

# LLANBADOC COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER Summer 2016



Glascoed



Monkwood



Llanbadoc

**Welcome** to our Summer 2016 newsletter which tells you about some of the things we have been doing on your behalf since the previous newsletter. Please let us have your views on how we can improve things in our community. If you have any comments, queries or ideas, please go to the contacts section on the last page and get in touch with us.

### Your community council

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** As the first tier of local government, our community covers Llanbadoc, Glascoed and Monkwood and the Council acts on your behalf on strictly non-political lines. Much of our work involves Planning, Highways, Traffic, Community safety, Recreation areas, Litter, and Rights of Way. We liaise proactively with Monmouthshire County Council and maintain links with other bodies in striving to deliver better services and play an effective part in our communities.

### **Telephone Kiosk at Llanbadoc Island**

As a council we were able to purchase the listed Telephone kiosk at Llanbadoc Island from BT earlier this year for £1. As a community council we do not have a central meeting place in which we can display information relevant to our wards, so we have decided to trial using the telephone box as our community information hub. So during the summer the telephone box had a makeover, replacement panes were installed and brambles were removed from inside and around the kiosk. The kiosk was painted by an intrepid band of councillors, in post office red and one of our residents has kindly installed a set of shelves. The council has published seven walk leaflets and these are all available in the telephone box or can be downloaded from our website. A notice board will be available for information pertaining to the area. Please contact us if you have any information you may wish to display (see the contacts section).

#### **START**



#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**



#### **COMPLETED**



## The Llandegfedd Reservoir Trail

Your council launched the Reservoir Trail Walk last year and promoted it as their walk leaflet number 7. It turned out to be a great success with walkers of all ages who also enjoyed the facilities at Welsh Water's newly opened Visitor Centre.

The main points of the feedback concerned some areas of poor signage and a section of the walk being on a public road and its associated dangers. Both of these issues have now been addressed by improving the signage and changing the route such that the trail now goes through Trostra Common/Twyn Y Cryn wood and only crosses the main road.

A copy of the newly revised Llanbadoc Community Council walk leaflet number 7 is enclosed with this newsletter and we hope that you will try it for yourself.

Both this leaflet and the other earlier ones maybe downloaded from our website ([www.llanbadoc.org](http://www.llanbadoc.org)) and we are always looking for suggestions as to how we may improve these and indeed add new ones to the library. We are hoping to publish a number of new walk leaflets later this year.

Further information maybe obtained from Councillor John Wright by email to [johnwright101@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwright101@hotmail.com) or telephone 07850 937603.

## Our Woodlands

Our woodlands, Twyn Y Cryn, Jenny's Bushes, Trostra Common and Lower Common, are common land with public access on foot or on horseback. Two years ago, the council commissioned a report on the condition of the trees, particularly alongside the paths through our largest woodland, Twyn Y Cryn (Glascoed). Potential dangers identified from dead or dying trees (or dead branches) and broken branches lodged in the canopy of the trees have since been addressed by tree safety work. This will now be an ongoing exercise, which has recently been extended by commissioning tree safety surveys of our other three commons, as well as the update to the Twyn Y Cryn Survey.



As part of this work, management plans are being prepared for all our woodlands, encompassing both safety and longer term health of the woodlands for the future. The reality is that the woodlands are mainly composed of large, older trees and there is therefore a need to encourage regeneration through growth of new trees alongside the older growth.

## E Mail Contact

We are going to set up a "Google Group" email for the residents of Llanbadoc, Glascoed and Monkwood. The information would only be held by us and we will not be sending out junk emails or allowing third party use.

It does mean we can update you with information relevant to our area, roadworks, changes in refuse collection, dates of community council led walks etc.

**To sign up for this please email Hilary Jones ([Hilary536@btinternet.com](mailto:Hilary536@btinternet.com)) with your name, first line of your address and your email address. You can also place this information if you wish in the Telephone Information Box, next to St Madocs Church, Llanbadoc. You will find a box labelled in the telephone Kiosk.**

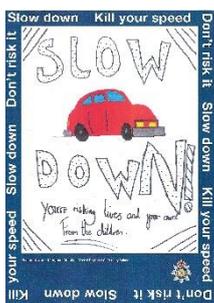
## Road Safety

The A472 from Little Mill through to Usk has been a particular concern over many years due to the accident record, the 60mph limit and the poor visibility at many junctions. Following discussions during 2014 with MCC and Gwent Police, based on a report put together by LCC on the issues and concerns relating to this stretch of road, MCC were able to extend the double white lines from Little Mill right through to beyond the junction with Estavarney Lane. LCC believes that this has already contributed to improving road safety along this stretch of road, by reducing overtaking in dangerous zones and to some extent in reducing vehicle speeds. The possibility of seeking a reduced speed limit will remain under review with MCC.

