, Corwen, Crewe, Newtown and

Borough of Waltham.

She swam 6 races, gaining two 1st places, two 2nd places, one 3rd and one 4th place. She gained 6 personal bests.

Also to Gruff Crowther, grandson of Jack Crowther, on winning a gold medal at the British Para Swimming National Meet in Swansea. Well done indeed, Elen and Gruff.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the History Society's coffee morning – over £130 was raised, despite the difficult circumstances of the power cut.

Congratulations to Trefor and Val, the Rectory, who have recently become grandparents again – Tomos Ellis was born to Bethan and Hywel, a brother to Erin and Gruff.

Best wishes to Grace Jones who has moved to Dolwen, Denbigh.

Well done, Bryn Davies and Phil Rose, and Phil Johnson of Denbigh, who organised a short tractor run on 27th December. It proved to be a popular event and £530 was raised towards Dementia UK.

*Sam's Tale*, illustrated and published by Sylvia Evans has been selling very well – copies have gone to the US, Canada, Australia, France and up and down the UK. £50 from the first profits of sales has already been donated to the NCAR. To read an article about Sylvia and her publication, visit [dailypost.co.uk](http://dailypost.co.uk) and search for Sylvia Evans.

To buy a copy of the book, contact Sylvia Evans, Fforddlas: [syl.evans@sky.com](mailto:syl.evans@sky.com) or send a message via Facebook. The price is £8.99 each plus £2.50 p&p or come and collect. £1 for each book sold will go to North Clwyd Animal Rescue Centre.



## Coffee morning



Village Hall,  
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10.00–11.00

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## Dyffryn Chapel

**Condolences** to Glan y Wern Isa family, Nerys having lost her father Elwyn Davies, Llansannan, and to Elfed, Dyffryn Awel having lost his mother Alice Morris, who had recently celebrated her hundredth birthday, and his cousin Elwyn.

**Children Christmas Service** Many attended the children's Christmas Service held at the Village Hall on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, duly observing the covid regulations. They presented the Christmas Story in their own natural way, with additional songs and readings. Then, a jolly Father Christmas appeared with his usual sack of presents for the children. Coffee and mince pies were enjoyed by everyone at the end of the service.



### Services in January

02/01/22	10.00	Circuit Service
09/01/22	9.45	Dr Owain Edwards
23/01/22	9.45	Rev Andras Iago
30/01/22	11.00	Rev John Owen

## At the Village Hall

Every Monday, 5.30-7pm: Brownies

Girls aged 7 to 10 years are welcome to join. Contact Mrs Karen Morris on 07540 146125 for more information.

**To book the Village Hall, contact Mrs Wyn Wilson on 01824 790447.**

### Village Hall hiring charges

Until the end of March 2022, the main hall and kitchen will be available for hire for a special charge of £28 for two hours but only to people living within the community wishing to arrange a coffee morning to raise funds for recognised charities. The organisers will be expected to lay out the tables and chairs and put them away.

**Regular readers will notice that there aren't any Notes from Plas Ashpool this month. Fiona Bell wishes to take a break – and a very deserved one. We thank her very much for her contributions since the first ever edition, and before then in the Village Voice.**



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## Messy Church

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we held our final session of Messy Church for this year. It was noisy and busy and a lot of fun as the 20 children who came celebrated once again the story of the birth of Jesus. The children had their photos taken (to register for the census). We made crowns and stars, a jelly baby Jesus and Mary peg dolls. We coloured canvases, made 'dotty art' nativity figures and baubles to hang on the tree.

Everyone helped to make a frieze with angels in the sky as they gave the good news to the shepherds on the ground and we helped to build the manger before putting it the stable, ready for Baby Jesus. Then we all gathered at the stable to hear the age-old story once again and to sing some carols. We rounded it all off with a lovely picnic.

There is no Messy Church in January but we will be back (fingers crossed!) on 13<sup>th</sup> February and hope to see you all then.

