

Welcome to Pennard life

Welcome to the second edition of Pennard Life for 2026, the newsletter produced by Pennard Community Council.

The aim of this newsletter is to inform the community about what the council are doing and our future plans.

We hope you find it interesting and informative.

Inside this edition

You can find out about...



- Your Council
- Future Plans
- Christmas dates for your diary
- Mens shed provision
- Youth Club News
- Your Community Growing Space
- And much more.....

Remember the EV charger at the hall is available for use by residents and visitors



YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Cyngor Cymuned Pennard Community Council

Who are your Community Councillors?

Richard Beynon	Southgate
Rachel Carter	Southgate
Ralph Cook	Southgate
Jon Dickson	Southgate
Rebecca Donnachie	Southgate
Lynda James (Chair)	Kittle
Cari Jones	Southgate
Adam O'Brien	Southgate
Keith Roberts	Kittle
Jasmine Roberts	Kittle
Susan Rodaway	Southgate
Will Smith	Southgate
Jason Thomas	Southgate
Jack Allum	Southgate



Your Councillors are here to represent you and our community.
Please do contact your Councillors with any questions, issues or concerns.

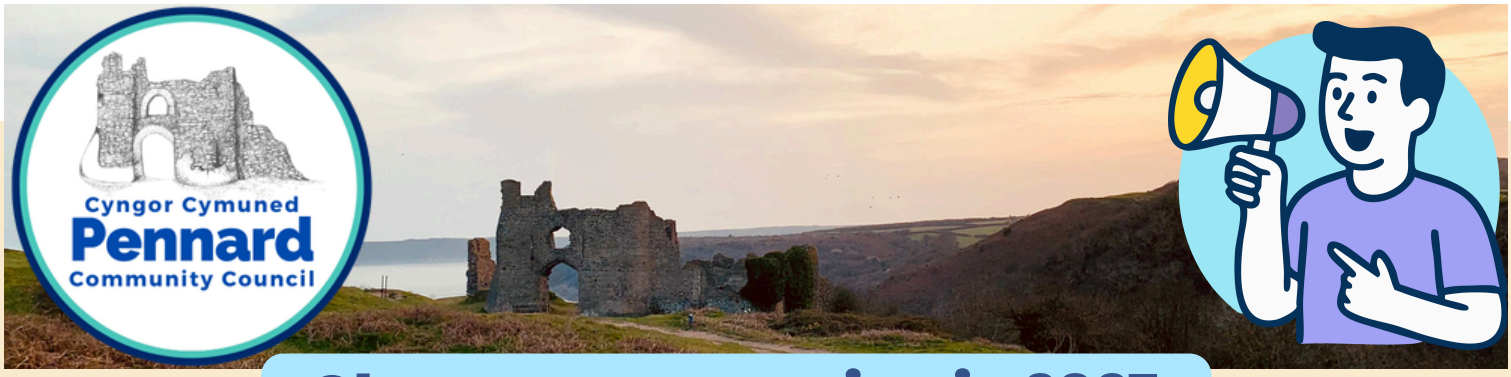
Find Cllr's contact details on our website: pennardcc.gov.wales
Contact the Clerk: pennardcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Phone us: 07825 225567

Community members wanted

As well as our Councillors we also welcome members of the Community to join our Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups. This enhances the teams with much needed diversity of knowledge and experience. All of our Committees listed above are looking for members of the community to join as well as the three new Sub Committees formed in May which sit under Environment these are:

- Communications - content writers, proof readers etc...
- Tyfu Garden - all thing garden orientated
- Accessibility - covers a whole raft of areas

All would benefit from your involvement, if you are interested contact the Clerk.



Changes are coming in 2027

You may or may not be aware that the Boundary Commission Wales has been looking at various Town and Community Council boundary changes over the last year or so.

Many Town and Community Councils in the Swansea area are merging or being split and subsumed by others and Councillor numbers changing in line with the Community population. The way these changes are affecting us, is that as of midnight on the 5 th of May 2027 both Ilston Community Council and Pennard Community Council in the form they are at the moment will cease to exist. The new Community Council also to be called Pennard Community Council will be formed and will encompass all the Ilstson Wards (Penmaen, Nicholaston and Ilston) and Pennard Wards (Southgate and Kittle).

The Councillors who stand for election on the 6 th of May will make up the members which is also changing from 25 currently down to 9. That is 2 for the Iston , 2 for Kittle and 5 for Southgate.

It is a big change and will hopefully of great benefit to both communities. Where Ilston have no facilites to upkeep, Pennard has a Community Hall, Park and playing fields, Community Garden and Burial Ground, all these facilities are well used by people far and wide, but of course these take money to maintain improve and develop which will mean a difference to the precept, especially to the Ilston communities.

In the past we have both been hard working innovative Councils always striving to give the community the support they have asked for and it is hoped that this will continue and that the smaller team of Councillors will be able to preserve, protect and develop community life throughout our communities, to maintain and improve the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the area for the benefit of all who live here and visit our areas, regardless of age or ability, and for future generations.

For more information on what is happening to other Town and Community Councils around Swansea please visit Swansea Community Review - Final Recommendations | DBCC or read The County of Swansea (Communities) Order 2026 at The County of Swansea (Communities) Order 2026

Please contact me if you have any questions and I will do my best to help.

Jan Crocker

Clerk to Pennard Community Council

National Emergency Briefing Screening 16+

30th January 2027 - 7pm

FREE

at Pennard Community Hall

Pennard Community Council invites all residents (16 +) to the screening of the National Emergency Briefing film . There will be refreshments and an opportunity to join the conversation, and have your say regarding issues that may impact us locally.

The National Emergency Briefing (NEB) is a UK public-information initiative launched in Westminster on 27 November 2025 to brief MPs, media and the public on the climate and nature crisis, led by experts such as Chris Packham and chaired by Prof. Mike Berners-Lee.

To book your place, either:

Contact the Clerk on 07825 225567

Or followthis link:

https://buytickets.at/pennardcommunitycouncil/2474898

Or scan the QR code :



What Next??

There will be an a second opportunity to view this film in Pennard in the spring at the Three Cliffs café, where Jamie invites people to discuss solutions to the issues raised in the film.

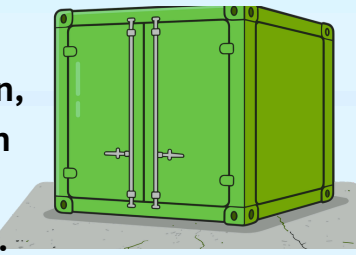
Join the Community Shed



Pennard Community Council have received funding to set up a community shed, and you are invited to be part it this.

Not heard about Community Sheds? Originally, they were set up as workshop space designed to combat social isolation and improve wellbeing through practical activities to support men's mental health. These community spaces offered a powerful solution: a place to pursue hands-on hobbies while quietly safeguarding mental well-being. Over time the nature of sheds has changed, each shed is different and depends entirely on the skills and different interests of the group and who comes along. Some sheds have men's only or women only, whilst others are mixed. It is up to you. A shed could also for children too, so in Pennard we are building the space to please everyone.

What hasn't changed is that all sheds are community-run, equipped workshop space aimed to encourage social interaction and improve wellbeing through practical activities offering a chance to learn new skills, share skills, build friendships and have fun in the local community. Unlike traditional community centre activities, a community shed revolves around various practical projects and participation is free. The magic, however, lies not in the physical output, but in the environment it creates.



Our grant allows us to set up a container to act as the local workshop or "Man Cave /She Shed and the proposal is to set this up next to the Pavilion, allowing us to use the Pavillion rooms and facilities too. This container can be portable so allowing for any future changes to the pavilion, and also allows for flexibility of use, so the workshop could be available at anytime. – and that is not all!

With the support of the Regional Shed Network, community sheds are being set up all over the locally of Pennard and these sheds are coming together to support each other and share resources like tools and equipment. There is already a shed in Swansea Airport, and Gower Heritage Centre are offering their workshop and they even have a teaching space that can be used. So Pennard Community Council hope to include aspects of the community not already supported and create a multitude of opportunity for residents to share skills and interests to develop the provision to suits you.

So, if you are looking for a place to build, fix, whether you want to tinker or simply sit and chat? Welcome to Pennard Community Shed, this is your place to be.

Interested contact?:

Please contact: carijones@pennardcc.gov.wales or the clerk

Watch out for further information which with be in posted on Pennard Community Group on Facebook.

What would you like to be included in a Community Shed ?



- Men's Shed ?
- Craft Sessions mixed or separate ?
- Repair Shop ?
- Coffee and a chat ?
- Wood working or similar ?

Come to the Community Hall on the 27th November at 2.00pm and tell us what you want or contact the Clerk on 07825 225567

Recycling and Waste Management

We all agree that recycling is a good thing and popping your old metal chairs and bbqs out for the scrap many is the thing to do. But I have received a few complaints mainly from the Linkside Estate that scrap etc is being put out for collection too early and sits on the pathways for days. The Scrap Metal man comes round on a Wednesday and Saturday so scrap metal should not be on the pavement on any day other than these. If you have booked a Council Collection they will normally tell you when they are coming. Please do not put old chairs by the bus stops no matter how well meaning you think you are being it is still classed as Fly Tipping. We live in a beautiful area please help us all to keep it that way.

Wild Camping Issues

We have been asked to help the Gower National Lanscape Team monitor the amount of wild camping in our area. If you spot anyone camping in a tent, caravan or motorhome please, if you can, take a picture and sent it to the Clerk along with the location, idealy using “my three word”





FREE COFFEE

Volunteers Wanted for the Market

The Village Market is looking to set up a small team of Volunteers to make and sell teas and coffees during the market.
If you are interested in putting your name forward please get in touch with Leanne Richards
Market Manager – Pennard Village Market
📞 07760 767363
📧 pennardmarket@gmail.com



Tyfu Pennard Community Garden

Adopt A Plot At The Garden



Have you ever fancied an allotment?
Would you love to grow your own food?
BUT you have no idea where to start?
You don't have the space or the time?
Know nothing about gardening?
Tyfu Pennard Community Garden to the rescue
Adopt your own plot/s
We have everything you need to grow your own Veg Fruit and Herbs
We have it all - Tools/Seeds/compost/Guide books/Pots/advice and all the support you need.
Come along on Saturdays 11am - 2pm for the first choice of both raised bed plots and ground plots and let's get you started!







Come and join in the fun at Tyfu Pennard community garden



It has been fantastic to have so many members of our community visit the garden over the last year. Many come to have a look around, some return to volunteer and most never go away empty handed!
The garden has produced lots of delicious vegetables and herbs which have been shared with anyone who comes to say hello!

Developing this project has had it's challenges but I am sure you agree it is a wonderful addition to the Community, we are always keen to have new volunteers join the team to help keep everything watered and tackle lots of jobs as the garden develops.



Everyone is welcome to the garden, you do not need to know anything about gardening or ecology, just be keen to get involved. If you don't feel like being active then there are quiet tranquil places to sit, enjoy a cuppa and watch the birds and bees.

There are lots of opportunities for children to get involved too, helping grow food, doing fun activities like, painting, spotting bees and butterflies, or making fat balls for the birds

There are under cover areas, so whatever the weather you can spend time outdoors. We have a range of nature ID guides and books, art materials and more available for you to use.

There are open volunteering sessions every
Saturday 11am - 2pm







Scan the QR code above to register as a volunteer and join the WhatsApp group to keep up to date with what's going on at the garden.

tyfupennard@outlook.com

PENNARD YOUTH NEWS

Our youth sessions continue to be well attended and thanks to Swansea MAD our young people have had some really diverse activities to get involved with from planting and growing herbs and veg in the garden to helping bring the mural vision at the pine end of the hall to reality, I'm sure you all agree they have done a great job with the guidance of the Fresh Creative Team.

Our Youth session held every Tuesday during term time are far more than ping pong and softball.

If you have a young person over the age of 11 who wants to get involved just get them to pop along to the hall at 4.30 on a Tuesday to join in the fun.....

The Summer Holidays also saw the return ot the weekly boardability sessions run by BRD Ltd as usual they were really popular with 20- 30 attanding each session.

It is hoped to expand our offering to perhaps some circus skills classes for the future, so watch this space.











SOUTH GOWER COMMUNITY BUS

As you maybe aware, a group of local residents started the South Gower Community Bus a few years ago. This was done with the assistance of the 4th Region, an organisation established by the Welsh Government to promote sustainable transport, and the bus service was set up as a project through the Pennard Area Community Partnership.



The service has not been without it's hiccups, as there was a short break when the original bus provider closed down. It is now being provided by DANSA, a not for profit organisation that specialises in Community Bus Services. DANSA have now purchased a new bus for the service and stops have been added to the Linkside Estate.

SO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW PURPLE BUS.

We are very grateful for all the support by various local groups, such as The Gower Society, Pennard Community Charity, Pennard Community Council, Ilston Community Council and Penmaen Community Hall

Buses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From Nicholaston to Mumbles	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
Nicholaston Cross	**0900**	**1100**	**1330**
Penmaen House	0901	1101	1331
Penmaen Church	0902	1102	1332
Parkmill (Shepherds)	0904	1104	1334
Sandy Lane / Gower Inn	0905	1105	1335
Cannisland Park (turnaround)	**0910**	**1110**	**1340**
Pennard Church	0912	1112	1342
Pennard Primary School	0914	1114	1344
Southgate (Three Cliffs Café - turning point)	**0919**	**1119**	**1349**
Linkside Estate	0920	1120	1350
Pennard Primary School	0922	1122	1352
Pennard Church	0924	1124	1354
Kittle	0926	1126	1356
Northway, Bishopston	0929	1129	1359
OYSTERMOUTH (Bus Stop)	0941	1141	1411
Mumbles (Bracelet Bay)	**0943**	**1143**	**1413**

From Mumbles to Nicholaston	Return 1	Return 2	Return 3
Mumbles (Bracelet Bay)	1000	1230	1430
Oystermouth (Bus Stop)	1007	1237	1437
Northway, Bishopston	1019	1249	1449
Kittle (Shops)	1022	1252	1452
Pennard (St Mary's Church)	1024	1254	1454
Pennard Primary School	1027	1257	1457
Linkside Estate	1028	1258	1458
Southgate (Three Cliffs Café - turning point)	**1032**	**1302**	**1502**
Pennard Primary School	1035	1305	1505
Pennard (St Mary's Church)	1038	1308	1508
Cannisland Park (turnaround)	1042	1312	1512
Sandy Lane / Gower Inn (A4118)	1045	1315	1515
Parkmill (Shepherds)	1046	1316	1516
Penmaen	1048	1318	1518
Penmaen House	1049	1319	1519
Nicholaston Cross	1050	1320	1520

The service relies heavily on grants at present with some monies from tickets sold and the refunds from the Welsh Government for those using the various bus passes. So the service needs more people to use it in order to make it a viable service in the long term - Remember: USE IT OR LOSE IT.

TICKETS Adults single fare £3.50, return £5.50 - Children 5 - 16 £2 return £3.00

Information can be found on Facebook and WhatsApp under: South Gower Community Bus.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

We have starting to look at Christmas and wanted to share some of the events that will be happening around the Villages in November and December

CAROLS ON THE CLIFF

This Years Carols on the Cliffs will be held on the 2nd of December at 6.00pm at Pennard Coffee shop







SHOP FOR GIFTS

There is an extra Chrismas Craft Market planned for the 14th Nov from 1.30pm till 4.00pm

The Monthly Market will have a particularly Christmas twist to it on Saturday the 5th December

The School PTA will also be hosting their Christmas Fair on the 4th of December at 3.30pm

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Pennard Christmas Lights will be switched on on the 1st of December and Kittle's the 6th December both around 4.30pm. The Kittle carol service is planned for Sunday the 13th Dec at 4.30pm

LANTERN WORKSHOP

This years workshop will be held in the Community Hall on Sunday the 15th November at 2.00pm till 4.00pm
Pop along and make some lovely paper lanterns ready for the lantern parade on the 2nd Dec which will leave the top of Anderson Lane at 5.30pm and wend its way to Pennard Coffee Shop for Carols on the Cliffs at 6.00pm

SANTA'S VISIT

This year the news from the North Pole is that Santa will tour both Villages on the 6th of Decemer returning to the Hall where the Elves will have set up his Grotto ready to receive visitors. Approx timings below:

He'll Leave the hall at around 4.30pm to tour Pennard. Arriving in Kittle around 5.15pm for his tour of the village before returning to the Hall around to receive visitors from 6.00pm until 7.00pm.



Nadolig Llawen
Merry Christmas