



NEWSLETTER

MAGOR WITH UNDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Commonwealth Day 2018

The Commonwealth flag was raised above St Mary's Church Magor on 12th March 2018 to celebrate Commonwealth Day.

A Civic Service was held in the church, at which the Chair of Magor with Undy Community Council, Cllr Donna James, was joined by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Sandy Blair CBE DL, as well as other Community Councillors and guests.

The Rev Canon Jeremy Harris led the civic service which focused on the theme for 2018, "Towards a Common Future" looking at unity and interfaith across the nations.

Year 6 pupils from both Magor and Undy Primary Schools were in attendance and all received a commemorative booklet about the Commonwealth.

Also present were representatives of community groups and organisations including the Brownies, Royal British Legion, The Trefoil Guild, Gwent Police, members of local churches and members of the public.



**Towards a
Common
Future**



Pop-Up Hub

Many of you have taken the opportunity to visit the Pop-Up Hub sessions, which are held in the Magor Baptist Church Schoolroom on the second Tuesday of every month between 11am and 2pm. Assistance is on hand for many issues, including Council Tax and Blue Badge queries.

A large number of you have also attended the 'Shared Reading' and 'Baby Rhyme Time' sessions which are held on the same day.

2018 Pop-Up Hub Session Dates:

	13th March	10th April	
8th May	12th June	10th July	14th August
11th September	9th October	13th November	11th December

Council Administration and Procedures

During autumn 2017, the Council has been reviewing its policies and procedures to ensure that they are current, up to date and in line with changes in governmental guidance and legislation. New legislation is regularly introduced which can have an impact on the Council and its Councillors, so policies must be periodically reviewed to ensure that the Council continues to act lawfully. Copies of the policies can be obtained from the Community Council Office or found on the Council's website: www.magorundy.org.uk

Budget and Precept for 2018/2019

In January 2018, the Community Council set its Budget for the Financial Year April 2018 to March 2019. From this Budget, the Precept for the new Financial Year is set. The Precept is the main source of the Community Council's income and allows the Council to operate and deliver services

The Precept for 2018/2019 Financial Year has been set at £200,540. This equates to a contribution to the Community Council of £1.33 per week for a Band D property. This will enable the Community Council to continue to administer the Community assets, provide services and support community groups and organisation.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN'S VOTE!

The 1st & 2nd Magor Brownie packs extended an invitation to the Clerk and the Chair-Ladies of Magor with Undy Community Council to attend their two celebration teas (6th & 9th February) when they commemorated the centenary of the Women's Vote and celebrated the lives of inspirational women. Each Brownie invited someone who inspired them to the afternoon tea.

Guests and Brownies started by making friendship bracelets in the colours of the suffragette movement (green, white and violet) and the Brownies showed off the badges they had made.

During afternoon tea the Brownies told the guests what they had learnt about the suffragists and the suffragette movement; about the start of the movement, what the women went through for their cause, how they suffered in gaol, about the jewellery they wore to identify themselves secretly as a suffragette. The Brownies had also learnt that some men, including some Members of Parliament, supported the campaign to give women the right to vote. The main learning point for all was that women suffered and died to get the vote, and that we should not forget that fact and use our vote when we have the opportunity. Afternoon tea ended with a song celebrating what women "Can Do!"

The Brownies also ran an indoor raffle to raise funds for 'Care International' a charity set up by Mrs Pankhurst's Grand-daughter. The charity works in 79 developing countries saving lives in emergencies and finding long term solutions to poverty, by aiming to empower women and girls to their full potential, because when one woman is raised out of poverty she brings her family and community with her.



Cllr Andrea Boyland making friendship bracelets with one of the Magor Brownies



"Votes for Women" - Magor Brownies telling guests what they had learnt about the Suffragists and the Suffragette Movement.

Councillors

Your Community Councillors are now more than nine months into their current term of office (since the elections in May 2017) and, following elections in February 2018 we welcome two new Community Councillors to the Elms Ward in March; Cllr John Crook and Cllr Rhianne Montgomery.



One of the questions the Clerk is asked when she talks to various groups and members of the public about her role and that of the Community Council within the community is “what does a Community Councillor have to do?”

One of the main things a Community Councillor ought to do is to attend meetings (see graph) to understand how the Council works and what its priorities are. Only in doing so can a Councillor develop the skills and knowledge to make the informed and necessary decisions needed to enable them to collaboratively deliver the various projects, services, enhancements and improvements the Council has promised the community.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE SUMMARY			
4th May 2017 - end Feb 2018			
Explanation of statistic columns:			
EXPECTED: The number of meetings that the councillor was expected to attend in their capacity as member of that committee			
PRESENT: The number of meetings that the councillor attended in their capacity as member of the committee			
IN ATTENDANCE: The number of meetings that the councillor attended in a capacity other than committee member, for example a voluntary attendance out of personal interest for a topic being discussed.			
Name	EXPECTED	PRESENT	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr Neeta Baicher	17	12	
Cllr Sally Bailey	17	17	5
Cllr Jenny Barrell	15	9	1
Cllr Andrea Boyland	22	21	
Cllr Mike Boyland	22	21	
Cllr Geoff Cook	15	11	
Cllr John Crook	0	0	
Cllr Sharon Franklin	10	6	
Cllr Donna James	22	21	
Cllr Rhianne Montgomery	0	0	
Cllr Keith Plow	15	12	6
Cllr Sally Raggett	15	7	
Cllr Emma-Jane Taylor	10	4	

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