*Mary Steel*



## Water supply

Pre 1911, drinking water was carried by villagers from wells in buckets suspended from yokes across their shoulders. During 1911 a water supply for Llandyrnog was discussed in the Ruthin Rural District Council. An engineer was appointed to prepare plans and formal sanctions received regarding borrowing £5150 (approx. £650k today!) for the purpose of a water supply to Llandyrnog and Llangynhafal. The agreement for the purchase of a site was signed by the Chairman and eventually the work commenced in Nant y Ne – a lovely spot above Llanbedr. Local farmers transported materials from Llanrhaeadr railway station to Rhiwbebyll corner, where two fresh horses were harnessed to complete the journey to Nant y Ne. There was one tap in the village for all to share on the corner of Clwyd Terrace.

(An extract from *Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan – A View of the Past*, published by Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan History Society, and is on sale at the Post Office)



To reach this beautiful spot you will have to park near Plas Draw, Llangynhafal and walk up the road that leads to Ty'n Celyn and the lower reaches of Moel Famau. Turn right for about a mile and you will reach Nant y Ne. You will not regret it.

*Bryn Davies*



# Ysgol Bryn Clwyd

From the newsletter of 26 November:

'It has been a fun-filled day celebrating Ysgol Bryn Clwyd's 50th birthday. The school was officially opened on Friday, 26 November 1971... In assembly today, we looked at old photos of both the school and the village and thought about all the achievements the children of the past, present and future made and will make over the years...The school celebrated with a 70s themed birthday party, including 1970s snacks, part games and dance moves enjoyed by all!

'As part of a Welsh Government grant, this week ten new iPads have arrived at the school to add to its ICT resources. With the Chrome Books the school acquired last year and the tablets and laptops already owned by Ysgol Bryn Clwyd, there are now enough devices in the school for every child to have access to one at the same time, which is amazing!'

**The Infants:** As part of their Arctic topic, they have been learning about global warming and used Apple Clips to make information videos about how to save the planet.

Christmas officially started with the return of the class elves. The tree was decorated and the classroom looked very sparkly!

Nothing they did in class at the beginning of December could compete with how the children were interested in learning how to build with Mr Jones!



*Pupils keeping a beady eye on Mr Jones' building practices as he erects the Lis Morris Memorial Stage*

**The Juniors:** They have been working in teams to create origami stars for a special display at St Peter's Church, Ruthin and started to learn classroom commands in French.

The whole school enjoyed their sessions in the Wonderdome, and were especially thrilled to learn about the Mars Rover and the search for life in space.

*We hope that Mr Monteiro, Mrs Lyon and all the school staff had a well-deserved break over Christmas, and wish them all the best for the new term.*



Carols were sung, refreshments were provided, a Merry Market gave opportunities for some Christmas shopping, and of course, Santa Claus paid a visit.

# Three places

## Cricieth

Cricieth became a popular seaside town when the railways arrived. Families arrived and rented large houses for the summer. We first went there because Girl Guiding, of which I am a member, rented a small farmstead which was renovated and put to good use as an outdoor activity centre. We have been many times over the years. The drive over the Denbigh Moors and the view on to Portmadoc are breath-taking but none more so than when you round the corner and have your first view of Cricieth Castle. This is an early thirteenth century castle, built by Llewelyn the Great and standing on a rocky outcrop surrounded on two sides by the sea. The beaches are inviting, crabs abound in the rock pools. There is a Clough Williams-Ellis building at the end of the promenade. It used to be a café, games room and seaside shop but is now Dylan's Restaurant. Caffi Cwrt is an ancient building which stands back on the square. You are welcome by Irene, the owner, and every inch of the walls and beams is covered in mostly Welsh artefacts. The food is excellent.

The main street has a variety of shops and cafes, fish and chips shops, antiques and a family-run shoe shop, also a hotel. The Girl Guide centre is on the Ynysgain estate which is on land surrounded by National Trust property. There are three buildings surrounding a grassy square, including one especially designed for disabled access. It is a beautiful spot where you can take the cliff path along the sea into the village. We have many happy memories of taking our grandchildren there, only recently one returned to an Army Reserve Camp. Wales has so many beautiful places to visit and this is one which plays a large part in our lives. It is well worth a visit.

