

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING – 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The continuing impact of the pandemic has meant another challenging year for the Council. We have continued to hold meetings via Zoom, although this has not prevented us from carrying on with council business.

Sadly, in February, we saw the closure of Llancafarn School when it moved to its new site in Rhoose. In March, the Vale Council determined that the school site was surplus to requirements and the Council has now been formally informed of its intention to dispose of it. The site will therefore be placed on the market for sale. The Council facilitated a public meeting to discuss the issue and it was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged when the Community Council had more information.

Issues of pot holes and flooding remain. The Roads Committee continually engages with the Vale Council about the state of our roads and site meetings have been held with officers from the Vale Council in places which give particular cause for concern – notably the hill from Llancafarn to Walterston where it is considered that subsidence is a problem.

Dog fouling around Llancafarn continues to be a problem as is the fact that some residents walk their dogs through the burial ground. Repeated reminders on the Llancafarn Hub have failed to stop the problem and there remain persistent offenders. The Council is therefore arranging for new signage which will be placed at the points of entry into the burial ground.

The Planning Committee monitors planning applications and where appropriate makes observations. A close eye will be kept on any application for the school site, but it is hoped that there will be consultation with the Council and residents generally before any application is approved.

Several Councillors (Cllr Philip Bear, Cllr Jane Lott and Cllr Tony Thomas) decided not to stand for re-election in May. They will be missed. Cllr Tony Thomas had been a councillor for around 40 years and his knowledge of the area was invaluable. Insufficient people indicated that they wanted to stand for election and we now have 4 casual vacancies which will be advertised shortly.

I have enjoyed my time as Chairman and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I'm sure that all councillors will join me in thanking our clerk, Jo Western, for her support and commitment to the Council.

Finally, I would like to wish Cllr Alex Rees well as she embarks on her term of office as Chairman. She will be ably supported by Cllr Tim Bluff-Higgins as Vice Chairman.