# St. Fagans Community Council

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

## Welcome

At a time of unprecedented development within the community—with Cae St Fagans, Trem Y Coed and Llantrisant Road in partial stages of completion your community council would like to welcome all new residents to the area. The Council is made up of 9 members who work hard for no remuneration to do the best for the area at the most local of levels. One of the major roles played by the Council is to act as the eyes and ears of the community to lobby Cardiff Council to provide the services that will enhance the community and its environment, to this end all of the council's meetings contain a public session when local residents are encouraged to have their say.

Please spend some time to read through this newsletter, feedback is always welcome via email - stfagansсc@btinternet.com or via our facebook page @StFagansCommunityCouncil.

**Spring in St Fagans**

Bulbs were planted by the Council at Westfield Park which can be seen (right) brightening up the area on a crisp Spring morning. If you would like to volunteer to maintain one of the planters for the benefit of the community please contact the Clerk who will be able to provide plants and tools for your use.





Meanwhile in Rhydlafar Park the Council have just laid a tarmac path (pictured above left) which will enable local residents to access the picnic area without having to cross the grass, this has been a particular problem for parents with prams and people in wheelchairs.



First Minister for Wales Mark Drakeford (centre left) in attendance at the March meeting.

**Brofiscin Quarry**

We recently met with neighbouring councils to discuss concerns about the quarry. Some residents may not be aware of the reasons for our concerns. Brofiscin Quarry was once described as the most contaminated site in Europe, having been used for the disposal of toxic waste from 2 chemical companies. After concerns were raised by local residents (including farmers who reported birth deformities amongst stock) the quarry was 'capped' to contain the contaminants. Unfortunately the cap will not prevent leakage. Brofiscin quarry is limestone, which is porous and is described on geological maps as fractured limestone.

It is accepted that leakage is occurring, but there has been no testing of the surrounding areas and watercourses for around 15 years. We and other councils are requesting that NRW start testing again. We have raised this is with our AM, Mark Drakeford, and are pleased that he is supporting us. He has written directly to NRW with the response from the Chief Executive as follows:

"NRW is satisfied that the works carried out at Brofiscin along with the extensive monitoring are appropriate. Additionally, I can confirm that we have not had any pollution incidents reported to us at or adjacent to the site since remediation was completed and that a site visit on 7 March 2019 revealed the cap is working as designed. We will of course respond to any new information that is made available to us and liaise with any relevant third parties."

In association with other neighbouring community councils (the North West Cardiff Group) the issue of the quality of water in bore holes in the context of the quarry has also been raised.

**Plasdwr**

The community council will continue to raise issues with Cardiff Council which it thinks are important to the community in particular the impact of the Plasdwr developments on the transport and public service infrastructure of the community. In this respect the Council monitors all planning applications and the conditions attached thereto to try and secure the local voice, you can find details of all planning applications including the comments and objections raised by the community council on Cardiff Council's planning portal - see View and track planning applications on www.cardiff.gov.uk.

**Community Litter Pick**

Your community council organised a litter pick which took place on 4th May, led by your local community councillors the event was well attended and highly successful with a large volume of litter collected. Councillor Frances Lewis commented

"The Spring Clean was successful with residents from across the community joining in. Thanks to all who helped. The enthusiasm and interest in keeping the area clean and tidy was inspiring.

We collected 36 bags of rubbish and other items (including wood and a small surf board). We will organise further clean-ups soon, but we also hope to set up local groups with "litter champions". If you're interested in being a champion please contact the Clerk.



Some of the many wonderful litter pickers of the Westfield Park area can seen with their "spoils" on the right.

Whilst not the direct responsibility of the community council we have received a number of complaints about non-compliance with Cardiff Council's rubbish and recycling rules which can be found on their website www.cardiff.gov.uk and are summarised below.

- All bins, bags and kerbside caddies must be put out before 6am on the day of collection and no earlier than 4.30pm the day before.
- Collections run throughout the day from 6am until 10pm.
- Please return your emptied bins and food caddies to your property by 9am the day after collection.

Please abide by these rules for the benefit of all in the community, people who infringe these rules can be fined £100 by Cardiff Council.

**Parking on Crofft-y-Genau Road**

The community council continues to be frustrated by vehicles parking adjacent to the museum on Crofft-y Genau road which forces cars to overtake on the bend. We have made several representations to Cardiff Council and the police who have advised that they have issued parking tickets on 2 occasions. Unfortunately people will continue to park unless

prevented from doing so. We need to know if residents want yellow lines extended along Crofft-y-Genau Road. Please give us your views.

**Other Actions**

Your Council continues to try and take action which will improve the life of all residents in its area with recent actions including:

- Lobbying Cardiff Council to install the speed awareness signs in the village (at last these are now working!).
- Lobbying the police and Cardiff Council to try and deal with the on-going issue of off road bikes in the Trem Y Coed/Westfield Park area.
- Taking over the maintenance of the war memorial maintenance in St Mary's Church yard.
- Lobbying Cardiff Council about the problem of speeding vehicles on roads within the community such as Church Road, Rhydlafar

If you wish the Council to take up an issue which will benefit the community please contact the Clerk.

**Grant Funding**

The Council is able to support local organisations with a grant or donation, if you have a good idea which requires financial support and will benefit the community please contact the Clerk with your ideas.

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