## Chelford

Chelford is a village in Cheshire. Four of us went to live there and then there were three

more. We were a family of seven, two girls and three boys, with Mum and Dad. We lived in a sprawling Elizabethan vicarage with Dad the Vicar. We had a lovely garden – vegetables, greenhouse, a rhubarb patch and a football pitch-sized lawn, which was cut with a push mower by Dad. There was an orchard which was a carpet of daffodils in the spring and a summer rose garden, full of roses which needed pruning! A friendly tramp used to share our woodshed.

Chelford had a thriving cattle market where these days people go to buy plants. There was a railway station about half a mile from our house on the Crewe to Manchester line. My sister and I used to go by train to the next village to school (the infamous Alderley Edge) – so different now. Chelford is a rural, very flat Cheshire village. Buses went to Macclesfield, a town famous for its silk products and where we used to go to a swimming pool. The church is dedicated to St John the Evangelist. It is big and has box pews. My brothers used to hide underneath the seats and play with their cars!



It is a wealthy village with large houses built by Manchester businessmen, many cotton brokers. We went on Sunday School trips in charabancs to Rhyl and came back with sticks of rock. There was a garage and two village shops, a stream where we paddled. It was idyllic and where I spent ten happy family years of my life.



## Gibraltar

Gibraltar is a huge limestone rock, 6.8 km square, and a heavily fortified naval and air base. It guards the straits of Gibraltar. It is an overseas territory whose residents are fiercely British. We have been visiting there for over twenty years because we found that there was a Griffith ancestor buried in the historic Trafalgar cemetery. He died aged 18 from yellow fever in 1804 – every year we take a cross to put on his grave. We have come to love the place and know almost every nook and cranny.



The barbary apes epitomise Gibraltar. They are fascinating to watch – so human-like, but are quite scary when they leap into your hotel room to take biscuits and sugar off the coffee tray. They also love people's carrier bags. Of late they have been confined to the top of the rock and can only be seen if you take an organised trip or are prepared to make the steep walk up to them.

The botanical garden where many wedding photos are taken and the millennium garden are the only green spaces in Gibraltar, apart from the Governor's house. There are many high-rise buildings with sea views. The harbour is very busy – lots of yachts and further out, container ships are waiting to take advantage of the cheap fuel.

There are miles of tunnels in the rock, some still secret and others visitor attractions. Neanderthal man remains have been discovered in a cave and believed to be 42,000 years old. The cave is now a protected area.

The remains of Admiral Nelson, which were preserved in a barrel of brandy, were on a ship which anchored in a sheltered harbour on the way back to England.

We travel all around the rock on pensioners' bus tickets which cost £1.50 a day. The gin is very cheap as well as the cigarettes, which are frequently smuggled into Spain. We drink coffee in Casemate Square, having walked down Main Street past the Anglican and Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish synagogue. There is a mosque at Europa Point. All religions live peacefully side by side.

We visit the 100-ton gun which was only fired once as a test. It has a sister gun in Malta. The bus takes us to Europa Point, the southern-most point of Gibraltar, where there is a lighthouse operated by Trinity House and built in 1841.

Arriving at the rock is nail-biting as the runway is very short with the sea at either end and the main road is in the middle. This is closed off as planes come in to land. You either love or hate this place, but it has played a large part in our history. We have missed our visits in the last two years.

*Ruth Griffith*



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Sometimes it's easier to talk to a stranger than to relatives or friends. During talking therapy, a trained counsellor or therapist listens to you and helps you find your own answers to problems, without judging you.

We have volunteers in the community who are there to provide information about the foundation and what we can do. Our regional champions are based all over Wales. Please get in touch if you'd like more information.

We would love you to help in any way you can. If you feel that you can donate to The DPJ Foundation in any way, either by donating money or your time, please get in touch.

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Take a deep breath and start  
again**

# Art exhibition



Pentre Mawr kindly hosted a pop-up weekend exhibition in their gallery space for James Eccleston and Abbie Hulson at the end of November. A selection of landscapes, animal portraits and still lifes were enjoyed by visitors from near and far. Both artists sold several pieces and would like to thank Bre and Graham and all who visited.



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# Speaker at World Conference



Laura Jones – our very own Laura, Keith and Bethan’s daughter – recently overcame her extreme fear of public speaking to be a guest speaker in front of an audience of hundreds at the World Extreme Medicine Conference held in Edinburgh last November.

