St. Fagans Community Council

NEWSLETTER/*CYLCHLYTHYR – SPRING/ GWANWYN 2024

New Recruits

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed two new community councillors, Aneka Rao and Clare Lewis. Aneka and Clare are great additions to our community council and have joined with lots of great ideas for the community.

We are still looking for one more council member and would be delighted if someone from the Cae St. Fagans area wanted to apply to ensure that all areas of the community are represented through the council. If you are interested in becoming a community councillor, please contact our clerk at clerk@stfaganscc.gov.wales.

Traffic in St. Fagans



We are aware of the traffic problems in St Fagans Village on 30 March exacerbated by a road closure on the A4232 and poor parking from visitors to St. Fagans Museum. We are aware that the parking issues continued over the weekend.

We have raised the problem of cars parking on pavements, generally in poor condition and, in places, absence of pavements and safe crossings in the village with Cardiff Council on many occasions, emphasising the dangers posed to pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs.

Cardiff Council has recently produced a report on the matter concluding they do not intend to do anything about it. The Community Council will continue to raise the issue with Cardiff Council, irrespective of whether they want us to or not.

If residents also wish to voice their concerns, they can also contact Cardiff's Cabinet Member for Transport and Strategic Planning, **Daniel.DeAth@cardiff.gov.uk**.

We expect similar levels of traffic throughout the summer holidays so please take care while travelling in the village, and please park responsibly.

Parking in Maes-Y-Deri/ Goitre Fach has been reported as improving following the implementation of road markings. If you experience any issues with parking, we would like to hear from you – please contact our clerk at clerk@stfagans.gov.wales .

Roads and Pavements

The community council are concerned about the condition of the roads and pavements throughout the constituency. We have written to the Head of Highways expressing our concerns and await his response.

Flooding

At the beginning of the year the area near Stocklands Farm had flooded on at least three occasions, making the road impassable. Following contact with Cardiff Council, and subsequent works undertaken by them, this issue now seems to have resolved.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and ask that if you have any concerns about potential flooding in your area, you bring it to our attention by completing the contact from on our website or e-mailing: clerk@stfagans.gov.wales.

Rhydlafar Park

Work has recently been completed in Rhydlafar Park to improve drainage. The community council worked with Cardiff Council meeting 50% of the overall cost.

Westfield Park/ Trem-Y-Coed

As you will no doubt be aware, there is not a properly formed access at the slope, which although used is muddy and steep.

The community council are keen to see a proper pathway, accessible by all installed, and have agreed to fund scoping works for the site which will form the basis for discussions with Cardiff Council, for potential improvement works.

Although this will not be a quick process, we will keep you up to date with progress.

Halloween



The fourth annual Westfield Park Halloween Scavenger Hunt was a great success!

Over 125 children from Westfield Park and Trem-Y-Coed took part, following clues across the estate before arriving at a spooky haunted house and receiving a big bag of sweets and other goodies.

A big thank you to Carole Peters and an army of volunteers who planned, designed, decorated, and organised the event.

The community council contributed funds towards printing, goodie bags, and the purchase of a gazebo which provided much-needed rain protection.

If you are planning to hold events in your area, don't forget to contact the community council who can help promote your event, and may be able to offer assistance too.

Ysgol Gynradd Groes-Wen

The official opening of the new Primary School took place on Monday 4th March 2024 and Councillor John Hughes attended.

The school is situated off Llantrisant Road in Radyr and is a wonderful example of how Primary Schools look in this century. Richard Carbis, Headteacher, welcomed visitors to the opening and all enjoyed a short performance by the very young pupils from the school who sang beautifully.

The Leader of the Council Huw Thomas assisted by Cabinet Minister Sarah Merry unveiled the official plaque. The school was constructed by Redrow and they were thanked for their excellent cooperation with all parties during the build.

