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Penarth
Marina &
Haven
Residents'
Association

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What did the Penarth
Marina & Haven
Residents'
Association ever do
for us?

 Zig-zag Path

 Plymouth Park

 Woodland Walk

 RHS Competition

 Social Events

 Traffic trials

 Beach Path

.....and more!

Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Residents' Association is:

**Tuesday March 15, 2016, at 6.45 for 7 in THE
new Pilot followed by our pub quiz.**

All residents are encouraged to attend *your* AGM to help set our priorities for the year. Join your neighbours, meet new friends and have your say on matters that affect the Marina and Haven areas. Then join in the fun of our monthly pub quiz.

The meeting will report on the achievements made so far in improving the neighbourhood's amenities and sense of community. Martin is retiring as Chair. You will elect your Association's Secretary and new Chair. This event is incredibly important for you but as usual we will make it fun, and definitely no moaning about life!

See you there!

Please go to our website (www.PenarthM.wordpress.com) and click on the floating Follow tab, also Follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/PenarthM) and Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PenarthM). We need your support.

What more can the Residents' Association do for us?

The Residents' Association is a volunteer community group. We don't have any direct power, just the support of our residents. We achieve results by working with government organisations, businesses, not for profit organisations and individuals to put forward the expectations of the residents and convince these stakeholders to take actions that will improve the amenities, wellbeing and quality of life of the residents. We help construct and promote the strategic and business cases as well as the social benefits to our community. Often this means talking, writing, phoning and 'walking' the many different pieces of paper around their organisations and then progressing action once all the necessary information and signatures have been collected.

On behalf of the residents, and in partnership with all of these other organisations, we have achieved a lot but ***there is still more to do:***

Zig-zag path lighting

The replacement of the original public footpath by the Zig-zag is a great improvement. We were told that the budget for the lighting was approved in 2014. We now understand that the VoG Cabinet have pushed implementation out to 2017. Still outstanding are seats, artwork, trees and plantings. Is it too late to consider wild flower meadows to replace the scrub?

Plymouth Park

We are promised that the wild flower meadows will grow stronger and better each year. As Spring blossoms, we look forward to watching the big difference the wild flower meadows make to the surrounding environment. Unfortunately, the single temporary path was not re-levelled or resurfaced. It remains unsuitable for elderly, baby buggies, disabled and mobility scooters. Equally as bad, there is not a single seat in the whole of Plymouth Park (except inside the locked processing plant). The park is owned and maintained by the Welsh Government and is not the responsibility of the local council.

Traffic trials: Penarth Portway

To deter vehicles from driving along the pavement of Penarth Portway, we agreed with the Council in 2014 to have yellow lines painted. These will stop people parking on the corners and at the bottom of Plymouth Park steps to provide a passing space for cars. This would eliminate any excuse for driving on the pavement. The work maybe completed in 2016. Fingers crossed.

Public right of way to Penarth Headland beach

The owners of the Custom House restaurant have erected a chain-link fence with a locked gate blocking the public right of way to Penarth Headland beach. We have requested to the Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ensure that public right of way to the beach is shown on their Definitive Map and Definitive Statement of the public right of way. We will keep you notified of their response. In the meantime, it is hoped that the Custom House restaurant will unlock the gate in the chain-link fence to enable the public to walk around the outer harbour and on to Penarth Headland beach.

Cut-down trees on Marina Escarpment

The work of cutting down all the trees in front of the Penarth Heights development appears to have been completed. Despite denials by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the work was funded by the developers of Penarth Heights. There have been many complaints about the misleading and incorrect stories told to residents. A resident has complained to the Public Ombudsman. The Ombudsman has launched a formal complaint procedure by the Vale of Glamorgan Council on behalf of the resident. It is anticipated that the complaint will proceed to the next legal recourse.

Join the Marina 'LITTERATI'!

PENARTH MARINA LITTER PICKERS are a group of volunteer residents who go out every five weeks or so to collect litter from the whole of the Marina.

We've now been in existence for almost seven years and, although volunteers come and go, we still have eight members who came on the very first pick in March 2009. On that occasion 13 volunteers collected 26 bags of rubbish which had lain hidden for years; happily, the litter is now becoming more manageable. Some of the biggest issues are litter thrown from cars, takeaway wrappings, drink bottles/cans, bagged/unbagged dog excrement and cigarette ends.

During 2015 we collected 70 bags on the nine occasions we went out, and I would like to thank both Tesco and the Marina Manager for their assistance in disposing of the litter bags.

All equipment is supplied and we are covered by the Keep Wales Tidy group insurance policy, which was paid for this year by a generous donation from the Penarth Marina Management Company. We always welcome new volunteers, young and old, so if you think you might like to join us on one of our regular picks, please email me on penarthmlp@hotmail.com or text 07470 348852 for more information. Anne Soulsby

Useful Contacts:

In an emergency dial 999. For non-emergencies dial 101.

Highways maintenance, signage and lighting: 01446 700111

Noise Control: 01446 709105

Pest Control: 01446 709105

Recycling, waste & dog fouling:
01446 700111

Illegal or inappropriate parking:
101

If you are unable to gain remedy from the relevant Vale of Glamorgan department, then your Councillors are:

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Penarth Marina and Haven Residents' Association

For: all residents in the neighbourhood.

Purpose: Improve the wellbeing of Penarth Marina and Haven residents by developing and building a community to improve local amenities to increase vitality, provide a sense of community, and enhance sustainability.

Value proposition: The Residents' Association forms a strong community and representative body that can better represent the best interests of the Penarth Marina and Haven residents in negotiations with other organizations, in order to lead to greater range and level of amenities for the residents.

We will: Increase the sense of *Community* as measured by the number of projects, initiatives and events organised by and for the community plus the level of participation by residents.

Improve *Amenities* as measured by the increase in the provision of local facilities within the neighbourhood which are a means to increase vitality, provide a sense of community and enhance the social and economic sustainability of the neighbourhood and improve the amenities available to all of the residents.

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