

Youth Blog

Our young leaders of the future

St Cenydd Community School recently elected their new Head Boy and Head Girl.

Brooklyn Lloyd-Meek is a well-spoken, confident and approachable character and says, "I can deal with pressure and I don't shy away from a challenge. I am currently head of goalkeeping at Risca United and Assistant Foundation Phase



Coach at Cardiff City FC and I believe these roles will help me in my Head Boy tasks as they improve my problem-solving skills and time management. My experience as a football referee outside of school has provided me with invaluable team work and leadership skills."

In his position as Head Boy, he would like to help carry on the school development within the next year by presenting a positive image of the school to younger students and visitors. He would love to help staff and pupils and says, "It would be my way of giving something back. I genuinely believe that I will relish this position. I strive to set an example to others and carry out the indispensable responsibilities involved in being head boy."



Caitlin Harris, the new Head Girl, is an Active Young Person (AYP), Silver Ambassador of Sports and is currently undergoing her Duke of Edinburgh gold award. She says, "I am a passive volunteer in the charity Age UK and

help the elderly in the community. I'm a former captain of the South Wales Athletics 100m team and have been a sports captain and form captain for my registration class from years 9 to 11. Within the school I have attended younger groups parents' evening, transitions evening and helped organise cluster sports and school sports days, which demonstrates I am always willing to take on extra responsibilities."

Caitlin has many personal qualities that she can use successfully in her new role of Head Girl and these include having leadership qualities - as she is a coach to two netball teams and a captain to many

sports teams - communication skills as she regularly takes part in School Council meetings and reliability as she always makes 100% effort to turn up to school sporting events on time. She is also organised, cooperative, enthusiastic, adaptable, approachable and compassionate.

Community Councillors would like to wish Brooklyn and Caitlin all the best in their new roles.

Georgie Rees, Youth Ambassador

Neighbourhood News

Over the past few months, there have been no trends in anti-social behaviour or crime. Patrols and daily interaction with the community and local businesses will continue to take place. We urge that any issues to be reported to the Police. Alternatively, you can contact your ward team, PC Alan Cotterill and CSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar. Details can be found on Gwent Police website.



Our Your Voice priority for the ward has just come to an end and we are currently carrying out surveys in the area. You can also complete this survey online via our website, <https://www.gwent.police.uk/en/contact-us/your-opinion-counts/your-voice/the-your-voice-survey/>.

Over the last 6 months we have been dealing with anti-social behaviour at Druids Close and the surrounding areas. If you have any information or concerns in relation to the above, please contact us on the details provided.

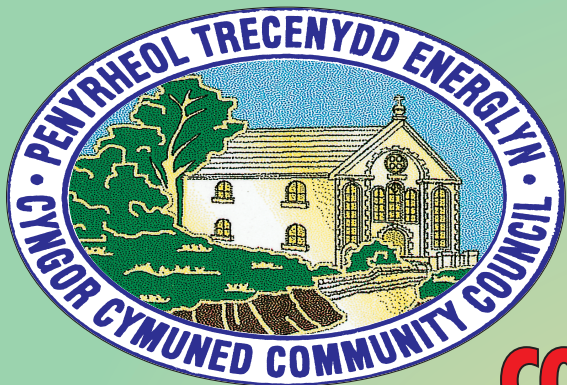
Parking will always remain a priority, not just for the ward but throughout the Caerphilly Borough. Caerphilly and Bedwas Neighbourhood teams have enforcement days where we tackle certain areas in mass throughout the day and night. This is also carried out to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Our surgeries for the ward are every Thursday between 2-3pm, alternating between Trecenydd and Penyrheol Community Centres. Please check our website for further information: www.gwent.police.uk and enter the ward you're searching for in 'Your Area'.

Gwent Now is a free community messaging system for the Gwent area. It allows you to register to receive the latest crime alerts and community news happening in your local neighbourhood. If you would like to sign up, please visit our website, www.gwentnow.org. As a reminder, please always make sure you lock and secure your vehicle/property and any belongings away. Please do not leave any items on view.

TELL US YOUR NEWS!

