



Talk of the Town

October 2009

A vision for the Future ...

Thank you to all the people who filled in the Community Questionnaire. They gave the Council a snap shot of what you would like for Penmaenmawr, Penmaenan and Dwygyfylchi; pupils of the local primary schools and local youth groups gave us their views too!

We asked you for your thoughts and you told us!

We sensed a positive and up-beat feeling: the regeneration of the buildings in the centre of the town, and its beautification (both in Penmaenmawr and Dwygyfylchi) with planters and hanging bas-

kets, have had a positive and uplifting effect.

Pant-yr-Afon is 'buzzing!'

People's views on what is right and wrong in the villages have all been read and noted; requests and comments have all been followed up.

Read the full report. It's available on request to view in the Library.



The luck of the draw!

You will remember that all members of the community who completed and returned the Community Questionnaire were entered in our prize draw.

So, who was the fortunate person whose name was drawn from the box?

Congratulations go to one lucky pupil from Ysgol Pencae. We hope he enjoyed his prize of a meal for two, paid for by the Town Council, and hosted on this occasion by The Gladstone.

The prize was presented by The Mayor.

Did you know ?

- You can help the Council's *Pride in Pen* -
Act responsibly—clean up after your dog.
Overgrown vegetation—branches and hedges can be a safety issue. It is the duty of the householder to ensure that they do not obstruct the road, footpath or street lighting.-
- There is a yearly Citizen's award for one exceptional person. Nominate someone special. See page 3 for more information.
- There is an annual Garden competition. Categories include **best** - hanging basket; planter; private gardens. Awards are made in September. Enter yourself or nominate a friend—look out for the forms next year!
- In the last financial year the Council made a range of donations / grants.. These included The Blue Light Event; The Dwygyfylchi and Penmaenmawr Bowling Clubs, Cwmni Penllan, The Sailing Club, Pen in Bloom, Light up Pen, PenTA, Contact the Elderly, Tyddyn Bach, St Gwynan's Playgroup, Solitaires and Millennium Stars, Pensychnant.
- Penmaenmawr is the first community council in Wales to publish the minutes of its meetings both in English and in Welsh. Available on-line and on display in the Library.

Keeping in Touch

Welcome to the second edition of Talk of the Town. You told us that our first issue was a success — as we again "*put Pen to paper*" we think you will like this one too!

Since January, Penmaenmawr Town Council has had its own website. This was set up initially to comply

with the Freedom of Information Act. With just a click of your mouse you now have freedom to access a wide range of information regarding the policies, projects and workings of the Council.

Visit us at—
www.penmaenmawr.org

Although it is anticipated that this will be the main source of finding out what

you want, you can also obtain information by inspecting documentation held by the Clerk (appointment required—please telephone, e-mail or write) or by written request for copies of information. In this case, a charge will be made to cover costs— (printing, photocopying and postage).

- Disability Discrimination Act - Access: Town Council meetings are now held on the ground floor of 3 Central Buildings, Pant-yr-Afon.
- The Library is a great source of information—read the agenda and minutes; order a book through the library Interloan service; use a computer free of charge.
- The Bistro was the last building to be renovated under the Townscape Heritage Initiative. The scheme is now complete. Protecting and enhancing our heritage and environment is now up to us.

Your Gripes and Grumbles ...we're on the case!

Parking and Speeding

Members of the Council toured Penmaenan, Pant-yr-Afon and Dwygyfylchi with traffic engineers from the Highways Department, and a list of priorities for traffic management and calming was drawn up. Conwy County Borough Council will be carrying out this work for us.



Dog Fouling

Oh how you grumbled about the effects of dog dirt on the environment: even the children told us how strongly they felt!!!

We learnt that even the pond in Plas Parc Mawr was a receptacle.

Great news—there has been a clean up of the pond, and the Council liaises closely with the Dog Warden.

Footpaths, Trees and Hedges

Overgrown hedges, overhanging trees and overgrown footpaths —"What can you do about them?" you asked. Where appropriate your comments and re-

quests were passed on to the relevant agencies, and are regularly followed up.

But ... do you know the Council oversees and where necessary requests the clearing of footpaths in the wards—and that there is someone out there—currently Rob Evans, who clears the brambles and cuts back the grass for the Council!

We try as hard as we can

Although the majority of the day-to-day provision of services is the responsibility of Conwy County Borough Council, the Town Council and its councillors are actively involved in matters that affect the town. The Council can and does act as the 'eyes and ears' of the community: sometimes just there, watchful and ever vigilant.

However—with the best will in the world, and having explored

every option, some things are just not possible. There may not be enough space for a bus shelter; there may be restrictions regarding the adoption of a road.

