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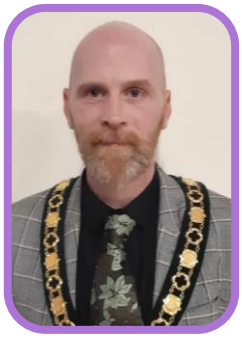
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"Swept Away on a Spring Tide"

Picture Painted by:
Chrissy Buse

Mayors Message

As Mayor (pictured upper right), it is my pleasure to formally welcome our new Town Clerk, Peter (pictured lower right), who commenced his duties with us in December. Peter has quickly adapted to his role, and the Council is very pleased with the progress he has made thus far.



Our residents will be aware of the challenges we faced in recruiting a Town Clerk and the subsequent impact on our village operations. Having the right team is vital to the efficient functioning of the Town Council. Peter's appointment is a significant step forward for our community. We anticipate a productive working relationship that will bring much-needed improvements to the village. I encourage all residents to attend our weekly Council and Committee meetings to stay informed about ongoing projects and to actively participate.



I would also like to extend my gratitude to Councillors James Cook and Lisa Goodier for their efforts in organising the Saturday Surgeries at the community library (see the article below). These sessions have proven invaluable, allowing residents to convey their concerns and issues directly to the Town Council. This proactive approach ensures that we address the needs of our community efficiently and that all planned and future projects are aligned with the interests of the residents we serve.

Saturday Surgery...

Written by Cllr. James Cook (pictured below, alongside Cllr. Lisa Goodier):

The Town Council's Saturday Surgery at the local library has proven to be an overwhelming success, fostering stronger ties between residents and the council. Held fortnightly, the sessions have quickly become a popular opportunity for local residents to meet with council representatives, discuss pressing issues, and share their concerns in a relaxed, informal setting. This direct access has encouraged more community engagement, with a steady increase in attendance each week.

The initiative was launched to ensure that all residents, regardless of their schedules, had a chance to engage with local government. The library, being centrally located and easily accessible, has served as an ideal venue for these discussions. Many attendees have praised the council for making themselves available outside of regular office hours, making it easier for those who might have previously struggled to voice their concerns.

One of the most notable successes of the Saturday Surgery has been its ability to influence the council's work. By listening to feedback and addressing the needs of the community, the council has been able to direct its efforts in ways that directly reflect the concerns and desires of the people it serves. Whether it's a request for improvements to local parks, concerns about traffic safety, or ideas for new community events, these sessions have provided invaluable insights that are shaping the future of the town.

Moreover, the face-to-face interactions have helped foster trust and transparency between the council and its residents, creating an atmosphere where people feel heard and valued. As the sessions continue to grow in popularity, it's clear that the Saturday Surgery is a key step in making the town a better place to live for everyone.



For more information on Town Council news and events, please visit the Penmaenmawr Town Council website.

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Council Meetings:

Meetings are held at 7pm on Monday evenings. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at the Penmaenmawr Community Centre, or remotely via Zoom.

March 2025

3rd Full Council Meeting
10th Governing & Finance Committee
17th Planning & Environment Committee
24th Well-being, Engagement & Events Committee
31st Full Council Meeting

April 2025

7th Governance & Finance Committee
14th Planning & Environment Committee
28th Well-being, Engagement & Events Committee

May 2025

12th Annual General Meeting
Remaining meetings in May will be agreed at the AGM.

Upcoming Events

To attend a meeting remotely, submit a request to speak on an agenda item, or for more information, please call 01492 623221, or email admin@penmaenmawr.org

Please check individual organisation's websites & social media for additional information.

Saturday 1st March	Community Skips – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	09:00 until full Gladstone Car Park, Dwygyfylchi, LL34 6PS
Alternating Mondays (from 3rd March)	Happy Eaters	12:00 – 14:00 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Wednesday 5th March	Dwygyfylchi Women's Institute – Dewi Sant Celebration, with Harpist Dylan Cernyw	19:00 Penmaenmawr Community Centre, LL34 6AB
Every Wednesday (from 5th March)	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Painting Group	13:30 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Saturday 8th March	Saturday Surgery	10:00 – 12:00 Penmaenmawr Library, Bangor Road, LL34 6DA
Wednesday 19th March	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Visiting Artist Demonstration, Jan Gardner RCA	14:00 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Saturday 22nd March	Saturday Surgery	10:00 – 12:00 Penmaenmawr Library, Bangor Road, LL34 6DA
Wednesday 2nd April	Dwygyfylchi Women's Institute – Local Author, Juliet Greenwood	19:00 Penmaenmawr Community Centre, LL34 6AB
Saturday 5th April	Community Skips – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	09:00 until full Fernbrook Road Car Park, Penmaenmawr
Wednesday 9th April	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Visiting Artist Workshop, Ann Lewis RCA	14:00 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Wednesday 16th April	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Visiting Artist Demonstration, Mike Linfold	14:00 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Sunday 20th April	PTC Easter Event	Details to follow – keep an eye on our website and social media
Saturday 3rd May	Community Skips – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	09:00 until full Gladstone Car Park, Dwygyfylchi, LL34 6PS
Wednesday 7th May	Dwygyfylchi Women's Institute – Ukrainian Cultural Evening	19:00 Penmaenmawr Community Centre, LL34 6AB
Wednesday 21st May	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Visiting Artist Demonstration, Bill Kneale	14:00 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE

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Upcoming Events

Council and Committee Meetings



From September 2024, all full town council & committee meetings will be held in Penmaenmawr Community Centre, Conway Road, LL34 6AB. Meetings take place on Monday evenings at 7pm.

The town council hopes this venue change will better facilitate attendance & encourage participation of members of the community. As always, all council & committee meetings are open to the public – residents may request to speak at any meeting where they have an interest in an agenda item. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please contact the Town Clerk no later than 5pm on the last working day preceding the relevant meeting.

Please note, parking at the community centre is limited.

Easter Event 2025

The Town Council's Easter event is set for Sunday, 20th April, on the Promenade. After last year's amazing event that everyone loved, we're aiming to make this year's celebration even better.

We'd love for you to join in on the Easter egg hunt as well as all the fun games and activities. Last year, over 150 residents took part in the event, and we'd be thrilled to see you all again.

Like most of our community events, this one is totally free. Let's all hope for great weather and to have a blast together on our beautiful Penmaenmawr Promenade.

Dwygyfylchi Art Society

Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society have some excellent workshops and visiting artist demonstrations coming up this Spring, with a focus on Landscape Painting:

On Wednesday 19th March, the Art Society will welcome Jan Gardner RCA, who will discuss her colourful approach to depicting landscapes. April will see the return of Anglesey painter, Mike Linfold, a previous guest speaker at the Art Society, Mike will be demonstrating his skills in landscape painting using acrylics. In addition to the return of Mike Linfold, the Art Society will also be hosting a workshop during April, led by Ann Lewis RCA. Ann will be teaching the art of Lino-Cut Printing, this workshop will cost £10 for members and £15 for non-members – places are limited, so please be sure to contact Jonathan on the details below in order to reserve a place on the workshop. Finally, Conwy-based artist, Bill Kneale, will be demonstrating his impressionistic style of painting in May.

All meetings are held at Maen Alaw, Penmaenmawr, and start at 2pm (workshops begin at 1:30pm), for details about the Society, its meetings, or to reserve a place on an upcoming workshop, please contact Jonathan on 01492 596374, or via email at jonathan-christopher@hotmail.com.

If your community group would like its events and activities featured in Pen to Paper, or you have news or an announcement you wish to share with your local community we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Cllr. Becca Snell via email at Becca.Snell@penmaenmawr.org for more information.

Dwygyfylchi Parish Hall Update

Deputy Mayor Cllr. James Cook (pictured bottom right) & Cllr. Malcolm Bleasdale have provided an update for St Gwynan's Parish Hall (pictured top right):



The current status of St Gwynan's Parish Hall is a topic of significant interest and ongoing development. The Town Council is actively pursuing progress on this matter, which has been designated as a key priority for the Governance and Finance Committee. The discussions surrounding the hall are currently being managed by the respective legal teams, ensuring that all necessary protocols and considerations are being addressed. This careful approach reflects the Council's commitment to transparency and due diligence as we navigate the complexities involved.

In the interim, the Town Council is taking proactive steps to engage with the community, recognising the importance of local input in shaping the future of the new community hall. Plans are underway for a community engagement event, which aims to gather insights and opinions from residents regarding their vision for the hall. This initiative underscores the Council's dedication to fostering a collaborative environment where community voices are heard and valued, ultimately guiding the development of a facility that meets the needs of the local population.



Once dates have been set for the consultation events, we would love to see as many residents as possible in attendance. Having the Hall back, in a central location, within easy reach by foot, whilst also having the benefit of a bus stop close by, will be a fantastic asset to available to to every member of our community.

David's Lane Car Park

Deputy Mayor Cllr. James Cook has provided an update on David's Lane car parking area:

The recent developments regarding the car parking area at David's Lane have reached a significant milestone, as the asset transfer has now been finalised. This transfer marks a pivotal moment, as the land is officially under the ownership of the Town Council. The completion of this process was crucial in safeguarding the area from potential development, ensuring that it remains a community asset rather than being repurposed for other uses. This proactive measure reflects the Town Council's commitment to preserving local spaces that serve the needs of residents.

In the coming weeks, the Wellbeing Engagement and Events Committee will take the lead in gathering input from the community regarding the future of the parking area, actively seeking the opinions of residents on their vision for the space, including any cosmetic enhancements they would like to see implemented. This engagement process is designed to ensure we evidence a collaborative approach, allowing the community to express their preferences and contribute to the planning of a parking area that aligns with their needs.

Capelulo Toilets

Deputy Mayor Cllr. James Cook has provided the following update regarding Capelulo Toilets:

A very brief update on the current status of the toilet facilities at Capelulo. The process of transferring ownership of this asset is nearing completion, with the facility set to be handed over to the Town Council. However, it is important to note that the toilets are expected to remain closed for an extended period of time. This closure will allow the Town Council the necessary time to formulate a comprehensive renovation strategy, which will involve seeking grant funding aimed at restoring the toilets to a safe and functional condition.

Flood Defence Plans

Mayor Cllr. Steven Consterdine has provided an article covering flood defence plans unveiled by County Council relating to Penmaenmawr:

In a move to safeguard the community against future flooding, the County Council has unveiled comprehensive flood defence plans for the area of Graiglwydd Road, Penmaenmawr. The initiative was discussed in a recent meeting attended by key local figures, including Town Mayor Cllr. Steven Consterdine and Cllr. Lara Cook (Chair of the Penmaenmawr Town Council Planning & Environment Committee), alongside Owen Conry, the Flood Risk & Infrastructure Manager for Conwy County Borough Council, Penmaenmawr Town Clerk Peter Davis, and County Councillors Anne McCaffrey and Cathy Augustine.

The meeting, held at Ceod Pella, focused on the urgent need for enhanced flood defences in response to the increasing frequency of severe weather events. Owen Conry presented detailed plans, highlighting the critical areas at risk and the proposed measures to mitigate potential damage. These measures include the construction of new flood barriers, an enhanced water dispersal plan, the reinforcement of existing structures, and the implementation of a slow-release system that ensures the floodwaters safely enter the natural watercourses, further protecting residential areas.

Cllr. Steven Consterdine emphasised the importance of community involvement in the project, stating: "it's crucial that residents are aware of the steps being taken to protect their homes and businesses. We've requested ongoing presentations to update us and explain the plans and time scales; we should always look to include residents in the planning process".

Cllr. Lara Cook, echoed these sentiments, adding: "the collaboration between the County Council officers and local representatives is vital. By working together, we can ensure that our flood defences are robust and effective".

County Cllr. Anne McCaffrey praised the initiative, stating that it "is a significant step forward in our efforts to combat the flooding that has affected some residents in this area for a long time. I have made many enquiries on their behalf and am pleased to see works progressing. The proposed flood defences will not only protect our community but also provide peace of mind to our residents".

County Cllr. Cathy Augustine, highlighted the long-term benefits of the project: "investing in flood defences now will save us from greater damage and associated costs in the future. It's a necessary and prudent measure to make sure that the work is being delivered and that residents are kept updated on progress in a timely manner. Additionally, we must ensure that residents know where to go to obtain further information".

Our Town Clerk, who played a pivotal role in coordinating the meeting, expressed optimism about the project's impact: "we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community" he said.

The County Council's flood defence plans are set to be implemented in phases, with the first phase focusing on the most vulnerable areas. Residents are encouraged to stay updated on the progress and participate in community meetings to voice their concerns and suggestions.

For more information on the flood defence plans and how you can get involved, visit the County Council's website (see bottom of page 7) or contact your local representatives. Contact details for local Town Council Representatives can be found on the Penmaenmawr Town Council Website, as well as page 7 of this newsletter.



Donation to Happy Eaters

In February 2025, Cllr. Judith Priestnall presented Happy Eaters with a donation of £79.84 (pictured left) from Penmaenmawr Town Council, joining them for a lovely lunch of sausage and mash, followed by delicious bread and butter pudding with ice-cream. Cllr. Priestnall expressed what a wonderful group of people the Happy Eaters are, and applauded the fantastic job Michelle and her team do for the community.

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- ✓ Highways & Transport
- ✓ Leisure & Cultural Services
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ Council Tax
- ✓ Waste & Recycling
- ✓ Emergency Planning

Are you sure you're contacting the right Council?

Here's a list of the services covered by County, as opposed to your Town Council…

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