

**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 9 July 2020 at 7.30 pm a remote meeting was held via Zoom.

1. PRESENT: Cllr R Rees (Chair) Cllrs H Hanmer, J Huddart, C Hendy, G Kellen, Vale Councillor M Morgan, S Parnell and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr G Thomas

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2020 were approved but not signed

4 . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Community Mower: The Clerk had been advised by Mike Edmunds that the fan belt on the mower had now perished. He estimated this would cost in the region of £250 plus VAT if a professional Company carried out the repair but he said he and his son could carry out the repair for £100 plus the cost of a new fan belt. It was agreed to accept his offer. It has also been noted that the push mower requires a new blade and steps will be taken to ascertain whether this too is something Mike can arrange **JR**

(b) Small Grants Scheme: The Clerk had now been advised that an application for a memorial garden would not be successful. It is a key requirement that funded projects will help organizations to become more resilient usually by generating an income or demonstrate that they meet a very strong local need. However, they would pass on our requirement to other grant bodies for consideration

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: No report was available although both PC Elson and PCSO Sian Rich had promised to provide these. Concerns were expressed regarding the recent break in and burglary at Clawdd Coch whilst the owners were asleep. Members of the parish to be alerted that a white transit van had been seen several times in the area and if seen again to take its number **JR**

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48: Cllr Morgan advised that he has a meeting with Vale Council's Emma Reed next Tuesday 14 July and he confirmed he would advise the outcome immediately thereafter **MM**

(b) Flytipping: This continues to be a problem.

8. MEETINGS:

(a) Pendoylan School. H Hanmer had attended a Zoom meeting of the School Governors when arrangements for the re-opening of the School to accord with the Covid-19 restrictions were discussed

(b) Church Row Parish Houses: H Hanmer and S Parnell had attended a meeting of the Trustees. H Hanmer advised that the damaged rendering was to be removed and replaced. Some additional drainage had been put in the car park to help with the run off but further measures are required which may necessitate the building up of the drains. The Trustees will continue to monitor the situation.

9. PLANNING:

(a) An application had been received for change of use of an undeveloped agricultural field into a campsite with 4 self-contained temporary camping pods including children's play area and with car parking at Warren Farm, Redway Road, Pendoylan. It was noted that this application was similar to that already granted in February 2020 but amended to allow for larger units. There were concerns this could if

granted result in a full scale campsite. In addition it was agreed that objections be raised on the grounds that the larger pods would be visually unacceptable, would generate more traffic and overburden the current cesspit facilities

JR

(b) The application for a rear extension at No 12 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan had been approved

(c) **Tyn y Planca:** Cllr Morgan had been asked to make further enquiries as to the Vale Council's plans in this respect

MM

10. CORRESPONDENCE: All relevant correspondence received had already been forwarded to all Councillors for their information since when an email complaint had been received from persons unknown regarding the fact that the Union Jack was flying on the church tower instead of either the Welsh flag or that of the Diocese. The Clerk had forwarded this complaint to Fr David for his response

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) **The financial position as at 9 July 2020:**

Current Account	£3,333.50
Jubilee Account	<u>24.13</u>
Total	3,357.63

The next precept payment is expected end of July 2020

Payments to be made:

J Welsh - Mower petrol	<u>16.83</u>
Balance in hand	£3,340.80

The above payment was approved

(b) **2019/2020 Accounts:** The audit of these by the Internal Auditor is still outstanding. The deadline for this was 30 June 2020 and a Notice of Postponement of Audit has been placed on the Community Council's website and on the noticeboard in accordance with the Wales Audit Office's requirements. Their Auditors, Grant Thornton, have been advised accordingly and an extended deadline of 31 July 2020 has now been granted in the first instance.

JR

12. WEBSITE: Richard Hendy confirmed the above Notice had been placed on the said website by the 30 June last as requested

13. CO-OPTION: The Clerk had been advised by the Vale Council that it is now in order for co-options to take place. G Kellen confirmed that her neighbour is still keen to join the Community Council and her formal application is awaited. It was also agreed that Jamie Williams be contacted to ascertain whether he would consider applying

JR

14. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) **Proposed Parkway Station at J34/M4:** The Clerk had written to Jane Hutt AM as requested and a response is awaited. It was agreed that a fact letter/notice be prepared for parishioners as to the present position regarding this and the proposed new road issue but agreed to wait for Cllr Morgan's further report following his said meeting with Emma Reed

ALL

(b) **Road signage at J34/M4:** The Clerk had been advised that Jane Hutt will chase Ken Skates again for an update in this long overdue matter

JR

(c) **Culvert:** The concerns regarding the overgrown culvert had been made known to the Vale Council and the Clerk had subsequently met with a contractor who had been instructed by the Vale Council to clear the same which remedial work has now been carried out. The Clerk reported that no issues regarding ownership of the culvert had been raised and it was therefore hoped the Vale Council would now continue to accept responsibility for the same

(d) Overhanging trees/hedges from J34 to Hensol: The same Contractor had also been instructed by the Vale Council to attend to these matters

15. TREDODRIDGE ISSUES: S Parnell had provided a copy of her correspondence with the Vale Council's Mike Clogg on behalf of Tredodridge residents concerning the speed of traffic through their village and their request for a 20 mph speed limit to be imposed and/or traffic calming measures provided. All attempts to obtain satisfaction in this respect had been rejected and she enquired whether the Community Council would be prepared to take this matter up on their behalf with Jane Hutt AM. R Rees agreed that the Community Council should support the said residents. S Parnell therefore confirmed she would liaise with the residents and draft a letter for submission to Jane Hutt **SP**

16. NATURE GRANT: H Hanmer advised she had been contacted by "Nature" to arrange delivery of the items for installation at the School. The final site for these at the School has yet to be agreed with Paula Vaughan but it is not possible to arrange a work party yet in view of the current restrictions **HH**

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Overgrown Verges: R Rees advised that due to the overgrown verges people are having to walk in the road. He therefore enquired when the Vale Council would be cutting these? Cllr Morgan agreed this is a problem everywhere at present and he will make appropriate enquiries **MM**

(b) Dead Tree: J Huddart reported there was a very large dead tree in the hedgerow beyond The Smithy Crossroads which would be dangerous if it fell across the road. It was agreed this be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

(c) Community Orchard: H Hanmer suggested it would be an idea to have a sign to indicate the whereabouts of the community orchard. This to be given further consideration

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 13 August 2020 possibly again via Zoom

The Meeting was closed at 8.40 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting