

ABERMULE NEWS

MAY 2021

We are back....after an unprecedented time, let's hope with the summer weather and roll out of the vaccination programme, we can gradually look forward to better times with renewed confidence. Our community owe a great deal of gratitude to the volunteers who stepped up during the initial lockdown and have continued to collect and deliver prescriptions and groceries to our vulnerable residents, whether as part of the Community Centre Volunteers or individually helping your neighbours and latterly stewarding at the vaccination centre. Special thanks to Leon Abermule Community Centre Warden and Kathy at Llandyssil Hall Community Trust for co-ordinating the volunteers. Thank you one and all.

Elections held 6th May in Abermule Community Centre: The clerk and polling officer presiding over Abermule Polling Station would like to pass on their gratitude for the hospitality and support given.

Reporting a good turnout of over 350 with many new / first time voters. With over 150 applications for postal votes for our area, could take us well in excess of 50%

ABERMULE COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 1st JULY at 7pm

Attendance is requested by two representatives from each affiliated group.

ALL WELCOME.

Online access available on request.



Sun 23rd MAY 10an - 12pm

Working party for Clear-up of
Community Centre Grounds

If you can spare any time on this day for Litter Picking, Minor Repairs, Gardening, General Tidying or any other day **Please** get in touch...

Contact details on back page.

Tea/Coffee provided



Garden open for Charity

ROCK MILL

**ABERMULE, SY15 6NN
B4368 Abermule to Kerry.**

**Saturday 15th May
and Sunday 16th May**

2pm - 5pm

Adults £6.00 Children Free

Booking online @NGS



This will be the last time I write to you as Chair and Warden of Abermule Community Centre as I will formally stand down from both roles at our Annual General Meeting in July. I would like to thank the Community for entrusting me with our much loved Centre and the support and friendship given. Following my departure the Centre will be managed jointly by the Business Team which is formed of the Trustee body and interested parties. I would like to appeal for anyone who would like to support Abermule Community Centre either as a Trustee or part of a team of helpers, if you have a few hours to offer setting up for events, maintenance, litter picking etc, please get in touch.

To support our affiliated bodies establish following COVID-19, we will be offering affiliation at the reduced price of £10.00 (plus VAT) for the second year running. This is in appreciation of the reduced access to the centre due to COVID-19 restrictions and loss of fundraising opportunities. We are also able to offer FREE online CPD accredited courses such as child protection, food hygiene etc to ensure groups are able to become compliant and operate safely. A full list is available on our website <https://www.abermule.cymru> if you are interested in any of the courses contact info@abermule.cymru.

Abermule Community Centre is prepared for opening for permitted use, a risk assessment and risk management plan is in place to ensure that those accessing the centre can do so safely. Groups that feel ready to access centre facilities (inside or out), should contact the Centre when we can discuss arrangements. Please note, at present due to cleaning/sanitising requirements, we are only able to offer fixed slots for bookings. This may mean that your "normal" time slot is unavailable. You may, temporarily, need to consider meeting at a different day or time.

As restrictions ease and confidence in accessing services rises, demand on our Outreach Project has slowly declined. After over 3000 interventions (prescription collections, welfare checks, shopping deliveries, transport for appointments ect), we are ready to wind down the project and will cease operations 1st June. We are supporting those still accessing the service to make longer term arrangements. The project has been a massive undertaking relying on a pool of volunteers who have given countless hours of their time to ensure that anyone in need has the provisions they have needed and have felt that they are still part of our Community even when isolating at home. A huge thank-you to all that have been a part, it has been a privilege to work with you.

Our AGM is scheduled for 1st July at 19:00. We hope we can meet at the centre, however, arrangements have been made to allow the meeting to be accessed online if required.

Abermule School News

We were all very happy to welcome the children back in school earlier this term. School life has soon returned to its usual busy days. We have also welcomed some new children and we are looking forward a healthy intake into Reception in September 2021. New members of staff, Miss Alice Morgan, class teacher, Miss Williams and Mrs Thomas, teaching assistants, have also joined us too.

It's a very exciting time for us. Watch out for our new website, playground markings and improvements to the wildlife area, in conjunction with Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust which are all planned for the near future. You can also follow some of our news on our school face book page.

ABERMULE with LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL :

We have all faced unprecedented challenges since the onset of the pandemic, our sincere gratitude to our Community Volunteers who went above and beyond to protect the vulnerable in our communities.

The Community Council have continued monthly meetings online, log in details are included on the agenda. Our Annual Meeting was held via ZOOM on 5th May, when I was re-elected as Chair and Cllr. Paul Davis Vice-Chair for the next twelve months. Chairman's report along with agenda and Minutes of our meetings are available on the Community Council website. May 2022 ends this Councils term of office, when elections will be held for County, Town and Community Councils in Wales.

MINUTE SECRETARY to the Community Council required, more information and application details will be posted on the Council website. Applications by 30th June.

