

GWERNYMYNYDD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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RECENT PUBLIC MEETING: The Delyn Borough Plan with its implications for the village was discussed at the meeting called by Gwernymynydd Community Association. The Mayor of Delyn Cllr. Gwilym Roberts attended to answer questions and provide information. The plan designates land adjacent to Llys Enfys and Bryn Eithen as a site for significant housing development outside the 'village envelope' within an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - and the Association says that the Delyn Plan must be considered in conjunction with ongoing proposals for a mooted '20 dwelling complex' at the Cae Minffordd location in the vicinity of Swan Lane. Building proposals at Tros-y-Wern are still subject to the outcome of a pending Welsh Office appeal. There was strong criticism of the Cae Minffordd development proposal on the grounds of access into Swan Lane because of existing difficulties of exit and entrance into the lane from the A494. Further traffic on the lines proposed would greatly worsen an already hazardous situation, said protesters. Conclusions reached at the meeting were that recommendations be made to Delyn Borough Council to concentrate on an 'infill' programme - there being sufficient land available within the village envelope - and to reject the proposal for the Bryn Eithen development, retaining the present outline. The Community Council has already recommended an infill programme in preference to developing within the green barrier.

NEW VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE: Those present at the public meeting voted unanimously for the present Village Centre management committee to continue in office during the establishment of the new community centre in Ruthin Road. The former Junior school has been bought by Delyn Borough Council, and plans are in hand to carry out alterations and improvements before the building is handed over to the community who will then be responsible for its financial upkeep. At the meeting Association Chairman Olive Sweetman said that Cllr. Gwilym Roberts in his joint capacity as County and District Councillor for the village was closely involved in the proposed sale and purchase of the school over several years of negotiations. She said that the community owed Cllr. Roberts an enormous debt of gratitude for his commitment and hard work for the project over many years. Those present showed their appreciation of his efforts with spontaneous applause. Mr. William Grove, Chairman of the Village Centre management committee formerly accepted responsibility for the new centre and was praised for his work over the past 25 years of leadership.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS ON TUESDAY JULY 11th AT THE WOODEN HUT ( GODRE'R COED) AND IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IT STARTS AT 7.30. p.m. ALL ORGANISATIONS ARE ASKED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

HAFOD RUN As always we are appealing for helpers for this year's event on Friday 23rd June. We need marshalls, stewards, timekeepers and stallholder (sweets & pop). PLEASE come forward on the night to offer help or phone Olive Sweetman, Mold 3681 even better! Race Director is John Edwards, Mold 4932 - All run enquiries to him as always. The 'Flyers' run is the full 7 mile route. 'Tryers' and Juniors Run is 3½ miles. Entries taken from 6.15 p.m. in the Village Centre (wooden hut) behind the school, where the runs begin and end. As always there are certificates, trophies, medals and prizes for all classes. The organisers of the Hafod Run have received sponsorship of £100 from a Gwernymynydd resident for the second year running. Our benefactor insists on complete anonymity - but we would like him to know of our gratitude. From the members of Gwernymynydd Show Society.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL - The Chairman for the 12 months is Cllr. William Grove who succeeds Cllr Liz Parry. The Vice-Chairman is Cllr Gwerfyl Devine. Other members are Olive Sweetman, Moreton Hayes, Tim Devine, Sandra Jones, Blair McDowell, Graham Humphreys, Roy Astbury and Dyfed Roberts. The Community Association would like to thank retiring Chairman Liz Parry for her donation of £50 towards the cost of the monthly newsletter. It was most gratefully received, especially as funds were very low.

PLAYGROUP - Playgroup would publicly like to thank the following for their generous donations of raffle prizes:- Mr. Showeross (milkman), Mr. Hughes (Rainbow Garage) Proprietors of General Stores, Cadole and the Post Office, Gwernymynydd; Licencees of the Swan, Owain Glyndwr, Rainbow and Plas Hafod. Their support is very much appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on the 5th July and raffle tickets can be purchased from Playgroup mothers. Also we would like to thank the Rainbow Ramblers and Mr. Bob Mountford for organising fund raising events. A CAR TREASURE HUNT will take place from the 'Rainbow Pub' on the evening of Wednesday, 5th July. Refreshments available. Proceeds to Playgroup. Tickets and further details available from S. Hughes, 11 Llys Enfys.

GWERNYMYNYDD W.I. - A very enjoyable evening was spent at this year's Guest Night held at the Village Centre on 5th June. The President, Mrs. Beryl Davies welcomed members and guests from neighbouring Institutes. Entertainment was provided by the Close Harmony Group. Their solos and duets were beautifully sung, and the programme covered a wide range. Mrs. R. Peters, Sychdyn W.I. proposed a vote of thanks to the Institute on behalf of all the guests. Raffle winners were Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Mrs. Evans, Treuddyn W.I. The next monthly meeting will be held at the school on Monday, 3rd. July at 7.15 p.m. This will be a social evening and new members are most welcome.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING - THIS IS A REMINDER - Cheese and Wine Evening and Dutch Auction, Friday, July 14th at 8.00 p.m. Tim and Gwerfyl Devine's house, to raise money for the National Eisteddfod in Mold. Tickets at £2. available by telephoning Mold 4443 or at Gwernymynydd School. If you want to know more about the fund raising and social activities in Gwernymynydd please attend the next meeting at the village school on 3rd July at 7.00 p.m.

AIRBOURNE POLLUTANTS ALLEGED TO EMANATE FROM PIONEER QUARRY, ABERDUNA, MAESHAFN ROAD. - Following recent complaints of 'airborne dust clouds' depositing powdery substances around the Community, talks have taken place with Pioneer Quarry Area and Local Managers, Mr. Adrian Dive and Mr. Don Mills, in an attempt to identify and remedy the problem which was alleged to have been generated by the stone crushing/coating plant at Aberduna. It is very difficult to pin-point the exact cause of the nuisance and blame for the 'fall-out' cannot be attached to Pioneer Quarry with absolute certainty. However, in the aftermath of local outcry, the quarry management express sympathetic concern over the issue whilst defending their past unchallenged cleanliness record. They are fully aware of their responsibility for protecting the environment from any adverse consequences of limestone processing. As a result, Pioneer have now tightened up controls on their newly installed computerised operation at Aberduna and are confident that a repetition of the pollution scare should not be experienced in the future - so far as the Maeshafn facility is concerned anyway. Nevertheless, if Villagers do find evidence of unaccountable fall-out in their vicinity they should, in the first instance, report their findings IMMEDIATELY to the Quarry Manager, Mr. Don Mills, by telephoning Llanferres 591 giving their name together with the nature and location of the incident. Secondly, report the situation to either Community Councillor, Mr. Bill Grove - Tel: Mold 3720 (G.C.C.'s Liaison Delegate for Pioneer Quarry) or contact Community Councillor, Mr. Graham Humphreys on MOLD 4200. Mr. Mills will subsequently arrange for the extraction of DUAL samples of the dust so that TWO independent analyses can be taken in order to positively identify the source of the pollutant. YOUR INVOLVEMENT is crucial in this respect.