

# PENNARD LIFE

*Autumn/Winter 2022*

Pennard Community Council



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## WELCOME TO PENNARD LIFE

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of Pennard Life - 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. This is our first formal newsletter for a little while and we hope you find it interesting and informative.

Being mindful of the environment this newsletter has been produced using recycled paper and vegetable inks.



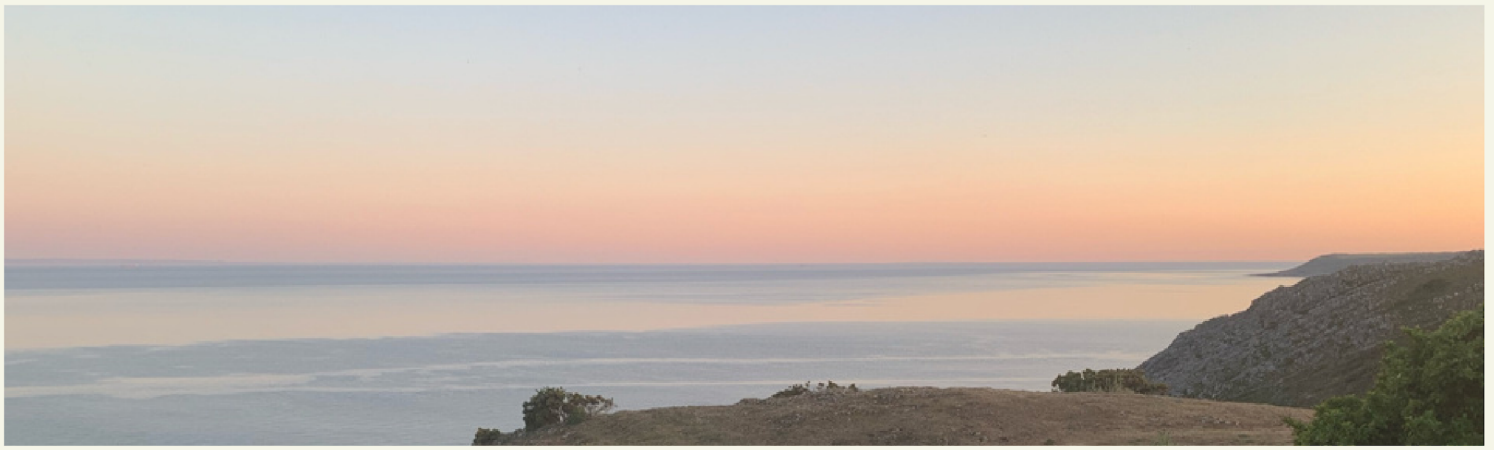
## NEW LOOK WEBSITE ON THE WAY

Our new website is being built as we go to print. The site will have a fresh new look and be available in both Welsh and English at the click of a button.

Not only will it contain the information, agendas and minutes you are used to but there will also be local facility and business information too.

Watch out for further information .....





PENNARD EMERGENCY FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

## PENNARD EMERGENCY FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (PEFTA)

As the cost of living crisis continues, Pennard Community Council keeps looking for new ways to help people in our area.

We would like to make people aware of the **PEFTA scheme** which operates in order to make sure nobody goes hungry in our community. So far this year we have been able to secure grants worth £5000 from Pennard Charity and £2100 from Swansea Household Support Fund 2022/23 to buy food and essentials to help community members in what are difficult times for all of us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pennard Charity and Swansea Council for their assistance.



## PERIOD POVERTY SCHEME

We were recently successful in securing a £2000 grant from Swansea Period Dignity Grant 2022/23 to provide free, reusable and eco friendly period products which will be available to all for collection from various points round the villages. Look out for details.....

WARM HUBS



We are working with some local businesses to provide "warm hubs" in the villages, somewhere you can go to sit, keep warm, meet others, and chat. All of these will be very important over the winter in the current cost of living crisis.

