

Cyngor Cymuned Llandeilo Ferwallt  
Bishopston Community News Letter  
March 2017



BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Chair of Bishopston County Council, Susan Dunce, presented the ex-Clerk, Nigel Richard, with a plaque, on the appreciation of his commitment and loyalty to the community Council.



**MAY DAY**

This annual event will be held at Murton Green on **MONDAY, 1st. MAY 2017** commencing at 2.00pm. There will be the usual competitions for the children to enter, There will be a bar organised and run by your council. It is anticipated there will be entertainment on hand to provide something everyone can enjoy, especially the favourite "Dancing round the May-pole". Residents and visitors alike are welcome to come and help make it an occasion to remember.

The members of Bishopston Community Council would like to thank all those who joined in the community litter pick on Saturday 14th January. It was a beautiful sunny morning and everybody made a difference beautifying our lovely village.

**SOUTH WALES POLICE**

Readers are reminded to report incidents to '101', obtain an **INCIDENT NUMBER**. IF an incident is ongoing and **URGENT**, dial '999'. Contact numbers for the **AREA POLICING TEAM**:

PC Phil Davies - 07805301600; PCSO Joelle Davies - 07584004174; PCSO Andrew Brown - 07805301609

**"SCAMS"**

The following are the latest "scams" reported to Trading Standards, Swansea.

**'TALK-TALK'** - A Swansea resident received a call informing her that she was entitled to receive a £200 refund for alleged bad service by the supplier. She was told that the money had been credited to her bank account, but a further £5,000 had been made in error and it would need to be refunded to an account the caller gave her. She attempted to make an online transfer, but this was **BLOCKED BY THE BANK**, fortunately!

**NEVER** make a refund payment like this until you have verified the money has been paid into your account. If you receive a statement by e-mail confirming payment has been made, ignore it until you have had confirmation from your bank. **DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS** to anyone who calls you unexpectedly even if it seems they have your correct details. Check with the company using the telephone number quoted on an actual bill, not the number the caller may give you. Scammers will sound convincing, do not be fooled, check!

**'SPEEDING FINE E-MAILS'** - the e-mails include details of an alleged speeding offence and state that a 'Notice of Intended Prosecution' is being issued by Greater Manchester Police. The e-mail is fraudulent, and may request personal or financial information from you OR attempt to infect your computer with malware!

Once your computer is infected in this way, cyber criminals may be able to access your personal and financial Information which could be used to defraud you. The Police do not send out e-mails which contain requests for payment of fines, nor will they seek personal or financial information.

Any such emails you may receive should be deleted. Ensure you have the most up-to-date security software.

'TELEPHONE and MAILING PREFERENCE SERVICE' - Swansea residents have reported they have received calls from companies offering to provide a service, where they will register your telephone number or postal address, to stop you getting nuisance calls and for your names removed from mailing lists. A fee will be charged for this service. However, there are already FREE services available for you to use, as below:

The Mailing Preference Service (MPS) - Tel: 0207 291330 or [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) - Tel: 0800 398893 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)

'HMRC TEXT and TELEPHONE' - Residents in Swansea are still reporting that they are receiving phone calls and texts from HMRC informing them that they are due a refund, or that HMRC are going to take enforcement action against the individual! They are asked to contact HMRC on the number the caller provides. This is a 'SCAM' and the number given, should you dial it, is likely to be a PREMIUM LINE NUMBER and the person answering will, more than likely, endeavour to obtain your personal bank details.

For information, link is: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/dealing-with-hmrc/phishing-scams>

'BEWARE of ROYAL MAIL SCAM E-MAILS THAT CONTAIN CRYPTOLOCKER' - fraudsters are sending out virus infected e-mails to victims in which it is claimed that a package is awaiting collection at their local sorting office. If you are unwise enough to download the attachment it will install a 'CRYPTOLOCKER' on your computer. Once this is installed it will encrypt the victim's personal files and then a demand for payment will be forthcoming from the fraudster. If payment is not made your personal files may be lost forever! Should you receive one of these e-mails, DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS OR DOWNLOAD ATTACHMENTS.

\* Royal Mail will never include attachments unless the e-mail was solicited by customers, e.g. customer has contacted Royal Mail with an enquiry or has signed up for updates from the company.

More information can be found on Action Fraud Web site: [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

'BEWARE of CHARITABLE FRAUD' - An emerging fraud has been identified whereby social media platforms are being used to attract members of the public to donate money to animal welfare charities overseas that do not exist.

PROTECTION/PREVENTION ADVICE: Sometimes the article or post on social media may indicate the payments are for charitable organisations or a "worthy cause". Sadly, not in all instances are these genuine, if in any doubt you are advised to undertake your own due diligence.

\* Genuine charities are registered with the Charities Commission. Details are always printed on the literature, collection bags, etc. Check details exist to confirm authenticity by calling the HELPLINE: 0845 300 0218 or by visiting: [charity-commission.gov.uk](http://charity-commission.gov.uk) where there is an on-line register.

Service 2C - Swansea to Caswell

Councillor Keith Marsh is pleased to inform residents that as from 3rd April 2017 this service will operate hourly.

First Cymru has agreed to operate it for a 12-month period in order to see whether or not it will be viable. It is hoped that residents and visitors will be encouraged to use the service in order to justify a service to the Bay throughout the year. Councillor Marsh wishes to thank Mrs. Jan Rolfe for her help in obtaining a petition which no doubt influenced the decision. The next requirement is to see a bus shelter erected!

#### CITY and COUNTY of SWANSEA

Current position on complaints and requests reported to the Authority:

#### ITEMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED - WORK COMPLETED

Oldway/Mansfield Road - chevrons installed

#### ITEMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED - ACTION COMMENCED, NOT COMPLETED

Bishopston Road - traffic problems (Co-op) - due to unforeseen circumstances the work has had to be rescheduled, to be undertaken during schools' Easter Holiday.

Bishopston Road - request for footway resurfacing. Added to programme and continuing.

Bishopston Road - ponding o/s Nos.71/73. Request for attention resubmitted.

Bishopston Road - request for end panel for bus-shelter at Pyle Corner submitted.

Pwlldu Lane - adjacent to South Gower Rugby Club - ponding problems. Added to programme.

Pwlldu Lane - ponding at lane end. Added to programme.

Pyle Road - request for footway resurfacing (North side). Programmed for 2019/2020.

#### ITEMS REPORTED - AWAITING ATTENTION

Church Lane - request for grit-bin, adjacent to Bishopston Road/Northway.

Oldway/Providence - Footpath BI No.8 - ponding rear of Eastland Park, request for attention submitted

Kilfield Road - request for grit bin.

Pennard Road, Barlands Common - posts and rails to be replaced. Reminder sent.

Due to 50% cut in Highways budget, implementation of some items requested will be delayed.

#### PLANNING

The following applications were considered by your Council between September and December 2016:

2016/3482/FUL - 11, Gerrets Close - 1x storey front extension

2016/3605/OUT - Burrows Cottage, Kilfield Road - alterations to existing outbuilding; construction 1x detached dwelling

2016/3706/FUL - Paddock, Caswell Road - use land for camping; maximum 10 units 1st. April - 1st. October in cal. year

2017/0082FUL - 51, Mansfield Road - 1x single storey extension

2017/0100FUL - 21, Copley Lodge - addition of first floor to existing bungalow to create 2x storey dwelling, rear balcony and 1x single storey rear extension.

PODIATRIST / CHIROPODIST

ANDREA M REES BSc(Hons)MChS

FULLY QUALIFIED / INSURED



hpc REGISTERED

ALL ASPECTS OF FOOT CARE

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

07539445358 / 01792 234571

# DISCOVER

YOUR

# INNER RESOURCES

## PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The purpose of the Peace Education Program (PEP) is to help participants discover their own inner resources — innate tools for living such as inner strength, choice, and hope — and the possibility of personal peace.

This is a 10 week innovative educational program, facilitated by volunteers, with a curriculum that consists of weekly videos, each focusing on a particular theme.

All welcome to attend

Monday 3rd April 1.45pm-3pm

Bishopston Community Hall.

01792 234021

email:- karenraylau@aol.com

The logo for 'The Lamplighter' features a stylized green flame above the text 'The Lamplighter' in a serif font. Below it, the tagline 'Serving Your Community' is written in a smaller font.

**The Lamplighter**  
Serving Your Community

A Community Cafe, Christian Bookshop, meeting place (group bookings taken), retailer of local arts and crafts, cards for all occasions & Fair Trade produce and gifts.

Telephone: 01792 232012 or 07795025933

Opening Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm  
Thursday 10am - 2pm, Saturday 10am - 12.30pm  
Monday Closed.

90 Bishopston Road, Bishopston, Gower SA3 3EW

A small blue and white Facebook 'f' logo.

Our next newsletter is June 2017. If you have any items you would like to be considered for inclusion, (charities free) or if you are a local business that would like to advertise your Services, please contact The Clerk to the Council :- Vince Price, Bishopston Community Council, 37, Mansfield Road, Murton, Swansea. SA3 3AG. Tel No. 01792-449959. e-mail :- bishopstoncc@yahoo.co.uk



**Clyne Common and Cyclists** An increasing number of people are cycling across Clyne Common, many of them on their way to or from work or to go into Swansea for one reason or another. Sharing the busy B4436 is not ideal either for cyclists or for motorists. A quality cycle path is needed. Such a path was first proposed more than a decade ago, but it got nowhere; mainly I think for lack of local support.



Now there are more cyclists and also the support of the Welsh Government in the form of the Active Travel Act (Wales). This became law in 2013. Its purpose is to get people out of their cars and, instead of driving, walk or cycle for utility journeys. The benefits which would result are well known: better physical and mental health, less obesity, etc. This should lighten the load on our cash-starved NHS, not to mention leaving more space on our roads for those who need to drive.

As well as catering for adult cyclists a route across the Common would provide a safe route to Bishopston Comprehensive for children who live in the West Cross/Mayals area.

Two options have been proposed: one a path close to the south side of but separate from the B4436, and the other from the top end of West Cross Lane to Reigit Lane.

As can be seen from the map above, the latter is much shorter than the former. Note that the latter, although partly on road, is suitable for cyclists, including children trained to Bikeability Level 2. This is because traffic is obliged to drive slowly on Manselfield Road since it is narrow and twisty.

*Wheelrights* (the Swansea Bay cycle campaign group) first proposed these two routes (They did not express a preference for one over the other) to Swansea Council some time ago, most recently last October when it had the support of councillors Nick Davies (Swansea Cycle Forum chair) and Mark Child (Cabinet Member for Healthy City and Wellbeing.)

For anybody interested in supporting *Wheelrights* I suggest they visit our website: [www.wheelrights.org.uk](http://www.wheelrights.org.uk). Contact details for the officers are given on the 'About us' page and how to join is explained on the 'Join us' page; or they could phone me (01792 233755). I ended a 9 year spell as Secretary last autumn. I'm now in my eighties. I wonder if I'll be around to see a quality cycle route across the Common, and perhaps even cycle on it? David Naylor

### **Bishopston Art Group would like to proudly announce**

An Art Exhibition in the Bishopston Community Hall,

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2-6pm, 29<sup>TH</sup> 10am-6pm 30<sup>TH</sup> 10am 4pm