Laura is Global Staff Health Advisor for Save The Children international and is based in Barcelona. She has a clinical background in pre-hospital, emergency, and critical care medicine and a demonstrated history of working in the NGO sector. Her roles include International Health Advisor for VSO in Bangladesh, Uganda, Malawi and Tanzania; Medical Officer and Diver Medic for Raleigh International and Operation Wallacea in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, and South Africa; Clinical Educator for The Leprosy Mission in Nepal, and a nurse for Doctors of the World in the UK. Laura is experienced in humanitarian development, disease outbreak control, crisis and disaster response, and is currently leading the co-ordination of staff health and wellbeing and safeguarding front-line staff for Save the Children International across 58 countries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In her spare time, Laura is a keen

adventurer, mountaineer and an advocate for gender equality in sport and adventure. In 2020, she founded her own organisation, promoting women and girls’ participation in sport, and has recently been elected as European Equality Ambassador for The Transformational Travel Council.

The title of the lecture was ‘Stigma, Guilt and Gaps in the System’. Among others taking part in the conference were the actor Tom Cruise and environmentalist Dr Jane Goodall who is well-known for her work with chimpanzees in Tanzania.

Well done, Laura – we in Llandyrnog are all very proud of your achievements.

**James Davies, MP for Vale of Clwyd**

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# To Val, on her retirement

I'm not used to writing speeches,  
So that was not to be,  
I'm doing something different,  
Which eventually you will see.

I thought I'd sing a song,  
So cheerful and so bright,  
But the only thing my singing did  
Was to give my dog a fright.

So I've decided to write a poem,  
Which has taken quite a time,  
I hope you will enjoy it,  
And some of it will rhyme.

Val came from over the water,  
To look after people's finances,  
But soon decided to change the scene,  
To look after ancient churches.

The Rectory is the family home,  
Which they've done up really lovely,  
The double garage though is quite full,  
Of Trefor's cars he takes to rally.

A Rector's life to us looks easy,  
But really it can be quite daunting,  
And hidden problems can arise  
When walls around keep falling.

The tasks Val had to undertake  
Weren't always plain to see,  
Especially when the question was  
To fell or not a tree.

Whenever there was a problem  
And things were not in line,  
Val's favourite saying was,  
'Don't worry, we'll be fine.'

Llangwyfan is a lovely church  
That's unique and so old,  
Val's even sorted out the heating  
So now it's not so cold.

Val thinks the world of Messy Church,  
To get the children started,  
And we must promise, all of us,  
It will continue when we've parted.

They have a house in Ruthin,  
Where the garden is so tidy,  
The rumour is they're moving there  
Because there is an Aldi.

So how can we all repay Val  
For all she's done for us,  
She may be quite unhappy  
If we made a big fuss.

So we've put our heads together  
To see what we could find,  
We've got you something different  
Which we hope is one of a kind.

It's all wrapped in paper  
But soon enough you'll see,  
The gift we've got for you  
Is made from a big! big! tree!

So please accept our wishes  
For health for many years,  
And try not to get emotional  
In case you shed some tears.

*John Rowlands*





# The Churches of St Tyrnog and St Cwyfan

Hello from Trefnant Rectory

My name is Rev'd Rebecca and I am the Mission Area Leader for Denbigh Mission Area of which Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan churches are a part.

What a year 2021 has been! If anyone had told any of us we would be looking at a second Christmas under the threat of strict Covid regulations, this time last year, I think we all would have raised our eyebrows just a little. And yet, that is where we find ourselves. Let's hope that 2022 will be a year of change for the better!

I am sure you are now all aware that Rev'd Val retired at the end of November having worked in the Mission Area for the last 7 years. The Church in Wales has slowly been working to reorganise how ministry and mission takes place within our local churches, so that churches across a wider geographical area work closely together. To some degree this means that priests working within the Mission Area are able and expected to work in all and any of the churches. Within the Denbigh Mission Area we have decided that we think that it is very important that a church and community still has its own named priest to provide both church services and pastoral care, but equally that clergy are able to work to their strengths in other ways as needed anywhere in the Mission Area.