We are currently speaking to the Three Cliffs Coffee Shop, the Muddy Mailroom, the Beaufort Arms and the Southgate Club to see what we can set up. After all, they will have the heating on no matter what.....

Again this initiative will be funded from grants and not at any cost to the community. Look out for more information regarding timings etc.



## YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As of the 9th of May 2022, Pennard Community Council is comprised of:

Cllr Keith Atkins - Southgate

Cllr Rachel Carter - Southgate

Cllr Ralph Cook - Southgate

Cllr Darran Hickery (Vice Chair) -  
Southgate

Cllr Lynda James - Kittle

Cllr Cari Jones - Southgate

Cllr Jean Marnell - Southgate

Cllr Susan Rodaway (Chair) -  
Southgate

Cllr Steve Sheriff - Southgate

Cllr Will Smith - Southgate

Cllr Karen Penny - Kittle

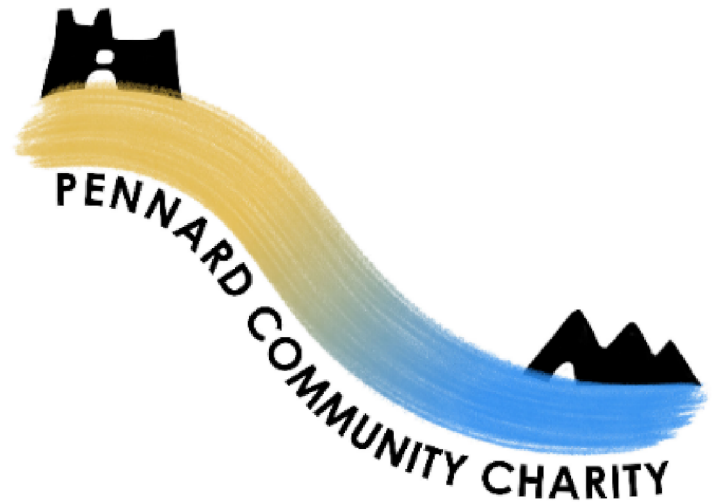
They are all doing their best for you and the community. To contact any of them, or the clerk, details are on our website:

[www.pennardcc.org.uk](http://www.pennardcc.org.uk)

We currently have 2 casual vacancies in Southgate and 1 casual vacancy in Kittle. We will be putting notices up on our notice boards and website with all the information you need.

If you are interested in joining us and would like to know more, get in touch with the Clerk on 07825 225567 for more details.

We would like to thank Malcolm Sims, Angela M Brunt, Wes Weeks, Jeff, Sally and Arthur Rogers for all their hard work before they stepped down from Council in May 2022



## PENNARD CHARITY

Did you know that Pennard has its own charity?

The Charity was set up in 1987 for the general benefit of Pennard residents in one of the following ways

- \* The relief of the aged, impotent and poor
- \* The relief of sickness and distress
- \* The provision and support of facilities for recreation and leisure time activities with the objective of improving the quality of life of residents.
- \* The provision and support of educational facilities

The Charity has supported many good causes over the last 30 years and individuals or groups are very welcome to apply for assistance in accordance with the criteria above.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting the secretary Mrs Hilary Wolfe.

Email: [pennardcommunitycharity@outlook.com](mailto:pennardcommunitycharity@outlook.com)

Phone: 01792 233417

## PENNARD BURIAL GROUND

Our Burial Ground, adjoining St Mary's Church, has served the community since 1950 and over that time the environment has matured so that it is enclosed by mature natural hedges interspersed with trees.

The community council aims to provide a dignified, peaceful and well kept area. Recently, we have taken out new contracts for grass cutting and ground maintenance and we hope that visitors have seen an improvement in the grassed areas and in the levelling of areas in front of individual plots.

The grassy bank areas have been allowed to develop as wildflower areas, which, in time, will add a pleasant backdrop during visits.

The rose bed near the entrance had suffered some neglect and this year we included this bed in the schedule of maintenance work. A memorial board to be sited nearby is also planned



We commission regular risk assessment studies to ensure that headstones which may have become unstable can be identified for remedial work. Ideally, we need the authority of the plot owners for us to do this. As our Burial Ground ages, the original owners who leased a plot for a deceased relative may move away or become uncontactable. We ask community members to ensure that their details, as held by our Clerk, are kept up to date.

It is not uncommon for relatives expecting to use an existing plot for the burial of a loved one to find that they do not have the right to the use of the plot. It is best to keep these rights up to date and if a community member is uncertain whether their ownership of the lease for an existing plot is correctly recorded, they should make enquiries to the Community Council Clerk, Mrs Jan Crocker.



Cllrs Rodaway and Hickery

## PENNARD PLAY PARK

The Playpark Renovation work been completed and, with the help of the Swansea Council's Playpark Scheme, who provided half of the funding. we have added 6 new playpanels, some additions to our slide mound and have had some shiny new swings fitted. Unfortunately we were not able to install a zip line as there was not enough room to install one safely.

This year we also plan to change the seesaw to something a little more interesting for all ages and abilities. We are also looking to change the furniture for something a little more colourful and install a game top picnic table

You will also be pleased to know that we are refurbishing the long path which leads to the kissing gate, hopefully this will stop the children's feet getting too muddy on the way to schools. on the same muddy note, we have installed a rubber path from the toddler play area gate to the penguin bin as this area also suffers in the wet winter weather.



## PENNARD COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE



### Good News!

The long-awaited refurbishment of the hall is moving forward.. The plan is to install a multi-use toilet and a tea point in the small hall which will make it more self-contained as there will be no need to disturb the users of the large hall to make tea or to visit the loo.

The table and chair trollies will be stored in the newly laid out storeroom which will also be accessible from the small hall. Another improvement is that we will raise the outside path in order to improve accessibility to this hall via a widened door.

In addition to the remodelling of the small hall, we plan to install a tall cupboard system along the top and bottom ends of the hall to contain all the sports equipment including the Archery bosses which need to be easily accessible. Detailed plans are available from the Clerk.

## PENNARD HYGGE



- \* HYGGE (pronounced hoo-gah) is a Danish word which roughly translates to "cosiness" but which means so much more than that.
- \*In essence, it means creating a warm atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life with good people.
- \* During the lockdown, the PCC created a space on the side of the community hall with 3 large awnings and infrared heaters.

\*This is FREE to book and can be used as a separate outdoor space, or as an additional inside-outside space when booking the hall. So, come and do "good things in life with good people" and meet your friends and family to chat in a warm, safe outside place.

\*Book via the clerk in the usual way:

[clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales](mailto:clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales)

07825 225567



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND BUDGETS

At the full council meeting of Pennard Community Council held Thursday 21st July, the council resolved to hold two community "Coffee, Cake, Participate" events in September, one in Pennard and another in Kittle.

The purpose of these meetings was to give residents the opportunity to meet their new community councillors following the recent election and to encourage residents to have their say on what positive changes they'd like to see in Pennard.

In addition to meeting the councillors, we also wanted to start sharing the news that there are two pots of funding available this year for ideas which come from the community and are supported by them.

The first fund is **£5,000 for ideas to improve the facilities and amenities for young people** in the community and the second is **£5,000 for community and environmental projects.**

As in previous years, the council is making use of the Vocaleyes online platform to gather as many voices as possible. While we understand not everyone prefers to engage in this way, it helps us to reach those people who don't have time to come to face to face meetings. If you haven't already registered, or it's been a while since you visited the site, please use this link to have your say on what you'd like to see receive the funding:

<https://vocaleyes.org/vocaleyes/budgets/index/grp/3502>

**Help us to spend this money on something you really want for your community.**



## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! COME AND VOLUNTEER

There are many ways in which you can help your community and make it a better place to live for all the residents. Many local people responded to our last appeal for volunteers when the pandemic began. They helped to deliver medicines or do shopping for older and more vulnerable members of the community. They also simply rang people living alone for a chat. This work was greatly valued and has continued to this day.

We still need volunteers for all sorts of areas, such as:

- \* Phone buddies - ringing an isolated person for a chat
- \* Posting letters or parcels in the P.O.
  - \*Collecting medication from the pharmacy
  - \*Local shopping
- \* Helping in the community garden
  - \* Delivering leaflets

If you can spare the odd hour here or there, please contact the clerk on  
[Clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales](mailto:Clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales)  
07825 225 567



## We Need Your Help At The Community Garden



**JOIN NOW**

Another project we are looking for volunteers to help us with is the **Community Garden**. Situated by the Community Hall, the plan is to develop a Community Garden where the community can take part in growing and sharing as well as being involved in our community composting scheme. If you would love a veg patch but your garden is too small or you want to share your knowledge with like minded people give the Clerk a call.







Although Kittle and the new housing in Pennard have Fibre Broadband, the majority of homes in Pennard and Southgate do not.

I am trying to co-ordinate interest in a community bid for fibre broadband to be extended to those households which don't yet have the service. Price will depend on demand. If you would like to be included in the bid please email me to register your interest with no obligation to proceed.

"keith-atkins@supanet.com

## PENNARD - MUMBLES COMMUNITY BUS NEW TIMETABLE

### PENNARD-MUMBLES COMMUNITY BUS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

From Nicholaston to Mumbles	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	From Mumbles to Nicholaston	Return 1	Return 2	Return 3	Return 4
Nicholaston Cross (A118)	900	1100	1300	Bracelet Bay (Castellamare)	100	1205	1406	1630
Penmaen House	901	1106	1308	Oystermouth Bus Stop	1007	1212	1413	1632
St John the Baptist, Penmaen	902	1108	1309	Kittle Shops	1022	1227	1423	1647
Parkmill Shop (Shepherds)	904	1110	1311	Pennard St Mary's Church	1024	1229	1425	1649
Sandy Lane / Gower Inn (A118)	904	1111	1312	Pennard Road (farm)	1026	1231	1426	1650
Vennaway Lane Junction	907	1113	1313	Pennard School	1027	1232	1427	1651
Cannisland Park (turnaround)	910	1116	1316	Southgate Club	1028	1234	1428	1652
Pennard St Marys Church	912	1118	1318	Foxhole Drive	1029	1235	1429	1653
Pennard Road (farm)	913	1120	1320	<b>Three Cliffs Cafe</b> (turning point)	1032	1238	1432	1656
Pennard School	914	1121	1321	Foxhole Drive	1033	1239	1433	1657
Southgate Club	915	1122	1323	Southgate Club	1034	1240	1434	1658
Foxhole Drive	916	1123	1324	Pennard School	1035	1241	1435	1700
<b>Three Cliffs Cafe</b> (turning point)	919	1126	1328	Pennard Road (farm)	1036	1242	1436	1701
Foxhole Drive	920	1127	1329	Pennard Church	1038	1244	1437	1702
Southgate Club	921	1128	1330	Cannisland Park (turnaround)	1042	1247	1440	1705
Pennard School	922	1129	1331	Vennaway Lane Junction	1043	1248	1441	1706
Pennard Road (farm)	923	1130	1332	Sandy Lane / Gower Inn (A118)	1045	1250	1443	1708
Pennard St Mary's Church	924	1132	1334	Parkmill Shop (Shepherds)	1046	1251	1444	1709
Kittle Shops	939	1134	1336	St John the Baptist, Penmaen	1048	1253	1446	1711
Oystermouth Bus Stop	941	1149	1351	Penmaen House	1049	1254	1447	1712
Bracelet Bay (Castellamare)	943	1151	1353	Nicholaston Cross (A118)	1050	1255	1448	1713

If you have questions about this service, or to give us your feedback, please contact Zoe Antrobus: 07979 578 494 Email: zoe@4theRegion.org.uk

## LOCAL AREA COORDINATOR (LAC) IN PENNARD



**\*SEREN ALDRON is our LAC**

Swansea is the first Local Authority in Wales to have a Local Area Coordinator in every part of the county. This means everyone has access to a person who has a range of connections, information and skills that can benefit you, whilst you identify what your good life looks like.

**\*LACs want to ensure that "All people live in welcoming communities that provide friendship, mutual support, equity and opportunities for everyone."**

A LAC walks alongside you and your community while you:

- Make new connections and friends
- Get involved in groups and activities
- Overcome personal challenges
- Get your voice heard by people in power and being involved in improving public services
- Make your contribution to your community
- Think about what your good life looks like.

**How does it work?**

**\*We will take time to get to know you, your family and your community.**

**\*We will support you to:**

**access information in a variety of ways, be heard, be in control and make choices,**

**\*Identify your personal strengths, goals and needs,**

**\* Find practical ways of doing the things you want or need to do**

**\* Develop and use personal and local networks,**

**\*Plan for the future,**

**\*Help you to be part of and contribute to your community and to access support and services if required.**

Seren aims to hold regular drop in sessions, so you can pop in and say hi:

- 1st Monday of the month – Pennard Library, 10:30am – 12noon
- 2nd Tuesday of the month – The Beaufort Arms, Kittle, 1pm – 2:30pm
- 3rd Wednesday of the month – The Lamplighter, Bishopston, 11am – 12:30pm
- 4th Tuesday of the month – Three Cliffs Coffee Shop, Southgate, 1:30pm - 3pm

Seren also has details of the clubs and events taking place around the villages contact her for more information.

**Contact Details:**

**Seren Aldron**

**Tel: 07814 939431**

**Email: [seren.aldron@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:seren.aldron@swansea.gov.uk)**



## PENNARD ACTIVE TRAVEL

PAT is an informal group of Pennard and Kittle residents, whose aim is to promote and improve active travel to and from Pennard. This includes enabling children to walk or cycle to school, making it safer and more pleasant to cycle to work or to shop and improving provision for horse-riders. The group welcomes everyone and would be keen to recruit those with knowledge of planning, campaigning and attracting funding. If you would like more information you can contact PAT at [pennardactivetravel@gmail.com](mailto:pennardactivetravel@gmail.com)



## BIODIVERSITY PLAN AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP

The Council has recently produced its 2022 Biodiversity plan which you can find published on the Council Website.

It looks at:

- how we can embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement
- raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance
- safeguard principal species and habitats
- restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks
- tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species as well as how we plan to use improve and share evidence along with supporting other organisations in all aspects of biodiversity

**DECLARE A  
CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY** 

Back in 2019 we declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and with the help of the Climate Emergency Steering group formed from members of the Community and Councillors we produced our first plan, the time has come to revisit this, to look at what has been achieved and what we need to change as we move forward. If you are interested in being part of the new steering group please contact the Clerk with your details.

## YOUTH GROUPS

Just before lockdown our two Youth Workers decided to move on to other projects.

Now that we move forward to the new normal we are looking to open up the weekly youth group again, to do this we need youth worker support, these are paid positions for individuals who hold the necessary youth worker qualifications there is also the need to voluntary parental support. If you are or know a qualified youth worker contact the Clerk and she will take your details and tell you a little more about the role. The Youth Group caters for young people in year 7 and above and will be run from the Community Hall.

We are also looking to form a Youth Council with an age range from 11 to 25, this will feed into the main Community Council and will look to present the needs and views of the young people in the community, a very useful addition I am sure.



## AND FINALLY

We hope you have enjoyed this copy of the newsletter, if you have any comments or requests for matters to be included in the next edition please let us know and we will look to meeting your request this includes any photos of the local area.

Remember that all our meetings are open to participation by members of the Community and we always look forward to your views. The agendas are posted on the website at least 4 days before the date of the meeting, and the key decisions within a week of the meeting taking place.

As this newsletter will get to you before Christmas we would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all compliments of the season and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda

