

**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 10 December 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, C Hendy, Vale Councillor M Morgan and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs G Thomas, E Carson, J Williams and S Parnell

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020 had been previously circulated and were approved

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Defibrillator: The Clerk confirmed that the battery and pads had now been replaced. The battery will have to be renewed in 5 years and the pads in 2 years. This to be diarised **JR**

(b) Playpark: The further outbreak of moles has been reported to the Vale Council

(c) Places for Nature: The trellis remains to be erected. **EC/JW**

(d) Noticeboard: This requires treatment **EC/JW**

(e) Mower: Mike Edmunds to be asked to remove & store the battery during the winter months **HH**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: No update received since November last

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Active Travel Consultation: Cllr Morgan said this could apply to Pendoylan regarding ways to make our roads safe for cyclists, horses, walkers etc.

(b) 20/20s scheme: A pilot scheme is being run out across Wales but Cllr Morgan felt rural communities would miss out although he understood one village might be considered. He would provide the Clerk with details but there was a deadline of 23 December 2020 for applications **MM**

(c) Scrutiny Committee: Cllr Morgan advised that the Scrutiny Committee would be meeting next week to discuss Climate Emergency

8. PLANNING: It was noted that the application for stables off the Hensol Road had been approved.

R Rees enquired whether Cllr Morgan had any information in connection with the Vale Council's intentions regarding Tyn y Planca. Cllr Morgan agreed to make further enquiries in this respect. It was also noted that CCFC were no longer interested in acquiring the land at Hensol & Cllr Morgan would also make enquiries of the Vale Council in this respect **MM**

9. MEETINGS: None attended

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

All relevant correspondence had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting apart from a letter from Gwyneth Thomas on behalf of the Young Farmers which had just been received. This was a request for funding. This was discussed but it was agreed to advise her that the Community Council is unable to give donations as it has limited resources from which to carry out its necessary functions **JR**

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) The financial position as at 10 December 2020:

Current Account	£4,790.42
Less unrepresented cheque	<u>186.60</u>
	4,603.82
Jubilee Account	<u>24.13</u>
Total	4,627.95

Payments to be made:

J Roberts – Clerk's Salary (Oct-Dec)	£1,074.84	
Less Tax	<u>214.80</u>	860.04
H M R C Tax on Salary		214.80
Clerk's expenses		119.60
Remembrance Wreath	<u>17.00</u>	<u>1,211.44</u>
Balance in hand		£ 3,416.51

The above payments were approved.

The final precept payment for 2020/21 was due shortly.

(b) **2019/2020 Accounts** : These had now been signed off by the Welsh Government's Auditors and no adverse matters raised.

(c) **2021/2022 Budget**: The Clerk presented a draft Budget for the next financial year which provided for a small surplus. After much discussion it was agreed to request a £350 increase in the precept which it was believed would result in an extra £1 levy per household for the year 2021/2022. JR

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48:

(i) Cllr Morgan advised that he had received a response from Emma Reed to his letter but she had not really answered his questions. He will provide the Clerk with a copy of her response MM

(ii) Question to Council: Cllr Morgan had advised details of the Council's response to his question. It was likely that a decision regarding the road would not be made until March 2021. J Huddart enquired what his position was in this regard and was advised that he would remain "open" until the end of the Consultation and then assess the majority view and make his decision.

(iii) Meeting with Emma Reed: Cllr Morgan was reminded that Emma Reed had indicated she would be prepared to hold another virtual meeting with Community Councils prior to the end of the Consultation. He would contact her in this respect MM

(iv) Consultation Response: H Hanmer proposed that the Community Council submit a statement in response to the Vale Council's current Consultation setting out its objections to the WelTAG process to date. This was agreed and H Hanmer and J Huddart would draft this for approval by Members before submission. It was also agreed this should then be posted on the Community Hub. HH/JH/JR

(b) **Speed issues**: E Carson had advised the Clerk that he had spoken to Paula Vaughan, the Head of Pendoylan School, regarding the Safer Routes for Schools initiative but she was unaware of this and is not currently part of any safe driving scheme.. He would therefore make enquiries of the Vale Council and advise the School further in this respect EC

13. TREDODRIDGE ISSUES: None advised at present

14. TRAINING: E Carson had attended a Code of Conduct virtual training session

15. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:

(a) Tree lights: The tree on the village green had now been decorated and thanks had been expressed to J Williams, Jason Welsh and Andrew Chiplen

(b) Parish Christmas Challenge: Arrangements for this were discussed and it was agreed as follows:

(i) Best decorated house/garden – Steve O’Connell would be asked to be Father Christmas & to judge the winners on 23 December accompanied by an Elf (5.30 pm Pendoylan & 6.00 pm Hensol). A tin of sweets to be given to each of the 2 winners & a bottle of wine for Father Christmas **HH/JR/CH**

(ii) Best winter photograph – to be posted on the Community Hub and the winner judged by the most likes **HH**

(iii) Children to be invited to spot the elves around Pendoylan village **HH**

(iv) A sack of sweets would be made available at the Red Lion Shop for children of the parish. C Hendy to advise how many children to be catered for in Hensol **CH/JR/HH**

16. ALLOTMENTS : The Clerk advised that at least one allotment was now available for rent. It was agreed this be advertised in the next parish magazine and on the Community Hub **JR**

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 January 2021

The Meeting was closed at 8.50 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting