

Bishopston Community Council March Newsletter 2019

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Tree planting on Mansell Green/ Willow Bed Community Project.

You are invited to get involved in planting trees as part of a project to create a parkland and involve the community in the sustainable management of this very local green space.

Climate and Community in cooperation with the community council and Murton Methodist church are also running a Willow bed community project. Funded by the Postcode Community Trust. This starts with planting a basketry willow bed, teaching volunteers basketry skills and building a drying shed to store the willow.

The following dates are when anyone is welcome to come and help plant trees and create the willow bed. Please contact us via email climateandcommunity@btinternet.com or mobile 07572500946 to tell us when you would like to work with us. Details also on website and facebook page.

March

Wed 6th- Sat 9th

Wed 13th - Sat 16th

Wed 20th- Sat 23rd

April

Wed 3rd- Sat 6th

Wed 10th - Sat 13th

Wed 17th- Sat 20th



Bishopston Quilters on the Green held their Christmas Fare at the Community Centre on Saturday 24th November 2018 and raised £1,302.00 for the Charity 'Forget me not' a wonderful effort and an excellent day

Bishopston Comprehensive School Football Fundraiser.... Funds towards the costs, including travel and accommodation, for year 9 pupils at Bishopston Comprehensive School, to be able to take part in a football competition in Belfast this May representing Wales. Brains Brewery kindly covering the cost of running the evening at the Plough and Harrow.... Sunday 24th March 6pm till 11pm£10.00 per ticket There will be a Band (Polar Berries) Buffett and raffle included! Children over 14 welcome Tickets from Northway Garage, The Plough @ Harrow and Bishopston Comprehensive.



The Mayday celebrations are on Monday 6th May starting at 12.00 midday.
May Pole Dancing by the local school children, and parents.

Morris Dancers

Abertaiko Drummers

Dog Show.

Side stalls, local groups, bouncy castle, climbing wall

Children miniature garden competition

Refreshments, licensed bar etc...

Local radio and many many more family activities.



"FREE" library why not go along to **16 KILFIELD ROAD** where a "Little Library" has been established by Mrs. Hilary Rose in memory of her late husband. "Little Libraries" have been established in small towns and villages in America where they have proved popular. All books are donated and is a method which enables residents to pass on novels, etc. they have read and obtain new items for their continued enjoyment
 Thanks to everyone who's been using my Mum's 'Little Free Library' in Kilfield Road, she loves to see that so many books have been borrowed, taken and donated. As you can see, there is a good selection in there at the moment, including several children's books for half term reading, and we have added a slate plaque in memory of my Dad.



Dog owners/ walkers are reminded that the football playing fields at Murton Green are off bounds in the interest of health and hygiene.

Members of our community have been using Council bins for the disposal of food waste and when approached by Council Staff have been quite abusive. There are CCTV cameras at some sites and if this behaviour continues then the council may be obliged to take this matter further. So please re-cycle your waste like 99% of us do, by using the food waste bins provided to you.

"It has been reported to the Community Council that even though our refuse collectors are supposed to pick up any plastics they drop whilst emptying the large pink bags, unfortunately, they don't. Would residents please pick up any plastic that is dropped out of the bags outside their premises. It is this loose plastic that ends up in our watercourses and goes out to sea.

On a similar note again, would residents please take responsibility for any of their black or green bags that may have been broken open by hungry wildlife and pick up any spillage. Please tie bags securely and don't put them out the night before."

Parking on pavements

"It has come to the attention of the Community Council, yet again, that many residents feel it appropriate to park wholly or partly on pavements. The Highway Code states "drivers should NOT park on pavements". If you are obstructing the pavement for pedestrians it could lead to an offence of obstruction being reported to the police. Please show some consideration for local pedestrians, before someone has an accident because they have to step into the road in order to get around a parked car."

Warning do not leave to chance, anything unattended. Workmen in Pyle Road cutting down a tree have just had three wallets and tools stolen from their vehicles. Residents could warn anyone doing work on their properties. There are lots of work vans around this time of year so it seems it's a golden opportunity for thieves.

If the Bees Die, We Die. Urge Agricultural Leaders to Ditch Pesticides for Non-Toxic Alternatives! It's common knowledge that without bees, life on earth as we know it will cease to exist. **Be pollination is absolutely essential to maintaining our food source—in fact 1 out of every 3 bites of food you eat was pollinated by bees.**



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

Your council considered the following applications for the period November 2018 - January 2019

2018/2307/FUL - Magloma, Reigit Lane - rear extension, increase ridge height, front dormer, side dormer and installation of rooflight to side elevation.

