

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 19/20



Hello! There are 13 of us on Penyffordd Community Council, supported by our trusted Clerk, Sarah. We are all volunteers and cover the age groups from 20's to 90's and most decades in between.

The Councillors individually are representatives in different village organisations as school governors at Ysgol Penyffordd and St John the Baptist. We are Scout leaders, on the Legion committee, bowling committee, Hanson Cement liaison committee, church committees, PACA fundraising committee, the Institute Committee and more.

We meet formally on the second Wednesday evening of the month (at 6.30pm in the Institute), for a structured meeting, often with a very full agenda. Anyone is welcome to observe and there is an opportunity at the start for public questions, but it is a working meeting rather than a public presentation.

The Community Council are responsible for playgrounds (not all), street lighting, CCTV / crime prevention, street furniture, street cleaning, community buildings (work-in-progress), Christmas lights, open spaces and are a statutory consultee for many local authority and government issues including planning.

In this newsletter are the big challenges and ambitions for the community council at this time.

## Bus Services



Arriva buses are withdrawing the No.13 service from January 2020. We have been working closely with Flintshire County Council (FCC) to ensure that the community remains on the bus network. FCC have made arrangements for a new service **LT8** to connect Caergwrle to Broughton via Penyffordd (frequent services to Chester are available from Broughton) five times a day. FCC have also committed to a new **29** service linking Mold-Penyffordd-Hope-Wrexham bus (previously the 28) six times a day. Please refer to our website for the latest information and timetables.

The new services will start from 13 January 2020.

## War Memorial Institute Extension

We currently have £200,000 of funding from Taylor Wimpey for the extension of the War Memorial Institute (WMI). The project is being led by the WMI Committee in partnership with the Community Council.



We are at the final stages of appointing a main building contractor and work is expected to commence in spring 2020. The approved plans will add a new entrance hall in addition to upgraded toilets, kitchen and storage. As the project progresses, we will be calling out for local trades to support the project.

If you would like to get involved please contact the WMI directly [www.penyfforddwmi.co.uk](http://www.penyfforddwmi.co.uk)

## Youth Club Building

This is the site of the original Ysgol Penyffordd, opened in 1872. A group of volunteers has been formed, led by a committee, to organise a Community Asset Transfer, to take over the running of the building from Flintshire County Council. There are many ideas for uses during the day and in the evening. The Scout group are actively involved in the planning and the ambition is that an extension will be built to house the Scout group in the next few years. If you are interested in getting involved or using the building, please get in touch with Sally via email

[ppdcommunityhwb@gmail.com](mailto:ppdcommunityhwb@gmail.com)



## Water Pressure

Water pressure has been an ongoing problem in parts of the village for some years now. Most recently Hafren Dyfrdwy have been carrying out maintenance work on the feeder reservoir in Penymynydd woods meaning the supply was coming from elsewhere which made matters worse. The underlying problem does not appear to have changed and at peak times, particularly in the morning, the pressure is noticeably bad.



Please can you report the pressure every time it is low - it is quick to do online: [www.hdcymru.co.uk](http://www.hdcymru.co.uk) or call the emergency number 0800 085 8033.

## Drains

We had a very informative meeting with Welsh Water recently. They confirmed that there is a known issue with the surface water drains south of Penymynydd Road for which there are planned works to commence in the next 24 months.

They explained how they assess planning applications and their impact on the system. The final point they raised was about what we all put down the drains. They have recently cleared a 'fat-berg' from our village and it was made worse by face-wipes and sanitary towels.

More details can be found at:  
<http://www.letsstoptheblock.com/>

## SMALL THINGS CAN CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS

Flushing wipes, nappies, cotton buds or sanitary products down the toilet can flood your home.

Help us stop the block – just pop them in the bin



## Traffic Calming

We are working with Flintshire Highways and Streetscene to redesign the roads through the heart of the village, between Rhos Road and Chester Road, along Hawarden Road. With the Co-operative store build underway, and the increased activity at the Youth Club / Community Centre, this will be busier than ever and we need a scheme to slow down traffic and protect pedestrians, particularly children, in the centre of the village.



## Double Yellow Lines at the Spar

The double yellow lines were added because of safety concerns. In part, those concerns are about bad behaviour of drivers. Too many people park without thinking about residents or other road users.

FCC's recommendation is that the layby needs to go, the footpath restored and, with a protective fence, the Spar can add a couple more car parking spaces.

The question is who pays? Flintshire County Council won't pay, they suggest the Community Council should pay (which means residents). We believe that it should be jointly funded by FCC and Spar themselves.

Discussions are ongoing!



## Cement Dust

There was a recent incident of dust emissions from Hanson Cement at Padeswood. Hanson arranged for a number of residents to have their cars washed. It is important to report any significant dust deposits or noise to Hanson directly and to Natural Resources Wales, who license the site. Please bear in mind that dust is also being created from the construction sites in the villages at the moment.

[www.hanson-communities.co.uk/en/sites/padeswood-cement-works-community-page](http://www.hanson-communities.co.uk/en/sites/padeswood-cement-works-community-page)  
Natural Resources Wales: 0300 065 3000, 24 hours day

## Under Construction...



The Co-operative have started construction of a new convenience store next door to the Millstone pub. It could be open in late spring 2020.



