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NEWS IN BRIEF

DOG FOULING



Like most communities, Pen suffers from a fair amount of dog fouling. This is especially true of certain areas such as on Constitution Hill, around the iron bridge or in the tunnel off Gilfach Road. Pen's Mayor, Steve Banwell, says: "It's only a small minority of dog walkers that allow their dogs to foul and make everyone else's life a misery. That is why Pen Town Council is taking active steps to clamp down on the problem."

- Following on the success of our 'Civic Pride Warden' – Anita who keeps our streets clean, Pen Town Council are seeking to employ a dog warden in partnership with other neighbouring councils. This individual will have the legal right to issue tickets to offenders on the spot. The Council is currently negotiating with Conwy Country Borough Council to make this happen.
- *In the meantime to report dog fouling or to tell us about a dog fouling hot-spot, please contact Conwy County Borough Council Regulatory and Housing Services.* **Phone on: 08000 934 364 or Email:dogfouling@conwy.gov.uk**



New Skate Park for Town

Penmaenmawr Town Council is working with consultants to replace the existing skate park (above) with an open concrete course. It is hoped that this new skate park will have a more 'natural' landscape look, it will also have new seating and observation areas.

The skate park is a valuable resource within the community but unfortunately it has been closed since last year due to its state of repair. Since its closure we have been asking residents and visitors what they would like to see in a new skate park. We have also been to both the local primary schools in the area as well as to students in Eirias and Aberconwy. We now know what would make a good skate park and what our skaters are looking for. The cost of replacing the skate park is significant, so the Town Council needs to apply for funding as well as retaining some funding in its budget. It is not going to be easy for us to raise the money which is why it is going to take a while for this to happen. In addition to the replacement of the skate park we are looking to upgrade the area outside the café. This is a significant project for the Town Council to do and hopefully with the support of the community it will be successful. If you have any questions about this project please get in touch with our clerk.



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2017-18



The Town Council's budget – this year the council will be asking for £135,000 via our Council Tax. This is equivalent to £0.65 per resident of pen per week.

This money will help the Council to serve and represent the needs of the community, and to continue to provide financial support to a vast array of community initiatives and groups, many of whom provide a life line to our residents of all ages. £53,450 of the budget is required to run the Council and this will pay for things like rent, bills, training, insurances and wages for both the Clerk and our Civic Pride Warden. £15,884 is held as contingency and election fees (this is a legal requirement).

The remaining budget has been allocated in various other ways including £5,000 for the Grants and Donations pot, which following Council approval, can allocate grants of up to £500 to any local group writing in to request funding. More money has been allocated to a Community Pot which allocates monies following Council approval, of over £500 to any local group writing in to request funding. £8,000 has been allocated for our town's Community Centres. £70,000 has been allocated for our Promenade Project which you can read about in this newsletter.

The Town Council is taking its future seriously and in these times of reducing County Council budgets it is allocating money to help deal with our car parks, our toilets and other community assets that we are likely to have to take responsibility for. £24,500 has been allocated as a Council Pot, and this money will be spent on our town for things like, Christmas trees and maintenance of our town's facilities. If you have any questions about our budget please email our Clerk at clerk@penmaenmawr.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello and a happy new year from your Mayor and Councillors.
As ever, your group of volunteer community councillors have been working hard for you, the residents of Pen, to try to make our town somewhere we can all be proud of.
We've undertaken a number of community projects this year including improving play parks for the kids, painting the veranda in the centre of town and the excellent Christmas festivities. We've also helped by providing funding for community groups such as the sailing club for the firework display, Pen in Bloom and the football club.
We've employed a part time civic pride warden to help keep our town as tidy as possible.
We have exciting projects planned for the coming year, including the redevelopment of the skate park on the promenade.
On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to all who have helped raise funds for this year's mayoral charity – The Walton Neurological Centre.
Here's hoping for a successful 2017!

BEST WISHES

STEVE BANWELL

Mayor of Penmaenmawr 2016-17

COMMUNITY NEWS



LITTER

Pen Town Councils new litter warden, Anita, has really made an impact made an impact on litter in our community and has drawn a lot of praise from residents and businesses alike. If you have a problem with litter on your street contact the Town Clerk on 01492 623221 or clerk@penmaenmawr.org

Christmas Thanks



Penmaenmawr Town Council would like to thanks the following for their help with the festivities over the Christmas period:
Light Up Pen, The owner and staff of SPAR, The Congregation of Eglwys y Berth (Especially Mr Oswyn Evans), Penmaenmawr Community Support Group, the Village Offlicence and Betty's Cafe. ANYONE ELSE???