2018/2329/PLD - 88 Bishopston Road - internal reconfiguration works to reposition staircase to create additional bedroom on first floor and change ground floor living room to bedroom (Application for Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development).

2018/2368/FUL - Campion Gardens Nursing and Residential Home, Mayals Road (Clyne Common) - 2x assisted living bungalows.

2018/2416/FUL - 51 Eastlands Park - rear dormer and 2x front rooflights.

2018/2583/FUL - 124 Bishopston Road - 1x storey rear extension.

2018/2682/FUL - 32 Oldway - front porch, extension to ground floor side roof and 2x rooflights.

2018/2704/FUL - Delfan, Caswell Road - increase ridge height with dormer, rear extension, front and side rooflights, 2x storey side side extension, replace porch, rear first floor balcony, fenestration alterations, cladding and ground floor side/rear entrance.

2019/0113/TPO - 10 Northlands Park - fell 1x sycamore and 1x horse chestnut trees.

2019/0154/PRE - Land adjacent to 2 Old Kittle Road - detached dwelling with detached garage.

Are You Missing Out?

The Swansea Rural Community Voice Project is bringing positive changes to Bishopston & Murton. The aim of the project is to make sure all residents have the opportunity to have their ideas and opinions heard. This in turn will positively influence where money is spent within the community. The Community Council and County Councillor are supportive of this great project.

How Can We Get Involved?

If you have internet access at home, you don't need to leave your armchair to join in! (If you don't have wi-fi don't stop reading, there are other ways to get involved below.) The first step is to visit www.vocaleyeyes.org to register. This will give you access to the Bishopston Community group.



Here you can rate ideas from residents, debate them and also add your own for others to rate. The process is completely anonymous so there's no need to be shy! As residents respond to ideas, this in turn, produces a list of priorities for the ward. This platform gives the power to the people of Bishopston & Murton. Anyone can act ideas on to make positive changes in our community. For those of you not online or if you'd just like some extra help or information about the process, we will be holding "Coffee, Cake & Communicate" meetings at 11am on the first Wednesday morning of every month at The Lamplighter. These are a great way to get to know other residents too.

Please register at www.vocaleyeyes.org to help us make the differences you want to see in our community.



REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR LYNDON JONES MBE

CHRISTMAS TREE SUCCESS:

I would like to thank so many of you for turning up tonight for the "Big Christmas Lights Switch on" in December and hope you had a great evening. I am pleased that this is something I have been able to organise for the local community.

Congratulations go to Jackson Curran and James Hornsby - Smith who were the joint winners of the competition to paint / draw a Christmas scene, to switch on the Christmas Tree lights and thanks to John Owen, the Head of Bishopston Primary School, who organised the competition.

A big thank you to Adam Didcock, the Manager of the Co-op in Bishopston, who provided goody bags for all the children who attended. Also, a big thank you to Ben Walker and the Bishopston Youth Jazz Band, who were absolutely fantastic and I am delighted to be able to sponsor them from my community fund.

I was also grateful to Cllr. Sue Dunce, the Chairman of the Bishopston Community Council, for organising the refreshments for everyone and to Vince Price, the Clerk to the Community Council for all his help and support.

REMOVAL OF THE GREEN WEDGE IN THE BISHOPSTON WARD

Swansea Local Development Plan 2010-2025 - Inspectors' Report

It is disappointing that the Inspectors report, which is binding, regarding the Bishopston/Murton Green Wedge, says that the Green Wedge cannot be justified.

It says that whilst many have expressed concern that the removal of the Green Wedge in this manner may result in the incremental loss of an area of open land of local value, we are satisfied that a consequential change to the reasoned justification to policy ER 2 'Strategic Green Infrastructure Network' would afford this area of land an appropriate level of protection (MAC230).

I understand more people objected to this proposal than all other proposals throughout Swansea put together, so am grateful to everyone for doing this. I would particularly like to thank Rhiannon Kingsley and Keith Roberts for their help.

FREE SECURITY MARKING FOR BIKES AND SKATEBOARDS:

The second of these events was held on Sunday, 13th January in the Bishopston Community Centre Car Park, Murton Green Road, Murton, Swansea. SA33AT, was again a great success.