Flintshire County Council's development of 24 affordable homes in Dobshell is well underway.



The Redrow 'Millstone View' development is progressing at pace. Early bird properties are available at the sales office if you are interested.



The Redrow drainage plan has not yet been approved and discussions are ongoing with FCC and Welsh Water about whether the sewerage can be routed through the village via Kent Close, or whether a pumping station (see plan above) will be needed to pump sewerage across the site towards Terrace Lane and then onward to Hope.

If you're new to the village...welcome! You will find a lot of useful information on our website:  
[www.penyfforddcouncil.org](http://www.penyfforddcouncil.org)

## Under Threat...



The application for 37 houses on Vounog Hill (refused planning permission by Flintshire County Council, has been appealed and will be decided by a Planning Inspector.

Ref: APP/A6835/A/19/3240671

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

## Awaiting Construction...



The development of 40 houses on Rhos Road is now fully approved, including conditions, and work is expected to start at any time.



The development of 32 houses on Hawarden Road is awaiting approval of planning conditions. Site preparations have started..



There is planning permission for 5 houses on the old clinic site (Melwood Close) and work on clearing the grounds has started. New house designs and layout have now been submitted for planning approval.

## Play Area Improvements



We have playgrounds in the villages at: Millstone, Groves, West View, Ffordd Derwyn, Meadowslea, Melwood Close, Heritage Park and Dobshill. Of those, the Community Council are directly responsible for the Millstone site only, but jointly fund improvements on other parks. A new MUGA will be added on the Redrow estate and there is another small play area planned for Hawarden Road.

We are reviewing the condition and equipment on the parks and planning to create an investment strategy to make sure

we have the right equipment across the community. We have funding already secured for new play equipment on Melwood Close, West View and Dobshill and we are adding a youth shelter on the Millstone site soon.

We are also seeking to reduce noise from the skate park.

We would love to hear your thoughts, experiences and ideas via our questionnaire which is online and in our local shops:

[www.penyfforddcouncil.org/children-play-area](http://www.penyfforddcouncil.org/children-play-area)



## Changing Rooms



We have recently jointly funded (with Flintshire County Council and Penyffordd Lions FC) new changing rooms at the Abbots Lane sports field, made possible by a partnership between the bowling club, the new school, Wynne Construction, Flintshire CC, neighbouring residents and the Community Council.

This investment will mean that the Penyffordd senior football team will be able to play in our own village. The field will also be available for other sports groups and teams who are interested.

## Planting

We have installed 10 planters around the village, sponsored by local businesses and maintained by volunteers. If you are interested in sponsoring a planter please get in touch with us.

We have also secured funding for the planting of trees throughout the village. Details of how to sponsor individual trees will be published very soon.



# Ysgol Penyffordd



Our new Community school building is complete and working well, including the recently finished car park.



Flintshire County Council have verbally promised the old junior site on Penymynydd Road to the community for open space, we are now awaiting confirmation and timescales.

## Village Circular Walks

Have you tried one of our circular walks yet? There are leaflets with instructions available in shops and businesses in the village and downloadable online. There are markers to guide you on your way.

The first two walks are not accessible for wheelchairs or buggies, but we have more planned in 2020.



## Meet the Councillors

We want to make ourselves more available to the community so that you can ask questions, find out what is happening in the community and tell us about any issues or ideas you have.

We are making ourselves available one day each month - for an hour and a half, in the early evening.

### January 2020

Thursday 23rd 6.30pm at the Legion

### February 2020

Tuesday 18th 6.30pm at the Legion

Please come and say hello.

## Your Community Council

These are your Community Councillors:

- Adam Bakewell - Community Youth Rep
- Richard Bestwick - Labour - Vice Chair
- Paul Blackman - Labour
- Edwina Davies - Independent
- Cllr Cindy Hinds - Labour
- Margaret Jones - Independent
- Jeff Priddin - Independent
- Pat Ransome - Independent
- Mark Rothero - Independent
- Janet Smith-Bellis
- Roy Wakelam - Labour
- David Walker - Labour
- Alan Wight - Independent - Chair
- Cllr David Williams - Independent

Mrs Sarah Hughes - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Mr Glyn Davies - Streetscene Operative

**This year we are celebrating Edwina serving the Community Council for 40 continuous years!**



## VE Day Celebrations

The May Day Bank Holiday is moving to Friday 8th May 2020. We are planning a celebration in the village. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.



## Defibs in the Community



- War Memorial Institute (on the kitchen wall)
- Bowling Club (entrance)
- Tents & Events (main building wall)
- Dobshill - awaiting installation

## Local Police Contact

Andrea Ellis PCSO 2896  
Tel 07854 352994

## Noticeboards

Community Council notices and other information are regularly posted on our village noticeboards at:

- Jemoleys
- Wellhouse Drive
- Dobshill
- Wats Road

## Penyffordd Online

The Community Council and village are represented officially on the webpage:

[www.penyfforddcouncil.org](http://www.penyfforddcouncil.org)

and un-officially on:

- Facebook - @penyffordd
- Instagram - @lovepenyffordd
- Twitter - @lovepenyffordd

## Get in touch

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