The school has 420 places plus 96 part-time nursery places. A tour of the school was led by Richard Carbis which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Headmaster's update



Our new school is going from strength to strength. Over the past term, the school has held several concerts but of course the most important one was the opening ceremony. It was a pleasure to invite all stakeholders who have been instrumental along the way.

Above is a picture of the school children receiving the shield with Council Leader Cllr Huw Thomas and Cllr Sarah Merry, Cabinet Member for Education.

The pupils' performance was fantastic and an amazing experience for them in front of a hall full of people.

Beyond the ceremony, my heart was filled with pride to see all the activities the teachers and staff had prepared for the pupils. There's nothing better in my opinion than seeing pupils having fun while learning new skills. Thanks also to Sparklab for joining in our end of term celebrations.

Our string concert with Ffion and Fioled class was an amazing experience for such young pupils. We truly admire each child's drive to succeed and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall when we heard them perform. Congratulations to Mr Davies the violin teacher and of course the children (remembering they are aged 5 – 7).

During term time, Cardiff Parenting has held activities every Friday morning for families, and

every Monday afternoon Welsh For Children has held sessions for families in Welsh.

On the last day of term, the CYW crew came to have a lot of fun and joy with the pupils. A lovely way to crown a term with a feast of singing and laughter!

D-Day Celebrations

We are delighted to confirm our plans for D-Day celebrations on the 6th June 2024. During the morning, the celebratory flag will be hoisted in St. Fagans Park.

Wing Commander Graeme Morgan has kindly agreed to light the Lantern of Hope in St. Fagans Park. Lighting of the lantern will take place at 9.15pm to coincide with the lighting of beacons throughout the UK, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

We hope that you will join us to mark this occasion.

Litter Picks

Two successful litter picks were held on Saturday 16 March, in St. Fagans and Maes-Y-Deri/ Goitre Fach. Over 26 bags of rubbish were collected and our thanks to those who volunteered to help. Additional thanks go to those who litter pick in their own time, helping to keep our area tidy!



Additional litter picks will be arranged soon – details will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

Keeping St. Fagans Green

Trees

Following recent enquiries, here is an extract from Cardiff Council's leaflet regarding works in St. Fagans:

"Trees in the conservation area are protected. Anyone wishing to take down, lop, uproot or destroy any tree over 75mm in diameter measured at 1m above ground has to give 6 weeks' notice to the Local Planning Authority of their intention".

Planters



Councillors Chris O'Brien and John Hughes have recently built planters in St. Fagans Park. The planters currently contain broccoli and rhubarb, and when ready, residents are welcome to help themselves to whatever they need. We hope that these will prove useful, and that residents with surplus vegetable plants will sow these for all to share.

Riverside



Not perfectly in line with nature's calendar, and very last minute, but South East Wales Rivers Trust kindly donated 50 trees which we have planted, with Olie's help (their catchment coordinator).

With recent felling along the train track, and three trees designated as dangerous and for removal on our land beyond the park, it was great to plant some trees to enhance the tree cover along the river. Native species of alder, willow and aspen were planted for their suitability for the riverside habitat. We even discovered some Monkshood which appears to be thriving!



Fruit trees



Within St. Fagans a strip of land which is growing wild has been rented from Plymouth Estates with a view to making a tidier, more presentable area. Work has begun with the planting of three fruit trees (two Bramley apples and one damson), gifted to us by the Coed Caerdydd Project, with trees bringing the added advantage of improving drainage.

Plans are being drawn up to clear the brambles and encourage pollinators by using appropriate planting and habitat provision.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us maintain our green spaces and would be grateful for offers of assistance to undertake this work, and to help with ongoing maintenance. To register your interest please contact the clerk.

Age Cymru - Volunteers

Age Cymru provide a telephone listening service for older people who may be experiencing feelings of loneliness and isolation.

They are looking for volunteers who can commit to one, three hour shift per week. Further details are available on their website: https://tinyurl.com/hjkfp529. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact CAPlisten@agecymru.org.uk.

Contacts

If you would like to contact the community council, you can:

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