

St. Fagans Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Sain Ffagan

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2022

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St Fagans Community Council (SFCC) has recently received 6 nominations to act as community councillors working for the



betterment of the whole ward. To all the new families joining our fast growing community, we would like to extend a warm welcome.

Left - Summer beckons on a clear spring day in the community.

There is an opportunity to apply to be co-

opted to the council and we are seeking applications from residents of all parts of the community. Whilst the role of the community councillor is not remunerated the rewards derive from being able to impact on issues at the most local level. Please contact the Clerk to the council if you wish to find out more or visit the council's website www.stfaganscc.gov.wales.

I'r holl deuluoedd newydd sy'n ymuno â'n cymuned sy'n tyfu'n gyflym, hoffem estyn croeso cynnes ichi.

Mae cyfle i wneud cais i gael eich cyfethol ar y cyngor. Ar hyn o bryd mae 3 lle gwag ac rydym yn gwahodd ceisiadau am y seddi hyn gan drigolion o bob rhan o'r gymuned. Er nad oes tâl am fod yn gynghorydd cymuned, cewch foddhad o allu cael effaith ar faterion lleol ar y lefel fwyaf lleol. Dylech gysylltu â Chlerc y cyngor os hoffech gael gwybod mwy

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Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan

The process to replace the existing Local Development Plan (LDP), which runs until 2026, started in 2021. The process involves a series of steps that must be followed, including public consultation at key stages.

The Community Council responded to the first two consultations and we will respond/participate in all future stages where we are able to.

Although the process is at an early stage we already have concerns. The consultation on Strategic Options presented 3 possible growth options. We do not believe that these were presented objectively: there was a clear bias in favour of the option requiring the highest number of new residences.

We are not against building new homes, but it must be justified: there must be a real need. The latest Welsh Government (WG) projection is that Cardiff requires an average of 900 new residences each year during the period of the RLDP. Cardiff have rejected these projections but, in our opinion, have provided little/no credible evidence to support this rejection. Their argument is largely based on 2014 population projections that have proved to be significantly overestimated.

Cardiff already has a housing 'bank' of 18,760 residences: this will deliver an average of 1,250 new homes every year, more than WG says are needed. Rather than chase large numbers we would prefer to see Cardiff concentrate on delivering the sites already planned, together with the amenities to create quality, sustainable communities.

If Cardiff decide that more than 18,760 residences are required additional sites for new builds will be needed. Perhaps predictably the preliminary list of candidate sites for development includes more green fields in north west Cardiff. If these sites are included in the final RLDP the effect will be to virtually join Radyr, Rhydlyfar and Pentyrch. Cardiff have yet to decide which candidate sites to take forward, and we hope that more green field development in north west Cardiff will be rejected. The next consultation, which will include candidate sites, is not until October; but if you share our concerns about possible further green field development you might want to consider making your views known at an early stage - to local councillors, your MP and Welsh Assembly member.



Please let us know what you think. Send your thoughts to stfaganscc@btinternet.com.

The Community Council responses to consultations can be viewed in our planning committee minutes on the website.

Please let us know what you think - Consultation – Community Orchard Proposal

SFCC have received an offer from the trustees of the Plymouth Estates to rent a plot of land adjacent to Quarry cottages on Crofft-Y-Genau in the village - to be used as a community orchard –. The Council is keen to hear your views on this proposal to inform it’s next course of action and invite you to submit these in a format of your choice to the Clerk (contact details below).

The Council would also like to hear from individuals/groups who may be interested in getting involved in such a project.

The following photographs should help you locate the site in question.



SFCC has an obligation under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to ‘maintain and enhance biodiversity’. There are many ways in which we are doing this including;

- Planted a wild flower bed to encourage pollinators;
- Purchased and sited planters located in various areas of the community, again to encourage pollinators, as well as contribute to carbon reduction and community wellbeing;
- Positive action to reduce and suppress invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed in line with the Wildlife and Countryside Act;
- Engaged with the police and local landowners to act on illegal off-road motorbike usage and shooting of wildlife in Great Plymouth Wood, both of which threaten biodiversity in the ward;
- Lobbied to secure funding for community projects such as creating parks, play-spaces for children and health and wellbeing equipment; and
- Lobbied for the implementation or improvement of more sustainable transport solutions, e.g. the Cardiff “NextBike” scheme, and improved bus linkages.