At present we have 2 clergy and are actively recruiting for a third member of the team. Until we have found the right person to work with us, Martin and I are sharing out care of the 14 churches of the Mission Area between us. Rev'd Martin Pritchard will be looking after Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan, along with 4 other churches, as well as helping all the churches with mission and community engagement across the Mission Area. Martin has been working in a part time capacity for the last year in Henllan and Llanefydd, where he currently lives, and took on these extra responsibilities in a full time role at the beginning of December. When we

recruit a third priest, we are looking to reassign clergy to each of the churches, but the current assumption is that Martin will remain looking after Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan.

If you would like to book in a wedding or a Christening (Baptism), or to discuss a pastoral issue, then please do get in touch with Martin, his phone number is 07523 615384, or drop him an email on [henllanpriest@icloud.com](mailto:henllanpriest@icloud.com).

I wish you every blessing for the New Year and beyond.

Rev'd Rebecca

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Congratulations to Wendy Evans, former resident of Llandyrnog and who faithfully attends church services at Llandyrnog and Llangwyfan. She received the Co-op's Regional Community Champion of the Year Award. In her own modest way, Wendy insisted that the award is recognition of the great community store and team at the Co-op in Denbigh.

## Services in January

### St Tyrnog's

January 2, 11.15: Holy Eucharist

January 9, 11.15: Morning Prayer

January 16, 11.15: Holy Eucharist

January 23, 11.15: Morning Prayer

**January 30, 9.30:** Holy Eucharist

### St Cwyfan's

January 9, 11.15: Holy Eucharist

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# Huw Foulkes, Pentrefelin Farm, and the new venture

## ***Were you born and raised at Pentrefelin Farm?***

Yes, I have lived at Pentrefelin my whole life, it's where my father and my grandfather farmed before me and it has always been my ambition to milk my own cows here. I now live in Denbigh with my girlfriend but Pentrefelin will always be my home! Dad milked a herd of cows here up until 2005 and since then the farm has been rented out.

## ***Which schools did you attend? What was the next step in your education?***

I went to Ysgol Pen Barras, Ruthin before going on to Ysgol Brynhyfryd. I always had an interest in engineering, so combined this with my background in agriculture to study Agricultural Engineering in Coleg Llysfasi. I then continued my education at Harper Adams University in Shropshire studying a three-year course in Agricultural Engineering. I really enjoyed my time at university, but deep down *knew* that I eventually wanted to come home to farm. After finishing university, I took on a full-time job working on a dairy farm in Llandyrnog (*Y Gables*) where I learnt everything I know about milking cows.

## ***Your father stopped being a dairy farmer years ago. Why did you restart? What was your parents' reaction to this?***

It's always been my ambition to milk my own cows at Pentrefelin. I remember it was a very emotional time for the family when my dad had to sell all the cows, and I remember thinking to myself at the time, that one day I will get the place up and running again. I couldn't have got to where I am now without the support from Mam and Dad – they are always there to offer me support and want to see me achieve my goals. We all know dairy farmers start early in the mornings, and my dad will always be there on the yard in the morning waiting for me ready to help in any way possible. They have both experienced the highs and lows that dairy farming has to offer



in the past, so it means a lot to me to have their support with my new venture.

## ***What breed of cows do you keep? Why did you deliberately select these?***

I milk a breed of cow called the Red Poll. They are a dual-purpose native breed from Suffolk/Norfolk. They were more common in the 50s and 60s for their ability to produce a good beefy calf, as well as produce top quality milk. When the Holstein was introduced, breeds like the Red Poll were pushed out of the dairy industry for their lack of production. I chose this breed because I want to eventually sell beef on a monthly basis alongside the milk.

The *Red Poll* also suits our more regenerative approach to dairy farming. All of our cows live on a pasture for life diet, we graze them on diverse pastures containing different species of grasses, legumes, clovers and herbs. The *Red Poll* is a much tougher breed than the modern dairy cow so thrives on this low input system and does extremely well from grass alone.

