



Llantwit Major Town Council Newsletter

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Llantwit Major Town Council Ongoing Projects

Town Hall Lift

A Planning Application was approved on 2023/00436/FUL to install a new internal lift in the Town Hall following consultations with the Architect, Heritage and Conservation Officers.

The lift installation would make the Town Hall an inclusive building for everyone to use and hire.

The next phase of the Project is to obtain Quotations for the purchase, installation of a lift and renovation work to the Town Hall Building to incorporate the new lift.

Once Quotations have been sought the Town Council can look at applying for Grants to assist with funding this Project.

This Project would provide the means for the Town Council to continue to maintain this historic building for future generations.

Stradling Park Community Garden

Last year the Town Council successfully secured a Grant from the Lottery Fund to develop a Community Garden with the help of local volunteers in Stradling Park. The Plot has been levelled, fencing erected around the Garden and accessible pathway laid that is suitable for wheelchairs /mobility scooters using the site.

Plans are now underway to hold regular Open Days, encouraging residents to come along to help with the next phase of the project.

Plans include:

- Installing a Metal Shed on the site
- Erecting a poly tunnel
- Building and planting raised beds
- Creating a sensory Garden
- Creating a wet/wildlife area
- Undertaking workshop for the community (both young and old) encouraging groups to use the Garden for education and improve their wellbeing

If you would like to help or want to know more about the Community Garden please call the Town Hall Office on 1446 793707.



West Street Pond/ Mid Well

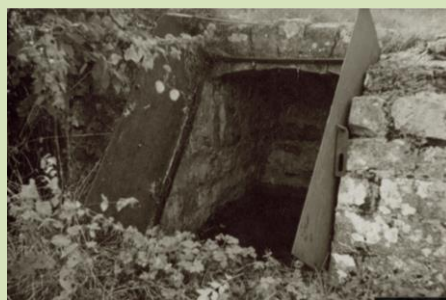
Last year a grant and permission were obtained to clear the overgrown area of vegetation up to Midwell, this has now been completed.

The next stages of the project are:

1. Removal of trees next to Midwell due to ash dieback
2. Rebuild of Midwell, wall and associated ironworks
3. Installation of boardwalk
4. Reintroduction of wildlife and natural species

These stages are all subject to obtaining grant funding and would be in the region of £40,000, although costings for points 1 and 2 still being sought.

A lectern is going to be installed on site in the near future which will give details on the history of Midwell and inform residents of our plans for the area, including a QR code so they can log on and register their interest in the project and to gain their views on whether they are for or against project, plus any ideas going forward that will assist with grant application.



Picture of Midwell donated from the History Society

Town Council Small Grants Awards

Each year the Town Council awards small Grants to many local organisations in the Town. In the past we have supported the Boys Brigade, Rainbows, Netball Club, Women Institutes, Parkinsons Club, Vale Plus, Ladies Choir, Scout Group and many more. Applications are welcome all year round and are considered in early January.

Please contact us for an application form.

Larger grants are considered for charitable events in the Town, and the Town Council are proud that they have supported the Llantwit Major 10K Committee from the very beginning. We also contribute yearly to the Christmas Illuminations in the Town. Each year those installing the Christmas Illuminations have been awarded a Grant to ensure the Town has its display for the festive period.

There are many wonderful, hard working voluntary groups and organisation in the Town, and we would like to thank them for all the work they do to ensure Llantwit Major continues to be the friendliest, community spirited Town to live. Diolch!

Allotments

The Town Council have over 111 Allotment Plots on the Llanmaes Road Allotment Site. Plots vary in price from £10 to £60 a year. At present there is a waiting list for people wanting to own a plot and grow their own fruit and vegetables. If you are a resident of the town and would like to be added onto the waiting list (waiting time at present is approximately 12 to 18 months) please contact the Town Hall Office for an Allotment Application Form.

Mayors Civic Service



On Sunday 13th October 2024 the Town Mayor, Councillor Dr Dickson, held his Civic Service in St Illtuds Church follow by a Reception in Llantonian Hall. Guests were entertained with wonderful performances from the Fountain singers and St Donats Chorale. Donations were made to the Mayors chosen charities, 'The Restoration of the Towns Historic Samson Well' and the 'St Donats Branch of the National Coast Watch Institution'.

Upcoming Town Councils Diary for November 2024

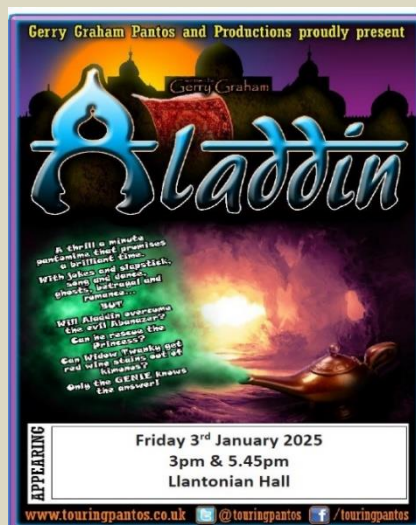
30th November 2024 – Llantwit Major Christmas Light Switch On.

