



PONTHIR COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL

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## Community Council Grants to Local Organisations 2014/2015

Each year funding is available to voluntary and community sector organisations to specifically assist towards one-off projects, events and activities that directly benefit the residents of our community area.

In 2014/2015 the following grants were awarded:

Organisations	Amount of Grant
All Creatures Great & Small	£500.00
All Saints Church, Llanfrechfa	£300.00
Caerleon Comprehensive School	£100.00
Llanfrechfa Village Association	£250.00
Ponthir Baptist Church	£400.00
Ponthir Baptist Church - I-AM	£100.00
Ponthir Brownies	£200.00
Ponthir Cricket Club	£500.00
Ponthir District Sports Club	£600.00
Ponthir Football Club	£500.00
Ponthir Friends for Life	£150.00
Ponthir Play Club	£250.00
Ponthir Playgroup	£250.00
Ponthir Retired Peoples Club	£200.00
Torfaen CAB	£100.00
Torfaen Community Transport	£200.00
Torfaen Young People's Music & Arts Trust	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,700.00</b>

## Ponthir Village Clean Up Event

This event took place at 6.30pm on the 27th May. It was a very successful evening with a team of ten volunteers taking part. The team consisted mainly of members of Ponthir Community Council and their families, plus two additional volunteers from Ponthir.

In just under two hours we managed to remove 31 bin bags full of weeds, silt and rubbish from along the main road through the village. During the event, time was also spent planting summer flowering plants in the village planters including the four new planters that have been installed on Caerleon Road near the pedestrian crossing and opposite the entrance to Lamb Lane.

This was the second successful Village Clean Up Event organised by Ponthir Community Council in the run up to the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition. We plan to make this an annual or possibly twice yearly event if we have sufficient offers of support from residents.

If you are interested in this, or any other project run by the Community Council, please contact the clerk, Karen Price.

Cllr. Jo Bold





## Police Matters

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour around the area of the Village Hall was set as a police priority for Ponthir. Over the past few months, Neighbourhood Officers have been patrolling and monitoring this area for any persons or vehicles acting in an anti-social manner. Residents can dial 101 if they witness incidents of this nature.

### Community Speedwatch

At a meeting regarding speeding along Caerleon Road, a suggestion of a 'Community Speedwatch' was made by Gwent Police.

Community Speedwatch is a community led initiative and aims to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding. The scheme operates on roads with speed limits of 40 mph or below. Community volunteers work alongside Gwent Police officers or Community Support Officers to identify vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Roadside volunteers are provided with high-visibility jackets, roadside signs and are trained to use the equipment and record details of offending vehicles.

Gwent Police are hoping to find volunteers willing to take part in this activity. This would give residents an insight into their perception of speed and the actual speed of drivers which may help with their concerns regarding this road.

If residents are willing to participate, please e-mail [clerk@ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

Or contact:

Nicola Redman, Community Support Officer 19  
Llanyravon North and South Wards  
Cwmbran Police Station  
Office: 01633 642088  
Mobile: 07813898104



### Voice for Youth

We are looking for two Youth Representatives for the Council, aged 16 to 25, who would be a voice for youth in the community.

As part of the Community Youth Representative's role they would be expected to regularly attend the Community Council's monthly meetings, which are currently held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Ponthir District Sports Club, and provide a youth view on all matters before the council.

These appointments will be for a period of 12 months.

A full role description and details on how to apply are available on our website [www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ponthircommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

The closing date for all applications is 30th September 2015.

All shortlisted candidates will be invited to meet with the Council before any appointments are made.

### Play Area Update

When the Community Council decided to undertake a community project we set aside an initial budget of £5K.

In June 2014 the Children's Play Area project was voted for by residents as the preferred project.

Initial discussions were held with Play Wales -an independent charity that provides advice and guidance for these types of projects. However, it soon became apparent that the potential costs involved were significantly higher than budgeted.

Initial discussions with Torfaen County Borough Council were both protracted and initially non-committal. However, recent discussions have been good. Not only have TCBC been supportive they have also found a set of junior swings which they are providing for the project.

The total budget now allocated to this project is £15K and we are currently engaging with a number of contractors to see what can be achieved for this amount.

The Community Council recognises that the development of the Play Area is a long term project, one which will be a primary objective of the Council for the future. We are treating this as the first stage and are actively seeking additional grant funding to continue making improvements.



## Diary Dates

### 11th October

Llanfrechfa Village Association's Harvest Charity Auction 6pm at The Gate, Llanfrechfa Sale lots can be viewed from 7pm. Auction to start at 7.30pm.

### 5th November

Ponthir District Sports Club's Firework Display at Ponthir Sports Field.

### 22nd November

Ponthir Christmas Market Fayre, Ponthir Village Hall 1pm to 4pm.

### 4th December

Ponthir Christmas Tree Lighting Event 6.30pm at Ponthir Village Hall.

### 6th December

Llanfrechfa Christmas Tree Lighting Event at The Gate, Llanfrechfa, starting at 5pm.

### 10th December

Ponthir Baptist Church Christmas Carol Service 7pm.

## September

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## Stay fit the happy way

The popular EXTEND exercise class providing gentle exercise to music for the over 60s resumes at Ponthir Village Hall on MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER. 2-3pm.

New members are most welcome.  
Contact Mrs Pat Davies on 423693 for further information.

## All Saints Church Llanfrechfa

### CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON

In association with Newport Branch of Gwent Family History Society  
Saturday 19th September 2015 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.,  
Light refreshments, Church Guides, Family and local History Displays, Childrens' Activities.

To be followed by a SPECIAL CHORAL SERVICE on the theme of Social Justice at 5.00 p.m

**We would love to hear your views on the issues we have discussed...**

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