

**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 12 November 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, J Williams, E Carson, Vale Councillor M Morgan and J Roberts (Clerk) and Chief Superintendent Anthony Williams

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs G Thomas and C Hendy

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2020 had been previously circulated and were approved

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Community Mower: E Carson advised no progress has been made regarding the mower repair. H Hanmer agreed to speak to Mike Edmunds in this respect and to enquire whether the battery should be removed during the winter months to avoid deterioration **HH**

(b) Local Places for Nature: H Hanmer stated there were more shrubs to be planted and the trellis to be erected. E Carson & J Williams confirmed they would attend to these matters **EC/JW**

(d) Council Houses/Cladding: Cllr Morgan will ascertain details of the appropriate contact in the Vale Council's Housing Dept to enable enquiries to be made regarding possible cladding works **MM/JR**

(e) Defibrillator: The Clerk had contacted Welsh Hearts for replacement pads (£45 + VAT) and battery (£152 +VAT). However, Welsh Hearts subsequently agreed to provide the pads free of charge. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the battery **JR**

(f) Playpark: The remedial works in the playpark had been attended to but the mole problem persists and needs to be reported again. Thanks were expressed to R Rees for cutting the hedge **JR**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

An email report had been received from PCSO Richard Davies as to the reported crimes & incidents in the parish for October & November 2020 as follows:

(a) A Covid breach at a wedding

(b) A cannabis warning issued

(c) Attempted theft of a mini digger – 1 person arrested

PCSO Davies also stated that there would be no further police attendance at Community Council Meetings. However, Chief Superintendent Anthony Williams who was in attendance at the current meeting confirmed that this was incorrect as they will attend meetings either by video or in person when possible. His base is in Barry but confirmed they were still working in conjunction with Llantwit Police. He issued a warning regarding a rogue trader in a white van & referred to fake calls purporting to be from the Police. E Carson referred to the traffic problems in Pendoylan (commuters) and at school dropping off & pick up times and enquired whether it was possible for a police presence at those times. He felt this would also help to deter opportunistic thieves. H Hanmer added that school traffic has been parking on the pavements causing pedestrians to walk in the road. Anthony confirmed he would feed this back and would ensure this request is added to their list.

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48: "Teams" meeting with Emma Reed & Arcadiis on 3 November 2020 (See Item No.13(a)(ii) below)

(b) 20 mph Speed Limit Trial: Cllr Morgan advised that Peterston super Ely and St Brides Major had been chosen to take part in a Pilot Scheme. No details were available as yet. E Carson enquired whether Pendoylan could be included in this trial. Cllr Morgan thought that could be possible at a later stage. It was agreed there had to be a new approach to control traffic in rural lanes for walkers, cyclists and horses etc – safely, slowly & without causing congestion. Speed bumps were out of the question in view of the noise created but chicanes might be a possibility. E Carson would contact Mike Clogg at the Vale Council to ascertain what could be done and would also endeavour to see Paula Vaughan, Head of Pendoylan School to discuss this and the Safe Schools Scheme

EC

8. PLANNING:

A Listed Building Application had been received in respect of a single storey extension at Ty Fry Lodge, Pendoylan. The Members had no objection to this application. The applications for 4 self-contained temporary camping pods at Warren Farm, Redway Road, Pendoylan and the erection of 4 flagpoles at the Vale Pavilion, Hensol had been approved.

9. MEETINGS:

(a) Meeting with Emma Reed re: J34/M4 to A48 (See 13(a)(i) below)

(b) One Voice Wales: H Hanmer had attended a virtual meeting on 12 October 2020

(c) Community Liaison Committee: G Thomas had been unable to attend the meeting on 6 October last. The Minutes of this meeting are awaited

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting:

(a) Vale Council Cabinet Meeting 2 November 2020: Climate Change Action Plan

(b) Refill Wales: This referred (inter alia) to the installation of free public water fountains and H Hanmer will pass this on to the School for their information

JR/ HH

(c) Vale Council – Emma Reed's response to the Community Council's letter requesting the halting of the virtual Public Consultation in respect of the proposed new road in view of the present pandemic. It was noted that this request had been refused.

(d) Covid Mobile Testing Unit: This had been in Barry but for a week only. H Hanmer advised she had placed details of this on the Community Hub

(e) Repair & Reuse Scheme: J Williams advised that this would not be applicable for Pendoylan

(f) Presentation by Arcadis & Minutes of the Meeting with Emma Reed 3 November 2020 (Item No.13(a)(i) below refers)

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) The financial position as at 12 November 2020

Current Account		£4,790.42
Less unrepresented cheque		<u>40.00</u>
		4,750.42
Jubilee Account		<u>24.13</u>
Total		4,774.55
Payments to be made:		
OVW – Training	45.00	
Defibrillator battery	<u>£186.60</u>	<u>231.60</u>
Balance in hand		4,542.95

The above payments were approved

(b) 2019/2020 Accounts : Sign off by the Welsh Government's Auditors awaited

(c) 2020/2021 Accounts: The Auditor for Wales has announced a change to the audit arrangements for 2020/2021. The Accounts will be subjected to additional scrutiny (the account books, receipts etc. despite the Internal Auditor having checked these). There will be an additional charge details of this to follow.

(d) Change of Bank: The Clerk had not been able to progress this at present JR

(e) The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regs 2020: The ruling that any Councillor who fails to attend 6 consecutive meetings without a valid reason be dismissed has been lifted in view of the Covid situation. It was noted that the Chair, Cllr G Thomas, has been unable to attend virtual meetings of the Community Council since March 2020 due to problems with BT and his inability to access the internet. It is understood that these problems may soon be resolved but in the meantime it was **resolved** to approve his exemption in accordance with the above Regulations. R Rees would arrange to meet Cllr Thomas to ascertain the present position RR

12. FLYTIPPING: A flytipping incident had occurred on the old road before the river bridge to J34 and this had been reported to the Vale Council

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48

(i) "Teams" Meeting with Emma Reed 3 November 2020.

Emma Reed chaired this meeting which included members of Pendoylan, Welsh St Donats, St Brides & Peterston super Ely Community Councils, Members of the Vale Council and Arcadis. M Fry, Project Manager for Arcadis, gave a presentation outlining the WelTAG process since its inception in 2017. It was clear that the western route was the best performing option (soil conditions better, less impact on the environment and economic advantage) and recommended for further consideration at WelTAG3. Emma then invited questions which included concerns re: water run off & flood plain, human impact re: houses adversely affected, environmental impact, Covid/climate change/carbon /Brexit impacts/failure to notify all affected by this proposal/closure of roads to Peterston and Clawdd Coch to Pont Sarn. The general response to these questions was that the said issues would be considered at the next stage. Emma stated they had taken more steps to notify residents than they deemed necessary. She is proposing a further meeting in December which was welcomed.

Minutes of this meeting were subsequently received from the Vale Council and circulated to members for their comments/queries. H Hanmer did not accept she was assigned an action to advise Emma details of those properties still not notified. She had advised Emma that the Vale Council have already been notified. H Hanmer had also stated for the record that Pendoylan Community Council was unable to support one route or the other in view of conflicts of interest & therefore only had a dispensation to discuss the WelTAG process. This had not been minuted.

WelTAG Stage 2+ Full Consultation Documentation: This had now been hand delivered to the Clerk but will be difficult to circulate in view of its size & Covid restrictions.

(ii) Cllr Morgan's subsequent questions to Emma Reed (summary) :

1. Whether "do minimum" effectively means "do nothing" & whether steps could be taken to remove the "pinch points" in the existing road rather than build a new one
2. The human cost of the proposals & request for details of how many properties will be adversely affected .
3. Concerns regarding the said side road closures & requesting these concerns be addressed now rather than at a later stage

4. The Climate emergency and the environmental considerations should be a priority in this consultation, in particular, regarding current & future flooding issues to property.

5. Concerns regarding the National Trust's Lanlay Meadows and flooding issues. He has enquired whether the National Trust have been consulted

H Hanmer stated that the Community Council had already expressed concerns that any improvements to the existing road would result in increased traffic and speed through Pendoylan village

(iii) WelTAG Process: H Hanmer's draft letter to the Welsh Government on behalf of the Community Councils' Review Group requesting clarification of the WelTAG process was approved HH

(b) Road Closure: Advance notice

The road from junction Pendoylan Lane between Bryn Deri to Braeside to junction Station Road will be closed on 06/01/2021 for BT Openreach piling work to be undertaken.

Local signed diversions will be in place. Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

14. TREDODRIDGE SPEED ISSUES: Update awaited SP

15. PENDOYLAN & WELSH ST DONATS TRUST: The Clerk advised that Ann Thomas (Trustee) has confirmed she will contact the Charity Commissioner with a view to removing Pendoylan from the Trust. No replacement for J Roberts as Secretary has yet been forthcoming.

16. TRAINING: A virtual Code of Conduct Training Session had been attended by J Williams and G Kellen. Unfortunately it appears these sessions were less than satisfactory as there were various technical problems. E Carson will attend a similar session on 25 November 2020. The Clerk had applied for a 50% bursary to offset the cost of the said training EC

17. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The service in Pendoylan Churchyard on 8 November 2020 at 10.45 am had been a great success and thanks were expressed to E Carson for providing the buglers and arranging for the local children to participate in the readings. Thanks were also expressed to J Huddart for collecting the wreath and to R Rees for presenting the same on behalf of the Community Council

18. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:

(a) Parish Social Event; It was agreed no Christmas Event could be held this year in view of the pandemic. However, it was decided to hold a "Christmas Challenge" and invite everyone in the parish to decorate the outside of their houses and a prize awarded by an independent judge for the best one. This to be advertised on the Community Hub

(b) Tree lights: J Williams confirmed he had requested Western Power to supply power to the village green from 24 November 2020. It was then agreed that he and E Carson would contact Andrew Chiplen to arrange to put the lights on the tree on 28 November (it is understood Andrew has the lights in storage). The Clerk suggested the power point be checked prior to the 28 November in case there is a problem. EC/JW

19. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Parish Magazine: The Clerk had concerns that the usual combined Dec/Jan Magazine would mean no information available for the parish until February and suggested perhaps an interim newsletter be circulated. However, it was agreed any update could be posted on the Community Hub

(b) Best Kept Village Sign: This has still not been repaired and the Clerk enquired whether it was in order for her to approach Chris White who could possibly arrange this.

It was agreed to proceed along the suggested lines JR

(c) Noticeboard: H Hanmer had noted the noticeboard by the Church needed treatment. J Williams advised he could supply the oil and E Carson suggested this could be a Duke of Edinburgh task for a local youngster **JW/EC**

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

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10 December 2020

The Meeting was closed at 9.25 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting