

LLANSANNOR COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

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Hello

The internet and the provision of High Speed Broadband in Llansannor, City & Trebettyn

You may be one of the fortunate households in our area who now has or is about to get High Speed Fibre Broadband, equally you may be one who has been told on the web you can have it only to then find you can't or been told you definitely can't have it and they don't know what they are going to do next ! If you don't know yet you can easily make a first check by putting your post code and address in to the checker on: www.openreach.co.uk .

Whichever group you fall in we would appreciate your help.

Since the beginning of the Superfast Cymru Programme to bring high speed broadband to rural communities in wales, the LCHA has monitored, campaigned and championing the provision of this essential utility in our area. Up until autumn 2017 it did appear that after many delays we were actually getting somewhere and our area would be connected so we could all order a fast fibre broadband FTTP connection from our Internet Service provider (ISP) by the end of the year. Regrettably this has not proved to be the case. The Superfast Cymru programme ended on the 31st December in total chaos with some properties connectable and other not and with no indication of what would happen next. To make it worse as you may have noted where those successful connections appear to be totally random.

Openreach do not know what they are now going to do. They would like to continue but currently the only contract they have is with BT wholesale to install the individual connections which have already been announced.

The only current remaining support funding scheme is the Community Fibre Partnerships. This is operated by Openreach and provides grant support for fibre installations to community groups who otherwise would not have it. This may or may not be relevant to our situation but we are trying to find out. (Details are on <https://communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/>.)

The Welsh Government is considering a follow up scheme to continue Superfast Cymru, but as yet nothing has been published or agreed and no contract has been tendered let alone placed so we don't know what this will provide or when.

In light of this unbelievable lack of information from the official bodies concerned we have contacted Lesley Griffiths, the Welsh Government Minister responsible for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, requesting an explanation regarding the follow up scheme and we have been promised a response by the end of January.....

We have also contacted our elected representatives; Alun Cairns MP, Andrew RT Davies AM and Jane Hutt AM for their comments and support.

As a result, we are now in ongoing contact with Kay Rowlands in Alun Cairns office regarding the next steps we can take, but we have yet to hear from the others.

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That is the situation at present, however I opened this letter by saying we need your help and the ways you can support us are set out below:

1. The most important thing now is to establish an accurate and detailed list /map of the "High speed internet status" of as many of the properties in the communities as possible. This will enable us to find out if we can get any help from the Community Fibre Scheme and also help us pursue Openreach through Alun Cairns office to ensure all possible connections are made to the existing fibre network.

To help us build up this list can you please send an email to: phil.summers@lineone.net

Confirming your address, location and if you:

- a) Now have a highspeed FTTP fibre internet connection.
- b) Have a confirmed order for a highspeed FTTP connection with your ISP and are awaiting installation.
- c) The web site says you can order a Fibre connection but you have found you can't
- d) The web site indicates you cannot currently have a fibre connection.

If your current status is **c** or **d** can you please also confirm that if it was available you would want a Highspeed fibre connection.

Please feel free to make any other relevant observations.

2. If you have the time can please also email the following local representatives indicating your support for the Llansannor Community Hall Association High Speed Fibre Broadband campaign and requesting their assistance in getting the Internet Service we are entitled to and on which large sums of tax payers money has already been spent without a satisfactory result.

Alun Cairns MP
Andrew RT Davies
Jane Hutt

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Thanking you in anticipation for your support. We can resolve this but we do need support from everyone, including those who are now lucky enough to be connected to achieve that. I look forward to receiving your response in the next few days but if you would like to ask me any questions please feel free to email me on phil.summers@lineone.net or call me on 07967 409025.

Yours sincerely,

Phil

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