WILD FLOWERS & HANGING BASKETS:

I have arranged for the planting of wild flowers, which will enhance those organised by the Community Council. I have also ordered hanging baskets, which were very popular last year.

WALKWAY AND CYCLE ROUTE ACROSS CLYNE:

Work on this project is still ongoing. The Council have submitted a follow-up bid to Welsh Government outlining the current position and requesting further funding, with the intention of commencing a detailed design, leading to construction during 2020/2021 subject to land agreements being settled.

I am organising a meeting at the end of March for Barry Cooper and Patrick Tribe from GAP and I to meet the team at Swansea Council for an update.

REMOVAL OF THE SKIP FOR WOOD FROM CLYNE:

I am campaigning to get the wood skip returned to Clyne from Llansamlet.

Moving it to Llansamlet is ridiculous, especially as the intended outcome of recycling wood is to reduce greenhouse gasses, it rather defeated the object if you have hundreds of cars travelling across Swansea to Llansamlet in the course of a year, instead of a single vehicle movement every time the skip was full at Clyne.

PROVIDENCE LANE:

I am pleased to report that the next stage of work in Providence Lane is almost complete, with all the potholes removed. We've come a long way!

NEAT TEAM:

The neat team from Swansea Council have done a fantastic job in the ward, clearing weeds etc, not least the work they have done on the wall on Northway, above Bishopston Road. Also by Mansfield Road by the Community Council Notice Board Fabulous job ...Well done!!!

CLYNE COMMON:

I am pleased that Highways have acted on my concern and the culverts on Clyne common have now all been cleared, which will stop flooding on the road.

DONATION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL:

I, along with my colleagues, Cllr. Myles Langstone, Cllr. William Thomas & Cllr. Linda Tyler-Lloyd, were pleased to donate £2000 from our Community Fund towards the costs, including travel and accommodation, for year 9 pupils at Bishopston Comprehensive School to be able to take part in a football competition in Belfast this May.

This is a unique opportunity for our talented local players, who will represent Wales against the other home nations.

The school team won the Welsh Cup, so have the honour of representing Wales in the finals against England, Scotland and Ireland. This is a great achievement and we wish them well.

FLOODING AT MURTON GREEN AND IN THE NARROWS BETWEEN OLDWAY AND MURTON

I am pleased to say that work to prevent flooding opposite the Post Office in Murton Green and in the narrows between between the Plough and Oldway will commence shortly.

MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERIES

I would like to remind you that I hold a monthly advice surgery at the Bishopston Community Centre, Murton Green Road, Murton. SA3 3AT from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on the last Monday of the month. No appointment is necessary.

However, if you are unable to make it, just give me a call on 07880 743578.

No. 14 bus - update

To update you after numerous meetings, telephone calls and e-mails, just before Christmas, it was agreed that the number 14 bus would go via Singleton Hospital on a number of journeys, including the first and last bus operated by First Cymru.

This will take effect from the 3rd March, as follows:

1. The 0734 Pennard to Swansea journey will be run via Singleton Hospital and Swansea University
2. The 1740 Swansea to Pennard journey will depart at 1750
3. The 1640 and the retimed 1750 Swansea to Pennard journeys will also be running via Swansea University and Singleton Hospital

More significantly, the Managing Director of First Cymru has been in touch with me and agreed to review the route to see if it is possible to get the No. 14 bus to go through Bishopston and Murton for all journeys, which was my main ask.

I think this is possible and a must, but initially both the Commercial Manager and Managing Director said they were happy with the route as it was, so this is a departure from that position.

To achieve this, we had to put emotion aside and look at ways time could be saved along the No 14 bus route, like from the slip into Swansea bus station, because currently, the bus goes down St Helens Road, which can get very congested at peak times.

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We have also suggested savings on the No. 6 bus route. The No. 14 bus arrives at the bus station and then goes out as the No. 6 bus, so any time savings made would mean that more time could be given to the No. 14 route.

I would like to thank the transportation team at Swansea Council for all the work they have been doing on this. We are not there yet, but both Cllr. Sue Dunce and I would like to thank everyone who replied to the survey that went out in the Bishopston and Murton area and everyone who has e-mailed or contacted us direct, as well as called or met with the team at First Cymru.