But not everything.....

Five new sets of dropped kerbs have been laid in the town. Two sitings are opposite the surgery in Paradise Road, and on both sides of the kerb at the Community Centre. Thanks to our County Councillor for activating this.

young people are our future.

Many members of the community said that they were concerned about youth issues both in Penmaenmawr and Dwygyfylchi. As a Council we are concerned and care too. The Council is represented on the Conwy Youth Forum, and so we have a voice in local provision.

Provision in Pen

The long search for suitable premises is over, and the opening of a new Youth Club at the Old Post Office in Pant-yr-Afon is getting closer. With our young people being involved in planning the provision on offer, the place will be truly their own.

Watch out for the posters!

The youth club will cater for young people between the ages of 11 and 25. It will be open three days a week.

Tuesday is Juniors Night for young people aged 11, 12 & 13.

Friday is Seniors Night for young people 14+ (there is a health drop-in)

Wednesday after school is an all-age

drop-in where young people can have a snack (toast and a drink) and do their homework. We wish the club every success.

At the other end of the generation



scale there is a new Lunch Club at Maen Alaw for

older residents who would like some "time out".

Held on Mondays—fortnightly.

On offer is - Home-cooked food.

Entertainment.

And transport can be arranged.

Telephone Fiona on 01492 622540 on a Thursday afternoon.

Working together

Penmaenmawr is very fortunate in having active individuals and groups who work to improve the environment and the quality of experience for the people who live, work and visit the area. The Council shares this vision. It aims to listen to and



Making Penmaenmawr, Penmaenan and Dwygyfylchi beautiful.

work in collaboration with the community and with these people in order to maintain and promote the individual and special character of Penmaenmawr—its environments, its heritage, its amenities and its people: and then, hopefully, things just come together.

“Thank you,” Pen in Bloom: And congratulations to you for the way your efforts have made the town look over the summer. Stunning! Dwygyfylchi has been

included too.

Thank you to the community-minded individuals and businesses who have helped with watering baskets and planters.

Mayor’s Award—A gift voucher was presented to Mr. Bob Bullimore earlier in the year as a special “thank you” for the voluntary maintenance and environmental work he has done in the town—pulling up weeds, cutting back vegetation. A Town Treasure.

A Town of distinction

Quarry Garden: On the 8th May the Quarry Garden was officially opened. The Council made a generous donation to Penmaenmawr Community Environment Group (*Pen in Bloom*) towards the cost of those smart, stylish railings.

Walkers are Welcome Status: The Council was delighted to support *Stori Pen Cyf* in their application; Penmaenmawr is now one of 32 towns and villages across Britain committed to making the area an enjoyable one to visit. Penmaenmawr was successful in meeting the

six criteria needed for membership which will benefit local people as well as visitors. The Council has resolved to support the initiative initially by ensuring that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition. Three councillors joined the launch, taking a guided walk from New York Cottages to Pendarar, across the new Pen-y-Clip pedestrian and cycle bridges. The contingent from Penmaenmawr was greeted with a warm welcome from MP Betty Williams and community members from Llan-

fairfechan.

Pause for thought: A new public bench is to be sited at the half-way point on the new cycle route (which

A place that has something special to offer walkers!

now safely links Penmaenmawr and Llanfairfechan). It will be funded jointly by these two community Councils. Sit on it and watch out for the dolphins that some community members have seen.

Looking to the future—new priorities for the town ???

What are your views on the future of the Penmaenmawr Community Centre?

On a sad note, the Centre is struggling. The fabric of the building is deteriorating; inside it is dated and unfit for modern purposes. The Council has made two donations to the Management Committee — one to enable a grant application to be made for the replacement of the windows, and another towards the cost of utilities. It is not enough! The Centre is under imminent threat of closure.

This building is owned by the commu-

nity, so have your say! Do you want it to close?

Do you want the Council to help? Do you have comments and sugges-



Penmaenmawr Community Centre

tions for a community centre fit for the 21st century? How should the centre be used?

How can it be self-supporting?

An ATM for Penmaenmawr:

There have been on-going negotiations with the National Westminster Bank to open a ‘free of charge’ ATM in a shop in town. What are your views on this?

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Do you want to

- *make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community?*
- *join a group that work together to serve your community?*
- *bring local issues to the attention, of the Council, and help make decisions on behalf of the local community?*
- *Do you have at least four hours a week to spare?*

Vacancies occur from time to time and at elections.

Your Town Councillors:

Penmaenan Ward:

Cllr Fiona MacDonald—622540

Cllr Viv Mooney—622023

Cllr Ken Stevens—07974 659311

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Cllr Steve Banwell —622955

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[Dwygyfylchi](#).