St. Fagans Community Council

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2019

St Fagans Community Council is pleased to bring you this newsletter in the lead up to Christmas. 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 - stfaganscc@btinternet.com or via our facebook page @StFagansCommunityCouncil.

Christmas Lights



The Council has built up a stock of Christmas Tree lights which are located annually in carefully selected trees across the community. We hope that this enhances the Christmas feel and spirit across St Fagans and to this end the Council wishes a Happy Christmas/Nadolig Llawen and Happy New Year/Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Crime in St Fagans – Please be Vigilant!



September has seen a spate of thefts from vehicles and property in the area in particular thefts of metals from properties, including a metal farm gate. Your community council are in regular contact with South Wales Police to pass on information and lobby for increased levels of policing for St Fagans.

Please report any crimes that you may witness or suspect, this can be done with total anonymity via the Crimestoppers link - ***crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information***

St Fagans Village Hall



Following a break in to the village hall the Community Council has funded the installation of a replacement fire exit door which we hope will improve the security of this much used hall which is run by the Village Hall Association.

If you wish to hire this fine facility please visit www.stfagansvillagehall.co.uk for further information.

Power Cuts

It is that time of year when power cuts seem to occur at just the wrong moment. You can track all power cuts on **www.westernpower.co.uk/power-cuts** alternatively why not consider downloading the Power Cut Reporter App?

Flood Warnings

The months of October and November have seen a deluge of flooding on the highways in the area with Crofft Y Genau and Michaelstone Road in particular badly affected. Your Community Council continues to lobby Cardiff Council to address these issues as a priority. The Council is concerned that the Plasdwr developments will further exacerbate this problem and has flagged this up to Cardiff Council on countless occasions when consulted on planning applications.

Natural Resources Wales offer a variety of ways in which you can receive automated messages about the flood status of your area, see the link below:

https://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-flood-warnings

This site can also be used to report an incident.

Community Litter Pick

Your community council organised another litter pick which took place on 7th September, led by your local community councillors the event was well attended and included the Cae St Fagans estate for the first time. Over 40 bags of litter were collected along with a variety of other "interesting items". The Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who made such a tremendous effort and all residents who regularly pick up litter.



Dr Jo Morris (left)) of Cae St Fagans starts the clean up of Pentrebane Road.

Below - Cllr Hughes and residents of Westfield Park and some of the litter collected.





Community Christmas Litter Pick
Please join us for a clean-up on
14th December 10.00-12.30
Followed by refreshments at the Plymouth Arms

If you can join us please meet at 10am:

Village	Plymouth Arms Car Park
Rhydlafar	Play Area at Park
Falconwood/Trem Y Coed	In front of the nursing home
Westfield Park	Entrance Sign
Cae St Fagans	Sales Office

Equipment will be provided

If there are any areas you think need attention please let us know.

For more information please contact:

- **Frances Lewis 07972134658/02920552616**
- **or Andy Gowman 07940590076**

Remembrance Day Service



The Community Council helped to organise the annual Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church starting with a flag raising ceremony in the park by the railway crossing followed by a procession to the Church. The Council have arranged for the Memorial to be cleaned.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. / At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."

Cardiff Council Services

Whilst not the direct responsibility of the community council we continue to receive 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. Cardiff Council have launched a useful new app which will enable you to find out further information and about other services in this respect, see poster (right).



Parking Problems on Crofft-y-Genau Road

In the last newsletter residents were asked for their views on the on-going issue of vehicles parking adjacent to the museum on Crofft-y Genau road thereby forcing cars to overtake on the blind bend, unfortunately people will continue to park unless prevented from doing so. We consulted every resident of the village asking them if they wanted the double yellow lines extended around the bend. 31 replies were received with all but one expressing the view that they thought it would be a good idea with the majority feeling strongly so. As a result we have sent this information to Cardiff Council for their consideration and we would hope that they respect and act upon the views of the local residents.

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:

- As reported in the last newsletter for some time we have lobbied both Cardiff Council and the police to try and deal with the on-going issue of off road bikes in the Trem Y Coed/Westfield Park area. It is pleasing to note that **Operation Mana** a joint operation between the police and Cardiff Council has led to the seizure and disposal of at least three of these unlicensed, unregistered and uninsured vehicles – congratulations to all involved!
- A small group of volunteers have now undertaken the first Community Speedwatch monitoring exercise. The primary aim of the scheme is to increase speed awareness of motorists when driving through our community to improve safety, please pass on this message.

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.

List of Community Council Members

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If you wish to contact any of the Community Councillors please contact the Clerk in the first instance, his details are as follows.

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