## ***Contrary to bigger farms, how do you think that Pentrefelin Farm can be more sustainable, and better for the ecosystem?***

Our regenerative approach to dairy farming means we can produce milk in a very sustainable way. We stopped using fertilizers



and chemical sprays on our silage and grazing fields 2–3 years ago. We now focus on establishing diverse pastures that contain nitrogen fixing legumes instead. Our diverse pastures not only provide a natural diet for the cows but also help to increase the biodiversity on the farm by providing a home for pollinators, insects and small mammals. Our grazing techniques also contribute towards improving the farm’s eco-system. We use a technique known as ‘mob grazing’. We move the cows to a new piece of grass every day and allow fields up to 60 days’ rest before the cows return. This allows plants to come to seed and flower, helping pollinators. Giving fields this much rest also means more carbon sequestration.

***It is so nice to see the young calves with their mothers – is this part of the plan?***

We purposely leave the calves with the mothers. The welfare of the cows is something I am very passionate about and wanted to give the cows a chance of *being mothers*. Being a ‘*calf at foot*’ dairy has been very challenging at times, and we have significantly less milk yield compared to other farms but people seem to like the fact that the cows get to keep their calves. The calves stay with the cow until they are 5 to 6 month old. By allowing them to wean at a more natural age we make the whole weaning process less stressful and the calves transition over to grass gradually.

***You are now selling the milk at the entrance to Pentrefelin Farm. Where else do you sell it?***

We currently have a small honesty box at the farm gate. The milk box is there every day, usually from around 8 am until 6pm. Sometimes the box isn’t there until 11/12 if things haven’t been going to plan in the milking parlour! We encourage people to bring the glass bottles back with them so we can re-use them time and time again. Rhydymwyn service station also stocks our milk, along with Rhug Farm Shop in Corwen.

***Has it been a difficult task persuading people to change their lifetime habits of buying milk***



***from large stores?***

Up to now the milk has been selling incredibly well and we haven’t had to do any persuading! I think people like our different approach to dairy farming. Focusing on regenerative agriculture means we sell a unique product, something that you can’t get anywhere else in the Vale of Clwyd. I have found consumer trends are focusing more on sustainable food production, and dairy farming has been looked upon in a bad light in recent years, so it’s nice to be able to offer people an alternative.

I’m really looking forward to the future of my small herd of dairy cows. It’s been full of ups and downs so far but I am very optimistic for the future.

***Thank you Huw, and best wishes with your new venture!***

*Ann Jones Evans*

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# Matters discussed in the November 2021 meeting of Llandyrnog Community Council

Nine of the eleven members were present at the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December and items discussed were as follows:

- ◆ The survey of community needs – awaiting a quotation from Marc Roberts in order to submit for a grant to carry out the survey in Llandyrnog.
- ◆ DCC are going to re visit the request for horse warning signs around the area.
- ◆ Pont Glan y Wern traffic calming measures – Cllr Parry arranging a meeting between Denbigh councillor and DCC Highway Safety Officer to see if there were any cost-effective solutions.
- ◆ Still no update from BT regarding completing the installation of broadband to the Cocoa Rooms.
- ◆ The draft budget has been prepared and discussed by all and it was agreed to raise the precept by 5%. This will bring in an additional income of £534.40 and cover the additional costs anticipated.
- ◆ Llandyrnog Sports and Football Association has made a request to increase the area of land currently leased to it. The aim of this is to increase the size of the pavilion to provide additional community facilities – members to meet on site with the architect and representatives from the Association.
- ◆ Planning applications discussed included:
  - ◆ Extension to Camara House – no objection
  - ◆ Extension to Llys Aled – no objection
  - ◆ Removal of hedgerow by Maes Llan – the Council had objected to this application. However, it had been advised by DCC that there were no grounds for refusal based on the fact that the principle of removal of the hedge had already been established under a previous approval. Furthermore, the hedge was of no significant historical or ecological importance as outlined in the applicant's detailed ecological report.

- ◆ Concerns about the surface of Hwylfa and Maes Llan car park – to be reported to DCC.
- ◆ The bin at Llangwyfan Crossroads has been replaced with an inferior second-hand bin – Clerk to make enquiries.
- ◆ DCC were satisfied that the surface water on the road by the sewage treatment plant was not run-off from the plant, but from land opposite and hopefully will attend to the matter in conjunction with the landowner before onset of freezing weather.

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