Despite the introduction of double white lines, there are still instances of overtaking on this stretch of road, which of course is now illegal as well as potentially dangerous. Please report any such instances that you might to Gwent Police on 101 and please keep us informed as well.

Speeding within the 40mph stretch of the A472 from Usk to Coleg Gwent has been reported by local residents and investigated by our local police team.

More localised concerns regarding speeding and inconsiderate driving are a concern in Rumble Street, which is a single track road with no pavements throughout its nearly 1km length. Some action has been taken following representation by LCC to MCC, in that warning signs have been installed alerting drivers to the presence of pedestrians, including children.



## Llanbadoc Island

Since the publication of the last newsletter we have improved the play area at Llanbadoc Island by making the area safer with new fencing around the swings etc., filling in some of the potholes on the access/exit track (although this is an ongoing battle) and improving some of the low level safety barriers.

We hope this work will help add to the enjoyment of this lovely spot.

## Path Care

Llanbadoc community council is leading 'a volunteer community path care group' which usually meets on the morning of the first Tuesday of every month at 10am.

Our objective is to try and maintain some of the footpaths within our wards by clearing away overgrowth, fallen branches, repairing stiles and finger/marker posts etc. The work is generally "lightweight" (ie only hand tools) and we can call upon the assistance of Monmouthshire County Council's field officers for any necessary heavy duty clearance using chain saws for example.

The group would welcome new volunteers to help with this work on a regular or occasional basis and if you would be interested in helping the group please contact Councillor John Wright at [johnwright101@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwright101@hotmail.com) or 07850 937603

This year we were runners up in the GAVO volunteer awards and we only have the best biscuits with our coffee afterwards.

## Farewells and welcomes to councillors;

Recent changes to the community council: We said farewell to some of our long-serving councillors: Lee Jones, Joanne Chase and Mike Faraday. We are going to miss our hard-working councillors who between them have given over twenty-five years of service.

There is currently one vacancy for a councillor on Llanbadoc Community Council. If you are interested in becoming a Community Councillor please contact our clerk to the Council – Olivia Beaumont. [clerk@llanbadoc.org](mailto:clerk@llanbadoc.org).

We are pleased to welcome James Lawrence to the council who represents Llanbadoc Ward and Jenny Carpenter who represents Glascoed.

**Note:** You can find full profiles of all councillors on our website [www.llanbadoc.org](http://www.llanbadoc.org).



**Monthly meetings** – you are welcome to join us on the **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm** at the new County Hall at The Rhadyr, next to Coleg Gwent, in Monkwood. At a certain point in the meeting, you have the right to address the council or ask questions.

**Web site** – Visit our website and contact us at [www.llanbadoc.org](http://www.llanbadoc.org)

### Contact your Community Councillor

#### Monkwood

Jo Storey	01495 785560
Dr Steve Waring	01495 785744
Vacancy	

#### Glascoed

Jenny Carpenter	01495 785509
Dr Mark Reardon	01291 672217
John Wright (Vice Chair)	01495 785242

#### Llanbadoc

Peter Clarke	01291 671220
Hilary Jones (Chairman)	01291 671469
Laura Jones	07872 144938
James Lawrence	01495 785205

#### Clerk to Community Council

Olivia Beaumont	01291 673515	email: <a href="mailto:clerk@llanbadoc.org">clerk@llanbadoc.org</a>
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**Val Smith** is our Independent County Councillor. You can contact her on 01495 785338

### Community Council Noticeboards

You will find details of meetings and other local notices in the following places

- ❖ The Crossroads, Glascoed
- ❖ Outside Llanbadoc Church
- ❖ Alexandra Terrace, Monkwood
- ❖ Outside the BAE Systems houses, Monkwood

### Calling the police

**Urgent:** 999

**Non urgent:** 01633 838111  
or **24 hour All Wales number:** 101

**Web site:** [www.gwent.police.uk](http://www.gwent.police.uk)