SFCC will continue to work towards the preservation and enhancement of biodiversity

wherever its influence can be exerted. You can view our Biodiversity policy on our website.

Community Projects

The Westfield Park Benches have now been fully installed. 6 high quality new stainless-steel benches now provide comfortable options for a picnic in the park.



Rhydlafar

In March it was resolved to replace the railings to the grassed area which have been allowed to deteriorate into an unsafe state in Windsor Clive Drive having previously approached Cardiff Council to ask them to deal with the problem. The contractor initially approached has now confirmed that they can no longer undertake the works and an alternative approached. We hope to get this sorted out soon.

The council have also undertaken a preliminary survey of the ground conditions at the play area in Rhydlafar Park which we hope will inform future decisions about affordability of replacing the play surface which has been allowed to deteriorate. Key to this project will be to work in partnership with Cardiff Council who own the park – SFCC are making every effort to achieve this.

Village Hall Fence

Following an unidentified vehicle wrecking the fencing to the front of the village hall SFCC arranged for the repair and re-installation of a good quality replacement.



Train Sculpture for Children in the Park by the Railway Line

We have recently engaged the services of a wood carver to produce a model train which will be located in the park. The wood was kindly supplied by National Museum of Wales from a pine tree which had to be felled in their grounds. Our thanks go to them for transporting the log to the park



Before



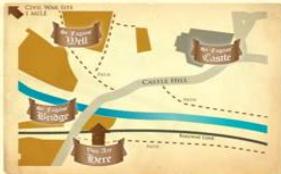
and after with Danny the sculptor

We hope the train will provide an ideal way for toddlers to be kept amused whilst the family enjoy a picnic in the park.

We are also currently replacing the sign in the park as it has begun to show the ravages of time we know that many people are surprised by the history it reveals:

The Battle of St Fagans Brwydr Sain Ffagan

THIS PLAQUE IS NEAR THE SITE OF THE OLD ST FAGANS TRAIN STATION, WHERE CELESTINE VICTORIA ALIGHTED WHEN SHE STAYED AT ST FAGANS CASTLE, ABOUT 500M WEST WAS THE ST FAGANS GROUNDING FRAME, UNDER THE GF ON THE SIGNAL BOX. THIS WAS A SORTING YARD UNTIL THE 1950s. COAL WAGGONS WERE SHUNTED OFFTEN BY HORSE POWER, BEFORE BEING SENT TO CAERFFILLOCH BARRY DOCKS. ACROSS THE LINE OPPOSITE THE SIGNAL BOX IS THE OLD MILL WHICH WAS POWERED BY WATER FROM THE RIVER ELY.



CLOSE BY IS THE SITE OF ONE OF THE LAST MAJOR BATTLES OF THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR. THE BATTLE ON 27th MAY 1648 WAS FOUGHT BY 11,000 MEN AND IS THE LARGEST BATTLE FOUGHT ON WELSH SOIL. THE PARLIAMANTARIAN ARMY OF AROUND 3,000 MEN, UNDER COLONEL HOBARTON, DEFEATED A ROYALIST ARMY OF 8,000 MEN. PARLIAMENT REGARDED THE EVENT AS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO ORDER THAT NEWS OF THE VICTORY BE ANNOUNCED IN EVERY PARISH CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

ST MARY'S CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE DATES FROM NORMAN TIMES, BUT THE EXISTING STRUCTURE WAS BUILT IN THE 13TH CENTURY. THE VILLAGE OF STAGANS WAS SENT FROM ROME TO BAPTISE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN ABOUT 180 AD.

DR T.W. EDGEMORTH DAVID, A MEMBER OF SHACKLETON'S 1902-1909 NIMROD EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA, WAS BORN IN THE OLD RECTORY ON 28th JANUARY 1856. DURING THAT EXPEDITION HE LED THE FIRST PARTY TO CLIMB THE ACTIVE VOLCANO, MT EREBUS, AND LATER THE FIRST PARTY TO REACH THE SOUTH MAGNETIC POLE.

MAE'R PLAC YN AGOS AT SAFFE HEN ORSAF DRENGAI SAIN FFAGAN, YR ORSAF Y DAETHY FRENHES VICTORIA IEDD PAN DEATH HE I AROS YNG NGHASTELL SAIN FFAGAN. RHYW 500 METR YR GORLEWYBODD YR FFRAM SYLFAIN SAIN FFAGAN' (INODWCH Y GF AR Y CABAN SIGNALAI). DYNA OEDD LLEGLAD YR IARD DIDDOL IAN DRENGAI R USGERTED GANRIE. BOROED CERBYDDAI GLO YN CAE EU SYMFD (YN AML GAN GEFYLLAU) CYN CAE EU DANFON I DDICIAU CAERFFILOCH NEU'R BARRI.

CYFERBYN A'R BOCS SIGNALAI MAE'R HEN FELIN OEDD YR DDEDDIHO DDW'R O'R ARON ELAI.

DATLAD CARRIG I FFRWIDD WAS SAFFE UNO O FFRWYDDAU CLAF Y RHYTEL CARTREF. BU UN AR DDIG O FFRWYD O DDYNNON YN YMLADDI YN FFRWYD AR FAI YR WYTHFED 1648. DDWAKR FFRWYD FFRWYD FFRWYD AR DDE CWRIG. TELFWYD RYDIN O 8,000 O FFRWYD GAN 3,000 O SENEIDWYR. DAN ARWYNIAD CYRNOG, HOBARTON, WEDD'R FUDWYD GYHOEDDHWYD HANES Y FFRWYD YMAHOB IGIWYS LED LED CYMRU A LLEGRIC. A HYNNY DAN DRICRYMION Y SENEID.

MAE ADELLAD PRESENNOG, IGIWYS Y SANTES FAI YN Y FENTRE YN DDEDDIO O GYFNOD Y NORMANIAID OND CAPODD YR ADELLAD CYRNOGHEIDON HE CHROD YN Y DRENGED GANRIE AR DDIG. CAPODD Y FENTRE HE ENWI AR OL FFAGAN DDATHI YMA O RUFAIN I FFRWYDIO Y FFRWYDIO LLEGL, GEDDUTU 180 GAC.

GANWYD SYR T.W. EDGEMORTH DAVID, AELOD O DATHI NIMROD YR ANTURIAETHWR SHACKLETON YR ANTARCTIC (1902-1909), YN YR HEN REFFWYDOR AR ISNANWE YR BRAN IES. YN YSTOD Y DAITH FE ARWYNDOD Y FENTAI GYNTAF I DDRENGED LLEGLFFWYDIO FFR. HE YR ANODD EREBUS, YN DDWEDDARACH FE ARWYNDOD Y PARTI GYNTAF I BARDN MAGNETIC Y DE.



Battle of St Fagans/Brwydr Sain Ffagan

Grant funding

SFCC is able to support local organisations with limited grants or donations. The policy can be viewed on the website. If you have a good idea which requires financial support and will benefit the community please contact the Clerk with your ideas.

Litter Picks

Your community council regularly organise litter picks. The Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who help out effort on these but also all residents who regularly pick up litter on their own. If you wish to join us on our next litter pick please contact the clerk.

Scams

Please be aware of the increase in the number of scams which are causing considerable distress to un-suspecting people and often targeted at the most vulnerable in society with recent examples relating to the Covid outbreak and Ukraine crisis. Always check and ask for proof before you give your bank details out – if the person is genuine they will not challenge you on this!

List of Community Council Members

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| Chris | O'Brien | 07877187347 |
| John | Hughes | 07799434994 |
| John | Griffiths | 07939606715 |
| Frances | Lewis | 07972134658 |
| Terry | Pallier | Via Clerk |
| Catherine | Heyworth | Via Clerk |

If you wish to contact any of the Community Councillors please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Please note that the Clerk only works part time so may not be able to respond to you immediately.

Clerk to the Council - Andy Gowman,

e-mail: stfaganscc@btinternet.com

Mobile 07940590076

New Council Website

We have recently set up a new website which complies with recent accessibility legislation. The aim is to build this up into useful working tool for the whole of the community.

www.stfaganscc.gov.wales