BUSINESS PARK UPDATE: North Powys Recycling Facility, PCC have applied to NRW (Natural Resources Wales) for waste permit Ref. PAN 013001. Regarded by NRW as of 'High Public Interest' with a six week consultation due to begin no earlier than 17th May. The Community Council have requested NRW include our Council as a statutory consultee and a consultation event be held in Abermule.

Documentation available online at

<https://publicregister.naturalresources.wales/Search/Results?searchTerm=PAN-013001&filters%5BSearchTerm%5D=PAN-013001&pageNumber=1>

Business Units: Our objections regarding quantity over quality went unheeded with PCC once again approving their own application. PCC have since awarded the contract to SWG of Welshpool.

ABERMULE SCHOOL PUPILS wrote asking the Council for a Christmas tree in the village, to raise the spirits of residents suffering the effects of social isolation, moved by their letters the Council were pleased to oblige with trees and lights for both villages. Our thanks to the volunteers who erected the trees and with help we will continue this gesture in the future.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF ABERMULE TRAIN CRASH was commemorated on 26th January, 2021. I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of our Community, wreaths were also laid by County Cllr.Pugh for PCC and Network Rail. The Council also contributed to the cost of a memorial stone, to be erected on a site yet to be identified within the village, when it is hoped we can arrange a memorial event to include the School Children who worked on a project with ex-head master Terry Wain, to whom we are grateful for providing the names of those who lost their lives, to be inscribed on the memorial stone.

MILLFIELDS LAND TRUST: (Green space adjacent the Felin Hafren Estate) May we remind Residents on Felin Hafren not to carry out work outside their own boundary fence without prior permission of the Millfield Land Trust contact via the Community Council Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS Council are obliged to respond within 21 days, it is not always possible to publicise applications. To search, view and comment on planning applications visit Powys County Council Planning Portal online at https://en.powys.gov.uk/planning/building_control

Scheduled Monthly Meetings: First Wednesday each month at 7.30pm.

Your Community Councillors: Anne Brewin, Paul Davis, Richard Jerman, Gwyneth Jones, Glen Lloyd Alan Meredith-Jones, Gary Orrells, Gareth Pugh, Jane Rees, Gareth Thomas and Bryan Williams

Chair: Cllr. Jane Rees (01686 630 623) **Clerk:** Gwilym Rippon (01938 554 065)

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Web-site: abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk

County Cllr Gareth Pugh Elected member for the Dolforwyn Ward.

If you wish to discuss any council matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cllr Gareth Pugh. mobile no.07976 928109 e.mail cllr.gareth.pugh@powys.gov.uk

LANMEREWIG CHURCH: It has been so nice to open the doors of the church again and to be able to gather and worship together. Of course we are all socially distanced and we cannot sing but we have listened to some beautiful music. The good dry weather has helped in that we could have socially distanced chats outside after the service.

Sadly, Brian Jones died in April after a long battle with illness. He was a long standing and greatly valued member of our church community. As a Worship Leader he assisted the clergy or led us through Gatherings when no clergy were available. Our prayers and best wishes go to Steph and family. He will be greatly missed.

We have welcomed into our church Rev. Ann Thompson who is an ordained, Interfaith minister. and has agreed to be our second Church Warden and to lead our gatherings.

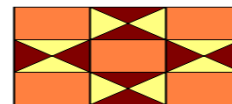
Services at Llanmerewig at the present time are: 1st Sunday in the month Holy Eucharist; 2nd Sunday Gathering; 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer; 4th and 5th Sunday Gathering. All 11.15am. Things are progressing with our planned building work. We have found a roofer, at last, who is interested in re-roofing the church and we have some estimates for installing a new heating system in the church and wiring the extension (when it is built!!) We have also re-furbished our outside toilet with a new Porta-Potti.

Llanmerewig Ladies have still not been able to meet but hopefully with the easing of lockdown and some good weather we can have some outdoor meetings in the not too distant future.



Llandysill Old School Hall

The Old School Hall will reopen for the Elections in May. If the Welsh Government approves then Yoga will start towards the end of May with a maximum of 10 people. The Hall has been redecorated and refurbished during Lockdown. As restrictions are lifted we want to promote the Hall as a venue that can meet many needs, meetings, talks, children's parties etc. So if you're looking for a venue to hold your child's birthday party then I'm sure we can accommodate you. For more information contact Kathy Braddock: 01686 668922
Email: teekay001@btinternet.com



ABERMULE QUILTERS

Abermule Quilters are still going! We are currently meeting virtually and sending out a monthly newsletter with patterns.

We are hoping to start face-to-face meetings again as soon as it's safe to do so.

You can see photos of various projects on our website:

www.quilters.abermule.cymru

Or find out more details by emailing:
quilters@abermule.cymru



**POST OFFICE VAN
VISITS ABERMULE
by Bourne Convenience Store
Mon 2.30 – 3.30pm
Thurs 9.00 – 10.00am**

ABERMULE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Visit the Community Centre Website
www.abermule.cymru

Contact

Chair and Warden

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Abermule Community
Notice Board

If you have any news or advert for June newsletter
e-mail newsletter@abermule.cymru
/ call Jane Rees 630623 / 07580 235090.

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