

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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In view of the current Covid-19 Pandemic it was not possible to hold a formal Meeting of the Pendoylan Community Council. Therefore on 11 February 2021 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 , S Parnell and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: G Thomas and C Hendy

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 had been previously circulated and were approved

4 . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Playpark: The further outbreak of moles in the playpark has now been treated

(b) Noticeboard: E Carson confirmed that this had been given two coats of oil and a third coat will be administered shortly

(c) Mower Battery: H Hanmer confirmed that the battery has now been placed in store for the winter. Thanks were expressed to P Hanmer in this respect

(d) Creative Rural Communities Grants: H Hanmer advised that there are no grants available at the present time but she felt it would be worth identifying a project should further funding become available, the land opposite the allotments being a possibility. E Carson suggested the shrubbery around the layby adjacent to the community orchard would benefit from being cutback. The Vale Council to be approached in this respect

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

PCSO Richard Davies had advised that there had been 4 instances of anti-social behaviour and 1 Covid breach at Hensol Castle Park and 1 burglary at Tyn y Plancau of metal pipework and radiators . Cllr Morgan advised he had not yet contacted the Chief Superintendent about attendance at Community Council Meetings as he felt that the police had enough to contend with at the present time

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Proposed road J34/M4 to A48: Cllr Morgan had been advised by Emma Reed that two bid submissions have been made to WG for funding under the Local Transport Fund (LTF) for 2021/22. If successful in its bid, the Council can still reject any grant offers of funding once any award is known later in March; what it cannot do is apply for funding for next year after the deadline. The first bid is for the next stage of development for the M4 Junction 34 Station and Interchange. The second bid is for additional work to be undertaken on the Stage 2 plus report for the possible Transport Network Improvements from M4 Junction 34 to A48. The latter bid does not prejudice the outcome of the consultation and any decisions that may be made by Cabinet on the matter in due course; rather it recognises a number of the points that have been raised via the consultation process which Officers think need further more detailed consideration before any decision as to whether to proceed to the next stage of the process. This bid includes additional work in respect of climate change, COVID 19 and the current economic situation. If, (and it is a big if with everything that has happened in the past year), they are successful in obtaining funding for either project for next year she will let him know. She plans to arrange for copies of these bids to be put on the website shortly.

Consultation responses for the Stage 2 plus work

Emma also advised that they have received a very mixed bag of responses to the consultation which closed on 23rd December 2020. Her Officers are currently pulling together an initial report for her on the consultation outcomes. She hopes to have this with details of the main themes shortly. At this point, if it is acceptable to him she will arrange a meeting to discuss the consultation findings and how the matter will be reported to Cabinet in March 2021. She also would like to discuss the need (or otherwise) for a further review group at that meeting.

Cllr Morgan advised he has a meeting with Emma Reed on the 23 February next to discuss the above. H Hanmer requested him to ask Emma for a breakdown of the responses

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(b) 20/20s scheme: Cllr Morgan advised that Peterston's bid to take part in this scheme had not been accepted (not a large enough population)

(c) Flooding: The local flooding event of 23 December 2020 was brought before the Scrutiny Committee on 8 February 2021. The Council has a legal duty under Sec. 19 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 to produce investigatory reports regarding the impact of the flooding experienced. It is hoped a report in this respect will be completed by 31 March 2021 and will be forwarded to the Welsh Government for consideration.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the majority of the flooding problems arise as a result of blocked drains, gullies etc, new housing developments and roads and the fact that rivers are no longer dredged.

(d) Boundary changes: It has been decided that St Brides and St Georges parishes will be removed from the Peterston Ward and will join St Nicholas, Bonvilston and Llanccarfan. Cllr Morgan has raised objections but these have not been successful to date

(e) Flytipping: E Carson enquired whether the Council had any plans to address flytipping. Cllr Morgan advised that the Council recognize this problem which is a constant challenge and difficult to address. It was agreed that removing the charges at the waste disposal sites would help

8. PLANNING:

The Applications **(a)** to construct a woodland maintenance shed for storage at Old Carriage Stables, Hensol and **(b)** the erection of a replacement dwelling at Lynton, Tredodridge had been approved.

An Application to upgrade the existing radio base station at Maes yr Haul, Pendoylan had been received. The Community Council had no objection to this application provided the height of the installation not extended

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Cllr Morgan will endeavour to ascertain the Vale Council's plans for Tyn y Planca and the land opposite Hensol Villas now that the CCFC no longer involved.

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R Rees advised considerable construction work was taking place behind the Stables in Tredodridge. No planning application has been received in this regard and Cllr Morgan agreed to make enquiries

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9. MEETINGS:

(a) One Voice Wales Meeting 25 January 2021. H Hanmer had attended this virtual meeting and reported on the matters discussed

(b) PROW Meeting 4 February 2021: J Huddart & the Clerk attended this virtual meeting together with representatives of Peterston, St Nicholas & Welsh St Donats Community

Councils, Gwyn Teague & Andy Briscoombe (Representatives from the Vale Council). Various footpath issues were discussed and G Teague confirmed he would arrange for a kissing gate to be installed at the entrance to the field opposite the Church in Pendoylan and would investigate the other stile issue raised by J Huddart

(c) Nature: The Clerk had attended a zoom meeting "Plants for a wildlife garden" but unfortunately various technical issues hampered the presentation

(d) Active Travel: H Hanmer attended this virtual meeting given by Sustrans regarding provisions for those wishing to cycle to work.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

All relevant correspondence had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting apart from the following:

(a) One Voice Wales Bulletin: This referred to the disqualification rule for non-attendance of members at meetings. The six month ruling had been temporarily extended due to the Coronavirus situation but if a member is unwilling or unable to attend at remote meetings this is not considered a relevant factor. This issue was noted and discussed JR

(b) Amended Code of Conduct: The Clerk will arrange to forward this to all Councillors for their information JR

(c) Grow Wild - Free wild flower seeds for front line workers: J Huddart would qualify for this. The Clerk will arrange to send her details to enable her to apply JR

(d) Nature: Details of further zoom sessions were advised regarding wildlife gardens, bug life etc. The Clerk will forward these to interested Councillors JR

(e) Dog Theft Warning: It was agreed this be placed in the parish magazine JR

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 11 February 2021

Current Account	£6,964.62
Less unrepresented cheques :	<u>979.64</u>
	5,984.98
Jubilee Account	<u>24.13</u>
Total	6,009.11

Payments to be made:

J Huddart – Xmas expenses	31.30	
Welsh Hearts	186.60	
One Voice Wales	45.00	
Wales Audit Office	257.65	
Easy Space	<u>30.55</u>	551.10
Balance in hand		£ 5,458.01

The above payments were approved

(b) Bank Signatories: The Clerk advised that the Lloyds Bank application forms had now been signed by the 4 proposed new signatories. She advised that once the requisite form had been signed by Tony McCarthy she would forward this for Tina Wride's signature and return. All forms could then be submitted to Lloyds for approval

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Proposed new road J34/M4 to A48: See Item 7(a) above

The Clerk confirmed she had chased Dewi Rowlands for a substantive response regarding WelTAG queries

(b) Debris outside Pendoylan School. This has now been cleared and the pavement resurfaced where necessary

13. TREDODRIDGE ISSUES: S Parnell advised that there were no speed issues at present as less traffic. She did however advise that the drains in the road from The Stables need clearing to prevent flooding occurring lower down in Tredodridge. This to be reported to the Vale Council
JR

14. TRAINING: OVW's training sessions for February were noted

15. COMMUNITY HUB: H Hanmer advised that this was not intended as a platform for advertising businesses etc. It is for local issues only. She and C Hendy are the site's moderators and have to ensure the rules are maintained. It was agreed this ruling be published in the parish magazine
JR

16. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Website: S Parnell reported that the Community Website required updating in regard to the Minutes. The Clerk would advise C Hendy in this respect
JR

(b) Missing Road Sign: J Huddart reported that the "left hand turn" sign at the bottom of Pengelli Hill at the junction of the left turn down "Audrey's" Lane had disappeared following recent hedge cutting. This needs to be replaced as this is a dangerous junction. The Vale Council to be advised
JR

(c) Litter picking: It was agreed that thanks to Phil Glanville should be given in the parish magazine for regularly picking up litter in the lanes around Pendoylan and for organising the Food Bank weekly collections
JR

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

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11 March 2021. E Carson extended his apologies as he would be unable to attend

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting