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Popular local policeman moves on

Local policeman Mike Richardson will be leaving Llangynnwr in the New Year and will be assigned to duties closer to Llanelli. Mike who has served the community for over five years originally came from the West Midlands.

Mike has worked closely with the school and the young people of the community and was heard to say on a number of occasions that he was more interested in putting youngsters on the right track rather than giving them a criminal record.

Mike also worked closely with the community council and assiduously followed up issues raised at their monthly meetings.

Chairman of the Community Council Alun West thanked Mike for his commitment and work in Llangynnwr at a recent meeting of the council and wished him all the best in his new posting.

Another Pensarn business goes to the wall

The Comet chain was recently sold for two pounds to private equity group Hailey. The chain with £100m liabilities, 10,000 staff & 250 stores is to be restructured with the loss of 25 stores in the next three years. The Pensarn store was one of the first casualties of the rescue plan closing before Xmas. The closure follows the recent loss of the nearby Allied carpets and the Focus store that were all located in the same part of the Stephens Way business park with the combined loss of over 40 jobs.

Local speed gun support

Residents on Llangynnwr Road have offered to undertake training to use the police speed gun to run an unofficial survey of traffic speeds on the 40mph zone just below the Police HQ. The survey results would then be used to help police identify areas where speeding is causing concern to the local community and then allow the site to be added to locations already used by police for speeding spot checks in the future.

The police currently use the gun on Babell Hill & Blaengwastod Road.

Loan repaid

A loan from the Community Council to Llangynnwr park committee has been repaid. The loan helped the committee to apply for grants to pay for improvements to the park. The Council agreed at their December meeting to use the money to improve the park entrance.

County Councillor announces retirement



Cllr Merlin Jones who has represented Llangynnwr on the county council as an independent councillor has confirmed he will not be standing for re-election at the council elections next May. Merlin represented Llangynnwr on the old Carmarthen district council for a number of years before becoming a Carmarthenshire

County Councillor in 1993.

For many years Merlin and his late wife Audrey ran the shop and post office in Tregynwr.

His main interests as a councillor were issues relating to the community. Cllr Jones was well known for successfully following up local peoples' concerns with the County Council. When asked about the highlights of his time in office Merlin replied, that opportunities he had to support the school and casework in Llangynnwr were the things he was most proud of. Cllr Jones was also a member of the governing bodies of QE High School and Ysgol Llangynnwr. He was also a former Chair of the Community Council.

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Plans for New Footpath

As part of a new transport to school scheme a footpath is to be constructed from Llangynnwr School to the bottom of Babel Hill. The footpath will significantly improve road safety in the area. The scheme will also reduce the speed limit on the western part of Penymorfa lane to 20 mph. The project was welcomed by local councillor Geraint Bevan, but he urged the county council to consider extending the 20 mph zone to the entire length of the lane so that the dangerous one way eastern part of Penymorfa lane was also included. He urged residents of Penymorfa lane to participate in the current consultation that are being

undertaken into the proposals.



Local Councillors Elwyn Williams & Geraint Bevan on the narrow part of Penymorfa lane with their petition to improve road safety on the lane.

Thanks for Christmas Tree

Cllr Alun West thanked Mr & Mrs Elfi Evans of Bwlch -ymynydd, Nantycaws for their gift of a Christmas

tree to Llangynnwr at the switching on of the Christmas lights ceremony. This is the seventh year that the Evans family have provided a tree for the community.

The community council made a donation £100 to the Oncology department at Glangwili hospital to mark the gift.

Yellow Lines for Pensarn

At a recent meeting of Llangynnwr Community Council, Cllr Robin Griffiths who has been campaigning for improved parking facilities on Pensarn road welcomed the County Councils decision to paint double yellow lines outside the business premises.

Traffic Consultation

Using funds from the Sustainable Towns Fund proposals have been made by the County Council to improve transport links in Llangynnwr.

The plan would improve footpaths from Bryn Tywi & Awel Tywi to Llangynnwr Road.

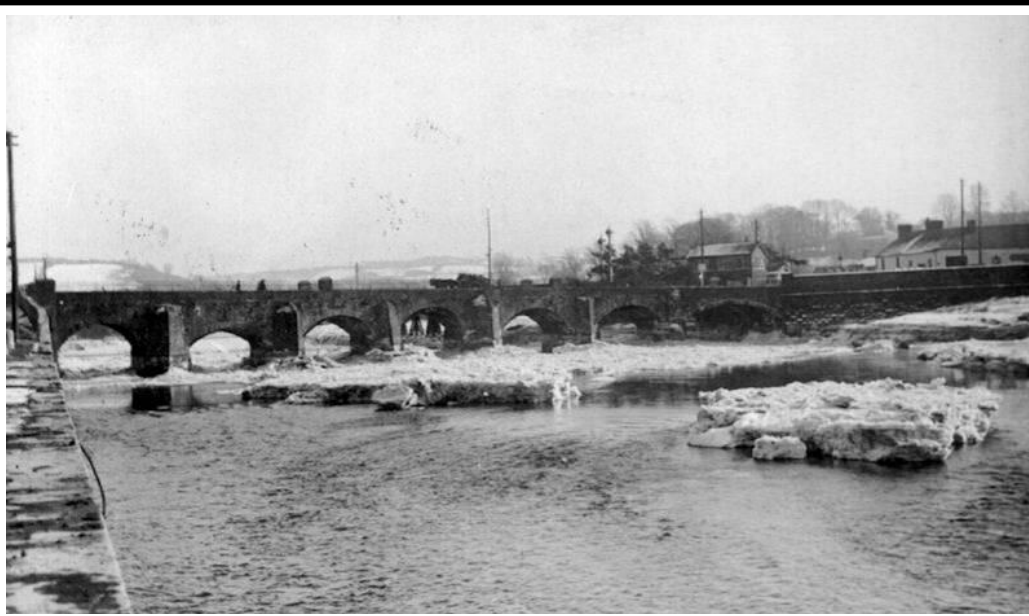
Upgrades are suggested to road crossing points at Stickle bach & to the park.

Cycle shelters have been planned for the park & two locations in Tregynwr.

Better bus stops at Eldergrove & Yr Aelwyd with raised pavements at both locations are also being considered.

Raised plateau crossing points on Babel Hill by the chapel & close to the junction with Bryn Meurig were also suggested.

Council officers took part in a well attended meeting at Yr Aelwyd in December to discuss the plans with residents. Final plans have to be prepared and work has to be completed by March 2012.



Icebergs on the River Tywi?

An image of old Carmarthen bridge with thick ice on the River Tywi. The photograph is thought to have been taken during the big freeze of 1927. A Christmas day blizzard closed down most of south Wales that year. Similar scenes were repeated in early January 2010 and 2011 when sub zero conditions were experienced locally.

Correction

We are assured by three eagle eyed readers that the historical photo item in last months issue should have identified one of the individuals as the father in law of Dr Margaret rather than her father.

Police Surgeries

Every Wednesday at Morrisons Supermarket between 15.00 & 16.00 hrs.

Yr Aelwyd, Tregynwr every Monday between 16.00 &

Mugs for Kids

Llangynnwr Community Council have decided to celebrate the Royal Jubilee with a gift of a commemorative mug for every primary aged pupil in the community.

Traffic Priority Work Agreed

The County Council have agreed to install priority traffic signage on the bridge over the Afon Pibwr between Bolahaul and Cwmffrwd. Work is expected to start in the next few weeks.