

Councillor Sian Gwenllian's Report – December 2015

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas Events:

Tomorrow (Sat 12/12/15) Christmas Tea at Felin Gylchu 2 – 4 pm £3

A Fair will be held at Y Faenol on Sunday December 13 at 11am - 7pm. The proceeds from the stall fees, raffle and parking will go to 'North Wales Refugee Network' and then used to buy shoes for refugees on the islands of Leros, Lesbos & Chios. There will be a variety of traditional stalls, including local businesses and craftspeople. If you are interested in having a stall, contact kristinabanholzerphotography@hotmail.com or mail@drzigs.com. Each stall will cost £7.

Felinheli Christmas – Sunday 20 Dec at 5 pm CHURCH HALL

Carol singing – Christmas Market Stalls – Father Christmas

The Community Council will be pleased to accept applications for financial assistance from charities and societies of the village by 31st December 2015. Every application (application form on the Council website) should be sent together with a copy of the annual financial report for the society to the Clerk Heather Lynne Jones, 3 Maes Padarn, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4TE clercfelinheli@aol.com

1) Application to create a mussel fishery on the sandbank opposite Felinheli – between Castell Gwylan and Moel y Don. Many are concerned about the possible effect on fishermen, sailors and walkers. The consultative period has ended and unfortunately, the local community was not aware of it until very late in the day. However, I am in discussion with the company and they have agreed to come to Felin to explain what they have in mind. I hope this can happen early in the New Year. They will be meeting the Sailing Club next week. I am in favour of developing the local seafood industry but we need to protect the interests of local people.

2) Path near the Afon Heulyn : the footpath has been closed following the collapse of part of the Faenol wall. Thanks to the Chair of the Community Council for his prompt action. I have asked for a report from the footpaths officer on the steps that will be taken to ensure the path can be re-opened. Quay steps remain closed but the Council has agreed to build a buttress to safeguard the wall.

3) Sea Wall : After being contacted by an elector, I asked Gwynedd Council officers to investigate the condition of the sea wall. I had a report back from the maritime officer saying that the situation does not cause great concern and from the Coastal Defence Unit saying they will continue to monitor the wall.

4) Rhyd Y Fenai: I helped electors who were worried that the new hand rails would prevent them from accessing their gardens and clothes lines. We reached agreement with CCG and the rails are now in place. I am now asking for more work to be done including repairs to the steps, new surface and safety measures on the balconies.

5) Recycling: The Council has moved to the new arrangements of collecting recycling material/food waste every week and residual waste from the green bins every 3 weeks. There haven't been many problems with this. The new Cartgylchu has been distributed to appropriate homes. The Council does not think that Stryd Menai and Stryd Bangor are suitable but individuals here or in other parts of the village that have not been supplied with a cart can apply for one. Tan y Maes is scheduled to get them in the New Year. Please contact ailgylchu@gwynedd.gov.uk or phone Galw Gwynedd ar 01766 771000.

6) Rowen Path: Cyngor Gwynedd has confirmed that land-owners have agreed to the intention to improve the footpath before it's officially adopted as a public footpath by the Council. I understand that the work will commence early in 2016.

7) Coastal Path: the scheme is moving along with the legal work of obtaining permission from the different land owners. We will all be glad to see the path opening officially – before next summer hopefully.

8) National Grid – the consultation on bringing pylons to Pentir over the land in the vicinity of Faenol/Nant y Garth/Treborth closes on Dec 16. I am arguing for undersea cables from Anglesey to Deeside. <http://www.cysylltiadgogleddcymru.com/>

9) With the support of the Plaid Cymru Councillors' Group I submitted a proposal on CUTS that was discussed by Cyngor Gwynedd On Dec 10. It was passed unopposed by Gwynedd Council. Link to press release: <http://www.english.gwynedd.plaidcymru.org/news/2015/12/07/plaid-cymru-gwynedd-oppose-tory-treasury-cuts/>

10) The future of the Maternity Unit at Ysbyty Gwynedd is secure for the time being but there are still concerns that we could lose the consultant-led service in the long term as Glan Clwyd continues to be developed. Join the Babis Bangor face-book group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1636463603269642/?fref=ts>

11) I would like to wish Ken Brown a very happy retirement as he leaves Felinheli Community Council after many years of service as Chairman and councillor. Thank you for all his work for the village. He recently succeeded in getting new Croeso i'r Felinheli signs for each end of the village. Thanks also to Pat Jones who is retiring after many years and to Louise Hughes for her work on behalf of the residents of Y Wern. Welcome to the new members and all the best to Daniel Williams, the new Chairman. I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of the village.