

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

In view of the current Covid-19 Pandemic it was not possible to hold a formal Meeting of the Pendoylan Community Council. Therefore on 13 August 2020 at 7.30 pm a remote meeting was held via Zoom.

**1. PRESENT:** Cllr R Rees (Chair) Cllrs H Hanmer, J Huddart, G Kellen, Vale Councillor M Morgan, S Parnell and J Roberts (Clerk). Also present James Williams and Eoin Carson

**2. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs G Thomas and C Hendy

**3. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2020 were approved

**4 . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** S Parnell in respect of Item 9(a) below

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

**(a) Community Mower:** The Clerk reported that Mike Edmunds had now obtained a replacement fan belt for the mower and he and his son Andrew would repair the mower as soon as possible

**(b) Dead Tree at the Smithy Crossroads:** This has been reported to the Vale Council who will investigate and take appropriate action

**6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:**

Reports of crimes and incidents in the Parish for May, June and July 2020 had now been received from PC Elson as follows:

**May:** Attempted burglary at Clawdd Coch, Covid breach at Hensol Castle and an incident involving an attack on a walker's dog by 2 sheep dogs in Tredodridge

**June:** Theft of outdoor furniture at Hensol Mill, Burglary at Tyn y Plancau Farm (copper piping and heating system stolen) and a Burglary at Clawdd Coch. There was also a report of another dog related incident this time at Forest Fach, Hensol. 2 Alsation dogs attacked and bit a person walking on the public footpath

**July:** Theft of items from the Pro Shop at the Vale Hotel (enquiries ongoing following CCTV identification) and theft of a wheelbarrow in Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan

It was disappointing to learn from PC Elson that Pendoylan Ward (along with Peterston super Ely and Welsh St Donats) will no longer fall under the Rural Vale umbrella but will be looked after by the FAIRWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM. Their contact details are currently awaited. The Clerk had emailed their Inspector Robert Miles in this respect but had received no reply. Cllr M Morgan agreed it was important to make contact and he will pursue this. In the meantime he stated that it was still in order to dial 999 for emergencies or 101 for non emergencies

**MM**

**7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:**

**(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48:** Cllr Morgan referred to the recent zoom meeting between Emma Reed from the Vale Council and the Community Councils (see Item No. 13 Road Issues below)

**(b) Vale Council:** The Vale Council is currently in recess but hopes to resume meetings from 1 September

**(c) Speed Issues:** The legal speed limit on country roads is 60 mph which is totally inappropriate on country lanes but a 30 mph speed limit will not be considered. However, Cllr Morgan will continue to press Mike Clogg for a 20 mph limit

**8. MEETINGS:**

(See Item No. 13 Road Issues below)

**9.PLANNING:**

Applications had been received as follows:

- (a) for extension alterations & remodelling of existing detached house, new detached garage and new roof structure at Lynton, Tredodridge
- (b) for construction of woodland maintenance shed for storage, vehicles and equipment at Old Carriageway Stable, Hensol
- (c) for the variation of Condition 3 of a 2017 application in respect of Home Farm Annexe, Hensol

The Community Council had no objections to the above applications

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** All relevant correspondence received had been forwarded to the Members for their information prior to this meeting but it was noted from a recent letter from the Welsh Government that virtual and physical attendance at Council Meetings were treated the same and there was no legal distinction between decisions made during virtual meetings. Regulation 10 relating to the 6 month non-attendance rule for Councillors would not apply during the period in which the emergency regulations came into force

**11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:**

**(a) Financial position as at 13 August 2020:**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current Account | £3,583.50       |
| Jubilee Account | <u>24.13</u>    |
| Total           | <b>3,607.63</b> |

**Less outstanding cheques:**

|                        |              |                 |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A D Williams – Audit   | 250.00       |                 |
| J Welsh - Mower petrol | <u>16.83</u> | <u>266.83</u>   |
| <b>Balance in hand</b> |              | <b>3,340.80</b> |

The next precept instalment was not yet to hand

**(b) VAT claim:** The Clerk advised that claims for VAT now have to be submitted to HMRC on line and she had liaised with A D Williams in this respect who had offered to make the submission on behalf of the Community Council. However, he had been unable to do so to date as there was a fault in HMRC's system and he is awaiting further advice in this respect. The sum being claimed is £253.62.

**(c) 2019/2020 Accounts:** The Clerk advised that the first audit of the 2019/20 Accounts had now been completed by A D Williams and these were presented to Members for approval together with the Annual Governance Statement. H Hanmer proposed these be accepted and this was second by J Huddart and unanimously approved. The said Accounts will now be submitted to the Welsh Government's Auditors for final sign off.

