

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 8.00 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor C Tutton (in the Chair), Councillors R Rees, P Fox, G Thomas, N Newman, S Wigley, J Llewellyn, J Roberts (Clerk) and Vale Councillor R Traherne

2. APOLOGIES: Councillor S Parnell and L Weeding and PCSO Steve Thomas

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 2014 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Newman had no conflict of interest with regard to Item No. 10(a)(iii) below

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Risk Assessment - Councillor Newman will attend to this. It is to be ascertained whether PAT tests on the Council's equipment should be carried out **NN**

(b) State of Nature Seminar – Councillor Tutton had not heard from Nigel Moss and it was agreed not to pursue this

(c) Community Council Website: Councillor Parnell had advised that the new website is nearing completion

(d) Broadband grant: Councillor Newman will make enquiries in this respect **NN**

6. CASUAL VACANCY: The Clerk advised that she had notified the Vale Council of Councillor Anstey's resignation and that it was hoped to fill the vacancy by way of cooption. The Vale Council subsequently provided the relevant notices for display until 27 March 2014 and it was agreed a notice also be published in the next parish magazine inviting applications for cooption to be received by 9 April next. **JR**

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

PCSO Thomas advised by email that there had been no reported crimes in the parish in the last month. However, he was unable to attend the meeting as this coincided with his rest day. It is understood this will be a regular situation and therefore unsatisfactory. Councillor Traherne will lodge a complaint on behalf of the Community Council. **RT**

8. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR TRAHERNE:

(a) The Williams Report: Councillor Traherne confirmed that the Vale Council is not in favour of a merger with Cardiff. He strongly believed that any merger with Cardiff would be a disaster for the Vale. He requested that anyone who is against a merger with Cardiff might care to sign the Petition which is available on line (he will supply details) **RT**

(b) Budget: In view of the reduction in budget imposed upon them by the Welsh Assembly, the Vale Council has had no alternative but to increase Council Tax by 4.5%. It may also unfortunately have to cut some services (e.g. tourism).

(c) CCFC Application: Councillor Traherne had attended a Hensol residents' group meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the Cardiff City Football Club's proposed development and the unsatisfactory way this has been dealt with by the Vale Council date. He will raise this issue at the next Full Meeting of the Council.

9. MEETINGS: See 10(a) below

10 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Councillor Fox advised that the Planning Committee had met to discuss

(i) the construction of an Eco-Centre Visitors & Education Building at Old Carriageway Stables, Hensol. It had been agreed that this was a commendable

project but concerns regarding lack of parking spaces had been submitted to the Vale Council together with a request that parking be prohibited on the road through Hensol

(ii) the application for removal of Condition 16 of the planning consent relating to 2 log cabins for holiday let at Lilypot Farm. This provided that if/when the applicant's tourist scheme ceased the log cabins were to be taken down. The Committee agreed no action by the Community Council was necessary in respect of this application and

(iii) the responses from CCFC and opposition from Hensol Community Group (HCG) who had requested the Community Council to reconsider their stance in relation to the CCFC Application and to oppose the same. In view of the issues raised by HCG, Councillor Fox proposed that the Community Council now oppose the Application. This was seconded by Councillors Newman and Tutton. However, Councillor Wigley reminded the meeting that the Community Council represented the whole parish and not just Hensol and some members of the community were not against this application. The Community Council has to seek the best for the community as a whole. This was seconded by Councillor Rees who suggested a response be made to HCG to the effect that the Community Council, whilst sympathetic to their cause, could not oppose the application but would ask any questions on their behalf and would support them in any other way. A response was to be drafted and circulated for approval.

On a general note, Councillor Rees enquired as to how the land in question, which was zoned as agricultural, was able to be considered for development for non-agricultural purposes and queried whether this would establish a precedent for development of other agricultural land in the area. This was to be raised with the Vale Council **PF**

(b) Applications had been received for:

(i) a proposed marquee for use between April-Sept at Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol. There was no opposition by the Community Council to this application.

(ii) Renishaw's proposed development of its site at J34/M4. The Application comprised 8 large ring binders and therefore the Executive Summary only was placed before the meeting for discussion. It was agreed that as this Application is so extensive it should be made available to the Parish for comment before a response can be sent to the Vale Council. Councillor Fox had obtained confirmation from the relevant Planning Officer that an extension of time to end April/early May for responses would be granted in the circumstances. It was therefore agreed that a Public Meeting should be arranged between 22 and 30 April. Renishaw's Consultants are to be invited to attend. **JR**

11. CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were discussed:

(a) Zurich Insurance – an invitation to request a quote. It was agreed this be pursued **JR**

(b) One Voice Wales – a request to continue membership for 2014/15. This was agreed

(c) Community Liaison Committee – Minutes of the last meeting and Agenda for the meeting on 19 March 2014

12. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Position as at 13.03.2014:

Current Account	£6,094.73
Jubilee Account	<u>631.26</u>
Total:	£6,725.99

Payments to be made:

VOG – Allotment rental	1.00	
Clerk's 1/4ly salary	661.62	
HMRC (tax on salary)	165.41	
Website expenses (J Parnell)	473.86	
Clerk's expenses	116.98	
OVW membership 2014/15	60.00	
Poppy Wreath	17.00	1,495.87
Balance		£5,230.12

The above payments were approved

(b) CASH Grant 2013/14: The Vale Council has now approved the estimate for redecoration of the Village Hall kitchen but the grant payment cannot be finalized until such time as the works have been completed and inspected. In the meantime a claim for repayment of the VAT in respect of the kitchen units will be submitted **JR**

(c) CASH Grant 2014/15: Councillor Parnell had advised that an application for a CASH grant to place a bench in Tredodridge was not now to proceed

(d) S150(5) Local Government Act 1972 – This has been repealed as a result of which it is no longer a statutory requirement for cheques to have 2 signatories. However it was felt that the Community Council should continue to require 2 signatories per cheque and a resolution to that effect was passed.

13. SCHOOL GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVE: A replacement for Councillor Anstey was required until a representative from Welsh St Donat's Community Council took over the role on 1 September 2014 and it was agreed it be ascertained whether they would be prepared to take over with immediate effect. **JR**

14. ROAD ISSUES: None

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Playground: Councillor Wigley advised that the playground required urgent attention as the matting is covered in moss and therefore lethal. Also the grass needs cutting. It was agreed this be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

(b) Culvert: Councillor Wigley raised concerns regarding the culvert in Heol St Cattwg. During periods of heavy rain this floods and is a danger to children who play in the vicinity. It was agreed an approach be made to the Vale Council with a request this area be fenced off. **JR**

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Matters arising from these minutes

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10 April 2014 at 7.45 pm to be held at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 10.05 pm