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Pontblyddyn Cemetery Extension Project

It was during the 1960s that the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council became aware that the Churchyard in Pontblyddyn had very limited spaces available to provide residents with resting places for their loved ones. Because of this, working alongside the then Delyn Borough Council, the Community Council made a concerted effort to find an appropriate area which would continue to provide residents of the Community with resting places for their loved ones.

The Community Council has managed the Cemetery in Pontblyddyn since 1980. There was a time in between the closure of the Churchyard in Pontblyddyn and the opening of the Cemetery where residents of the Community had to lay their loved ones to rest in burial grounds outside of this Community. Fees to bury in Cemeteries outside of your Community are doubled irrespective of whether you have a Cemetery available to you in your Community or not.

In 2014 the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council realised that the Cemetery as it is had a finite number of burial spaces and began to look at extending the Cemetery. On 1st May 2018, the Community Council purchased the land to the South of the existing Cemetery to provide sufficient capacity for the next forty or fifty years.

A programme of groundworks has now been drawn up on behalf of the Community Council to make the changes necessary for the new area to be used for burials in the coming years. The work includes extending the existing roadway into the new part of the cemetery and laying a footpath to give access to the new graves. Although the Community Council has been saving up for this work, the cost of the groundworks is more than expected. As prices continue to rise rapidly, the Community Council has decided that it would be better to complete the Cemetery works now rather than wait until we have more money. The Community Council has asked the Welsh Government for permission to borrow from the Public Works Fund to cover the shortfall. The plan is to repay this loan over a five-year period. This will not require any increase in council tax.

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