December 2024

22nd December 2024 – Carols with the councillors around the Cenotaph

January 2025

Aladin Pantomime in Llantonian Hall 3rd January 2025



Public Toilets and Town Hall Car Parks

Following lengthy negotiations with the Vale of Glamorgan Council the Town Council have agreed in principle to take over the responsibility for the public toilets and 3 car parks within the Town. Some of the discussions that centred around taking over the ownership were the existing problems with the:

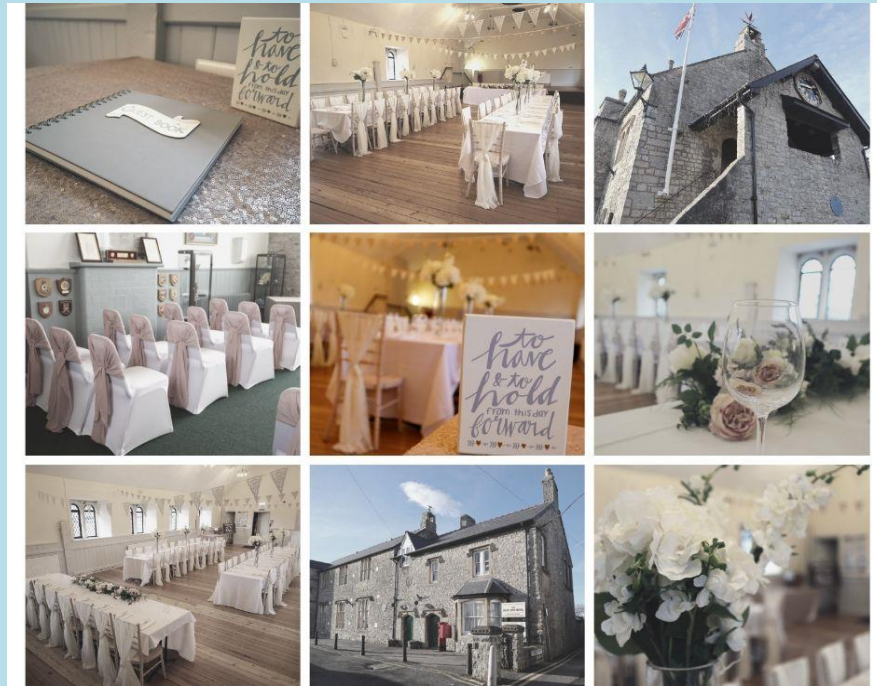
- Drainage issues at the bottom end of Boverton Road car park
- Condition of the surface of the Town Hall car park
- Lack of lighting within Town Hall car park
- Fenced area within Old School car park – overgrown vegetation and damaged wall

Works have been undertaken by the VOGC to clear the vegetation behind the fenced area within Old School. The Town Council have ensured that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will resurface and line the Town Hall car park as part of the takeover agreement.

We have also negotiated for the Vale Council to install street lighting in the Town Hall Car Park to increase the safety for the residents and visitors to our town.

Hire the Town Council Buildings for your Wedding

For the last few years couples can get married at reasonable costs in the heart of Llantwit Major town. There are also opportunities now to get married in the outside area in front of the Council Chamber, Old School. The Town Council now have a canvas and inflatable marquee available for hire at rates of £50.00 per day.



Hire of Old School (south annexe and Council Chamber) and Town Hall for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Deposit required of £50 minimum and £120 bond in case of damages.

Resident Llantwit Major

Hire of Council Chamber for wedding only - £300

Hire of Town Hall for wedding reception only - £450

Outside Llantwit Major

Hire of Council Chamber for wedding only - £400

Hire of Town Hall for wedding reception only - £600

* Resident is defined as someone on the electoral role of Llantwit Major and contributing towards Council Tax. This must be one of the persons getting married.

Town Council Rooms for Hire

SESSION; UP TO THREE HOURS – MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING – THREE SESSION PER DAY

TOWN HALL

Per session £45.00
Charitable organisation £25.00
Regular booking £22.00 a session

HERITAGE CENTRE

Per session £20.00
Regular booking £10.00 a session

LLANTONIAN HALL

Per session £55.00
Charitable organisation £30.00
Regular booking £25.00 a session

OLD SCHOOL

Room B
Per session £18.00 per session
Regular booking £18.00 per session

Compass Building

Per session, per room £25.00
Per session, both rooms £40.00

Room 1 OR Room 2

Regular booking £18.00 per session
Both rooms
Regular booking £30.00 per session

NOTE

* All party bookings will be subject to a breakages deposit of £60 returnable if the premises are found to be in a satisfactory condition by the Caretaker. If urgent cleaning is necessary, costs will be deducted from the Deposit, together with the deductions for any damage incurred.