**12. CO-OPTION:** The Clerk advised that applications had been received to fill the current 2 vacancies on the Council, namely, from James Williams and Eoin Carson. It was then proposed by J Huddart that their applications be accepted and this was seconded by G Kellen and unanimously approved. James and Eoin were then formally declared to be duly coopted as Councillors. The Clerk will notify the Vale Council of their appointment. They will be required to attend training on the Code of Conduct in due course and One Voice Wales are currently arranging possible virtual sessions.

**13. ROAD ISSUES:**

**(a) (i) Proposed new road from J34/M4 to A48:** Members of the Community Council had attended a recent zoom meeting with Emma Reed chaired by Cllr Morgan. Emma stated that the additional work required under WelTAG2+ regarding ecology, flooding, cultural heritage assessment, the on line option and off line option and a landscape assessment had now been completed. She advised that it is proposed that a Public Consultation be held from mid September to mid December and it is likely this will be a virtual consultation. Drone data will be available to show both routes. Emma confirmed

they will notify all those directly affected and those in the 250 metre buffer zone. Everyone in the parish would receive notification of the Consultation. H Hanmer referred to the Scrutiny Committee's report and their recommendation to Cabinet. Emma said details of that meeting were now on their website. She confirmed the Stage 2+ report had been reconstructed to take account of climate change and Covid-19. After this meeting H Hanmer stated that if the Consultation is to be "virtual" the Community Council should take steps to ensure everyone in the parish has access to this.

**(ii) Proposed Park & Ride & Parkway Station at J34/M4:** Jane Hutt AM had taken this matter up with Ken Skates on behalf of the Community Council but she felt his response was inadequate and would make further enquiries. She then consulted Cllr Eddie Williams and had received a response from Cllr Peter King, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services & Transport, who confirmed that the study into a proposed Parkway Station is being treated separately to the road options and extra funding has been awarded by the Welsh Government to continue this study. It was agreed this letter be included in the next Parish Magazine

JR

**(b) Road signage at J34/M4:** The remedial works have now been carried out but Councillors felt that these did not reflect their requested amendments. It was agreed that the chevrons at least should be removed to avoid confusion to motorists. Jane Hutt is to be asked to advise Ken Skates accordingly and to request sight of their safety assessment.

JR

**14. TREDODRIDGE SPEED ISSUES:** S Parnell advised that Tredodridge residents wanted the Vale Hotel, the Horse Riding & Cycling Associations to be contacted but it was unanimously agreed this should be done by them as individuals. However, the Community Council will continue to support them with regard to a 20 mph speed limit. S Parnell will therefore draft an appropriate letter for submission to the Vale Council

SP

**15. LOCAL PLACES FOR NATURE:** H Hanmer advised that part of the Butterfly Package had been delivered and planting is to commence on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at the School with the help of an Officer from Keep Wales Tidy. The Clerk is awaiting permission from the latter to publicise this event. A case study will have to be completed for the Welsh Government who are funding the project and before and after photos taken. The project has to be completed by March 2021

HH/JR

**16. VJ75 DAY:** This would take place on Saturday 15 August 2020 but it appeared very little was taking place in the way of celebration nationally compared to VE75 Day last May. It was not possible to organize anything locally but it was agreed that when possible the Community Council would host a general celebratory event for the whole parish. H Hanmer confirmed she would put a notice on the Community Hub in this respect. R Rees confirmed that a new Union Jack had been donated by 2 local families and this will be erected on the Church tower in time for Saturday.

HH/RR

**17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:**

**(a) Website:** S Parnell drew the Council's attention to the fact that no Minutes had been posted on its website since last January. The Clerk confirmed she would forward the subsequent Minutes (February to July) to C Hendy with a request that she ask Richard Hendy to post these on the website and also that he remove Andrew Chiplen and Peter Fox's names as Councillors and add those of Georgina Kellen, James Williams and Eoin Carson

JR/CH

**(b) Pendoylan/Welsh St Donats Trust:** The Clerk advised that Pendoylan's role in this Trust should now terminate as their funds have been expended. She had therefore advised

many years. It is therefore hoped that someone from Welsh St Donats. Welsh St Donats' Clerk that she wished to resign as Secretary having held that post for will now take over In the meantime the Clerk had written to the Charity Commissioner to ascertain whether Pendoylan could now be removed from the Charity name but S Parnell believed this would necessitate a change to the Trust Deed. A response is currently awaited from the Charity Commissioner

**18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Matters arising from these Minutes.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 10 September 2020 possibly again via Zoom

The Meeting was closed at 8.55 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting