

## **Faenor Community Council Chairman's Report 2019-2020**

Unexpectedly I found myself continuing on the Chairmanship by default for this year, so my thanks to the council members for their continued support. I feel I must, in particular, single out Clrs. Sue and John Wildig who have been particularly active on the Councils behalf: My thanks also to our Clerk, Jim Griffith. His knowledge has been, as last year, most useful in handling some very contentious issues that have arisen.

Looking back, communication for the most part has been the one obstacle that has caused more problems and setbacks for the Council. I highlight our communications with;

- a. Ceridigion County Council
- b. Llanbadarn Community Council
- c. HSBC
- d. FCC with its ward

This is the continuing challenge I pass on to the incoming Chair.

On the positive side we can list the completion of the bus shelter project, the revision (but not updating of the web site) a review of amenities, Christmas lighting, the replanting of trees and latterly a satisfactory partnership with our maintenance man and Waunfawr Community Association taking responsibility in the next year for itemised budget management.

It seems from our clerk that HSBC have finally got to grips with sending out statements but not without some embarrassment with some cheques going unpaid latterly, though now resolved. It also

meant we did not confirm 2020 to 2021 budget in January. The clerk now has an efficient programme into which the accounts are now able to be presented.

Our web page was revised with a new programme in October/November last year. However it required training to edit as there was no web master in Council. The Clerk was put forward for this but before training time was agreed the company senior partner died and the company had a period of mourning. Suffice to say they are now working again but not fully due to Covid 19. The clerk and myself will continue to work on the website.

The sudden withdrawal of bin collections in Cwmpadarn Lane became an issue as household refuse became to be deposited next to the bus shelter on Waunfawr Road. Over two months several e mails were sent to Llanbadarn Community Ccouncil in an effort to jointly address the problem with their residents. It was also suggested that a large bin was provided, the latter not suitable due to it becoming a focus for anyone to deposit rubbish. Llanbadarn did not respond in any way. The LA have been contacted and asked to resolve the issue perhaps helped or not, by the Cambrian News posting a picture and article on the issue. To date we have not had a formal response from the LA despite formal request being made.

A long drawn out issue has been the future of the bike Park. Having resolved to seek alternative use for the site in May and having the area reviewed by Bob Shaw in June, resolved in July to approach the Council, nothing has happened. Our County Councillor was asked to approach the Council in June on the issue of change of use.

Unfortunately, ill health and the LA period of purdah later in the year meant we had no response from them. When asked again in January they denied any knowledge of a request to look into change of use. This was reported back to Council and in February we requested the clerk to make an approach. We were informed the matter would be passed to the LA estates department.

At the time of writing, the Clerk is still in discussion with the LA with regard to the bike park. He is also in discussion re a process for recruiting a member for Capel Dewi to the Council. A recruitment flyer has been produced pending discussion with the LA.

Once again my thanks to the Community Council members for their support and best wishes to the incoming Chair who will continue to have my support.

Duncan Tibbit

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