This is YOUR Community Newsletter so we'd love to hear your news. Maybe you're proud of someone's achievements or would like to tell us about something close to your heart. If you have something you'd like to share with the community in the December 2018 issue of the Newsletter please contact the Clerk on 029 2083 0666 or email her on ptecouncil@btinternet.com



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Message from the Chair

My name is Susan Dickens, I live on the Penyrheol estate and have done for the past 52 years. I have been a Community Councillor for a year now and I am enjoying the work immensely. I was Vice-chair last year and was recently nominated to take the position of Chair, taking over from Cllr Bill Allen. I was very proud to accept this position and I certainly have very big shoes to fill, but I will do my very best and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Allen for all his hard work.

I am looking forward to the building of the extension of the skatepark in Aneurin Park, Penyrheol, which will provide more opportunities for the youth of the wards and, of course, I welcome the installation of three much-needed defibrillators throughout the wards.

I will continue in my role as Community Councillor with my usual enthusiasm and hard work ethic and will take on the role as Chair with passion and pride and I look forward to meeting anyone who would like to speak to me, as do my fellow Councillors. You can contact any one of us on the contact numbers within the newsletter and we will do our very best to help you.

Susan Dickens

Play, play and more play!

This year's playschemes will be held between Thursday, 26th July and Tuesday, 21st August 2018 (starting mid-week due to some schools not finishing until the Tuesday). All primary school-aged children from within our community between the ages of 5 and 11 are cordially invited to participate.

Children must permanently live in the Penyrheol, Trecenydd or Energlyn ward to be eligible to attend either playscheme and proof of address may be requested at registration or any time during the playscheme. If it is found that the child does not permanently live at the stated address, unfortunately the child will be asked to leave. So PLEASE do not put your child/grandchild at risk of being asked to leave.

The Trecenydd playscheme will be held at Hendre Junior School and the Penyrheol playscheme will be held at Cwm Ifor Primary School.



Entry is free of charge so please encourage your children to attend the playschemes for an enjoyable social experience. However, although the Community Council is delighted to be of help to working parents, please note that this is a summer playscheme and not a child-minding service and children must be picked up at the appropriate times. The playscheme is not compulsory and as it is paid for by the Community Council, a decision is made every year as to whether or not to run the playscheme, so the situation could change at any time.

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Penyrheol



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The playschemes always prove popular and are well attended. The number of places are limited, so allocation is on a **first come, first served basis**.

Registration will take place as follows (please take note of the different locations, dates and times of the registrations for both playschemes).

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR OWN CHILD/CHILDREN, AS A CONTRACT HAS TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND REGISTRATION CANNOT BE DONE BY FRIENDS ETC.

**Trecenydd playscheme
Tuesday, 12th June 2018 at
Hendre Junior School
Doors open at 5.00 pm
(For children who live in the
Hendredenny, Trecenydd,
Glenfields, Penrhos areas)
Please note that Castle View
is no longer within the
Penyrheol Trecenydd
Energlyn Ward.**

**Penyrheol playscheme
Thursday, 14th June 2018 at
Penyrheol Community Centre
Doors open at 5.00 pm
(For children who live in the**

**Penyrheol, Ty Isaf, Caledfryn, Pwllypant,
Energlyn, Highfields, Chwarrel Park area)**

Please keep an eye on our website
(www.ptecouncil.com) in case of any changes
regarding registration dates etc.



John Jones

Many residents of Hendredenny - and elsewhere - were saddened to learn of the passing of local character John Jones who had lived at 6 Pembroke Court since it was built in 1972.



John became well known for his habit of sitting in a chair by his front door and passing the time with everyone who walked by. He was excellent at remembering names! He regularly cut the front lawns of his neighbours and helped with cutting down trees, keeping hedges trimmed or other gardening and DIY jobs.

He was a regular and popular visitor to various coffee shops in Caerphilly but also used his bus pass to go wider afield such as Bargoed and the Rhondda. The photo shows John outside the Caerphilly Tourist Centre on the Twyn. For some unknown reason he is wearing the chain of the Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough!

He tended to look a bit dishevelled so people he met might assume that he was not very interesting but they quickly became aware of the breadth and depth of his knowledge due to his many hobbies and his extensive reading and studying.

He enjoyed sailing, skiing, walking, photography and listening to air traffic control on his radio. He also enjoyed travelling, cycling, motorcycling, as well as occasionally using his car, but mainly his bus pass! In later years he became absorbed in collecting firewood for his wood burning stove, so much so that he probably had about 10 years supply in his back garden when he passed away.

John was born in Cardiff in 1937 but spent his early years in Abertridwr and then moved to Caerphilly. He worked at Nantgarw Colliery and then at Aeroquip in Llanishen until he retired.

