

Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall and Facilities

Annual Report 2017

I took over as chair in May 2017 following the resignation of Steve Williams when he became chair of Llanfrynach Community Council.

It has been a peaceful and steady year, a tribute to a huge amount of work which has gone on over recent years to make the hall a lovely, welcoming and well run community facility. The other facilities run by the charity, the Ty Bach and the Telephone Library have also continued to be well run and a great boon to visitors and residents. This year also saw the VH providing a defibrillator which is now on the wall outside the hall.

The annual events, Llanfrynach Sports and Fete and the Country Christmas in the Hall have become a fixed part of local life and a great opportunity for the community to gather together and 2017 was no exception. From regular Women's Institute meetings to mass gatherings of walkers and cyclists, Brecon Arts Society, the samba band and regular bridge classes, the hall has seen a healthy flow of bookings and an increase in income.

Thanks go to Mrs Pat Eckley for keeping the hall spotless. We are sorry you had to leave us Pat but welcome Mr Ray Powell to pick up the broom, duster and polish to keep it all spic and span.

The major decision of 2017 came only a few weeks ago when the trustees decided to put notices on the hall railings asking people not to park in front of them, as the residents opposite were finding access to their own parking extremely difficult. There was also a lot of local concern about the danger of cars parked outside the hall creating a very dangerous blind corner. Feedback on the notices and the effect on parking has been good and trustees should continue to monitor the situation.

The fact that we are enjoying a wonderful facility is due to the diligence and hard work of a few volunteers, particularly Mike Redford, Steve Williams, Jackie Williams, Nikki and Colin Dutfield and Bronwyn Fox. And thank you Tony Bracey for taking over the running of the Ty Bach. Thank you all for everything you do.

But this is not a time to take our eye off the ball. A fresh lick of paint, a look at the structure of the buildings and general maintenance are all part and parcel of keeping the hall an attractive meeting place. And of course, fund raising events are not only necessary to keep us going but good for community cohesion and pride – by which I mean we all have a jolly good time together.

I am very proud of everything we have achieved – but now is the time for fresh ideas and fresh energy. So, I shall stand down this year to make room for another chair, but will continue as an enthusiastic and committed trustee.

Thank you for all your support,

Susan Brook Chair