He enjoyed good health throughout his life but was taken ill just before Christmas. He died in hospital on 17th February 2018 aged 80. A number of his neighbours were at his well-attended funeral at Highfields Church, Cardiff where he was a popular and regular attender.

We will miss him, he was a lovely man, an excellent neighbour and a unique character.

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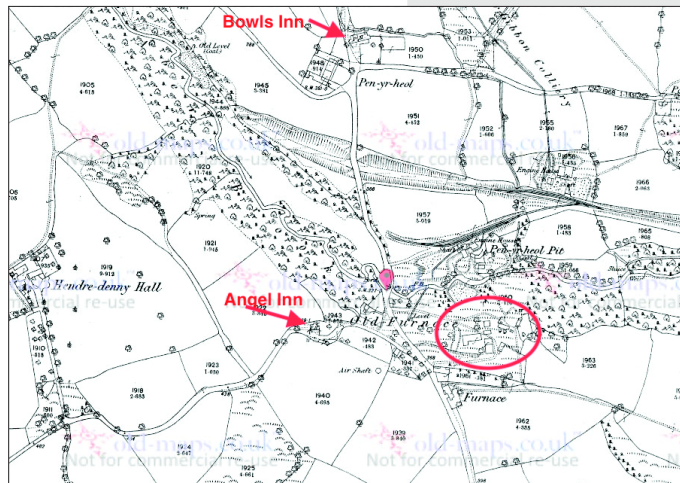
Not many Caerphilly people are aware that, at one time, Penyrheol was the red-hot centre of industrial activity in the area.

There is, however, little evidence left, apart from some remains of stone walls, to show that from about 1680 a major Iron Furnace producing pig iron from iron ore operated in what is now the wooded area on the other side of the stream next to the "dip" Garage. This continued until it was closed down in about 1823, after a period of about 140 years.

This area was called Cae Pont-y-Saeson (Englishman's Bridge Field). Pont-y-Saeson was the nearby bridge over the stream, Nant-yr-Aber, which ran alongside the works and provided the power via a waterwheel to the bellows in order to blast air into the Furnace. This bridge was much later replaced by the present St Cenydd Road bridge next to the garage.

In its early years it produced about 100 tons of pig iron a year, rising to almost 700 tons a year towards the end of its life. This pig iron was transported to forges to be used to make various wrought-iron items. There were two forges at Machen and one at Tredegar Park (Bassaleg). The early development of the local iron industry had links with the Lewis family of Van Mansion, but from about 1690 until it closed, the Morgan family of Tredegar Park was directly or indirectly involved; in fact the Furnace and the three forges were under joint management for most of their life and were known as the Tredegar Ironworks or Tredegar Works.

The map (from Old.Maps.Co.UK) prepared about 1875 (about 50 years after the Furnace closed down) shows the location of the Furnace remains and also marked is the Angel Inn and Bowls Inn.



"Hendre-denny" Hall is shown and the Penyrheol Pit (now the site of the Chicken Farm) and Tir Gibbon Colliery were in operation, otherwise the whole area consisted of fields.

The only reminder of the Furnace now is the location of two houses at the bottom of White Cross Lane named Furnace House and Old Furnace Cottage and the unmade road on the other side of St Cenydd Road opposite White Cross Lane giving access to a few properties is still shown on maps as "Old Furnace Road".

The address of houses on the section of main road past here was Furnace Terrace, and in Trecenydd was called St Cenydd Terrace until the whole road from Martin's Farm to Station Terrace was renamed St Cenydd Road by the Council in 1962.

Information taken from "Caerphilly Furnace : Ffwrnes Caerffili", H. P. Richards, Caerphilly Local History Society

Defibs up and running

PTE Community Council is delighted to announce that the three new defibrillators it purchased for the community are now fully up and running. One is situated within Hendre Junior School and the other two outside Penyrheol Community Centre and Trecenydd Community Centre.

Training took place in October and January, but the defibrillators are easy to use and will 'talk' you through the stages and will NOT shock if shock not required.

Unfortunately, the cabinets cannot be left unlocked in case of vandalism. The code to unlock the cabinets will be given to you by the emergency operator when you dial 999. The cabinets are heated so that the pads do not disintegrate during the winter.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of premature death, but with immediate treatment, many lives can be saved. SCA occurs because

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the electrical rhythm that controls the heart is replaced by a chaotic, disorganised electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). The quicker VF can be treated by defibrillation, the greater the chance of successful resuscitation. Seconds count and the ambulance service is unlikely to arrive quickly enough to resuscitate most victims.

Many SCA victims can be saved if persons nearby recognise what has happened, summon the ambulance service with the minimum of delay, perform basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (particularly chest compressions) and use an AED (defib) to provide a high energy electric shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm. Each of these stages is a link in a chain of events that provide the best chance of success, but the critical factor is the speed with which the shock is given.

AED's are easy to use and the machines guide the operator through the process by verbal instructions and visual prompts. They are safe and **WILL NOT ALLOW A SHOCK TO BE GIVEN UNLESS THE HEART'S RHYTHM REQUIRES IT.**

If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, it's vital to call 999, start CPR, get the unlock

code and send someone to get the nearest defibrillator. If anyone would like defibrillator training, please contact the Clerk to the Council via ptecouncil@btinternet.com or via telephone.



The pic shows Penyrheol Trecenydd Energlyn Community Councillors, Chairman Cllr Bill Allen, Vice-Chair Cllr Sue Dickens and Cllr Lindsay Whittle and people from the local community receiving CPR/defibrillator training from trainer Liz.

PTE Community Council may be able to purchase more defibrillators in the future. If you would like to nominate somewhere that you think would be of benefit to the community, please contact the Clerk.

Local Club Profile

Finally, a place to call home!



After years of being pushed from pillar to post and relying on the kindness of local rugby union clubs, Aber Valley Wolves Junior Rugby League Club finally has a new home in Aneurin Park, Penyrheol, Caerphilly.

The Club runs U13s, U15s and U17s age groups and it doesn't matter if you've never played rugby league before, as most of the boys hadn't played before they joined. The club is friendly and welcoming, with boys from union clubs from all around the surrounding areas.

Aber Valley Wolves has seen tremendous success over the past few years : U13s Double League and Grand Final Champions, representative honours in East Wales Origins, Wales U16s and U18s, Wales Dragonhearts, Wales Students, former semi-professional club South Wales Ironmen and our most exciting results yet : **THREE PLAYERS CHOSEN LAST SEASON FOR POSSIBLE WIGAN SCHOLARSHIPS!!**

If you're an U13's, U15's or U17's, why not give the club a try by joining the Facebook page (Aber Valley Wolves Junior Rugby League Club). Or, just turn up on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm at Aneurin Park, Penyrheol. Matches are played on a Sunday.

The coaches and players look forward to seeing you!

Providing for our youth



(Example of potential skate park)

It has been a long-running objective of Penyrheol Treceynydd Energlyn (PTE) Community Council to improve and enhance the skatepark facilities in Aneurin Park, Penyrheol.

Although the project has suffered difficulties in accessing suitable funding or lost some funding streams, it now seems to be coming to fruition. Following support from the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS), PTE Community Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) a project partnership has been formed.

Although the final design and position is under discussion, agreement has been achieved on progressing the project.

Why is this important? Well, the young people of the area placed this at the top of their wish list some four-plus years ago. It still remains a popular scheme with young people today. But more than that, young people just need a meeting place, somewhere that's theirs, that they identify with and feel comfortable at.

It provides exercise in the open air and aids general wellbeing via socialisation. As our urbanisation continues and accessible spaces diminish we all need to recognise that young people - as an important part of our community - need support in their key development stage.

Improving the parks at Penyrheol and Treceynydd for use by people of all generations is a key open space leisure facility. Additional improvements are also in the pipeline for the parks, I am pleased to say.

I would like to thank the CCBC and WHQS officers for their ongoing support and look

forward to seeing the finished project being used by young people from the area as soon as possible.

Steve Skivens, Community and County Borough Councillor

Community Centre facelift

The toilets at Penyrheol Community Centre have recently been upgraded to a high standard thanks to the Committee acquiring a grant.



Even though there was some disruption whilst the work was carried out, users accepted that some disruption was necessary.

The works cost just under £25K but the result is there for all to see and the upgrade, together with the recent redecoration of the main hall has added a brighter, updated touch to the Centre.

The Management Committee is looking for anybody who is interested in joining the Committee. The current members have served many years and, unfortunately, age is creeping up on them. If you feel you have something to offer, please contact :

Cllr Bill Allen on 029 20 852 043 or Ken Harris on 029 21 406 493. Let's do all we can to keep the Centre going!!