

**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 14 January 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, C Hendy, Vale Councillor M Morgan and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: None received

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020 had been previously circulated and were approved

4 . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Playpark: A further outbreak of moles is to be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

(b) Places for Nature: The trellis remains to be erected. This will be done once the weather improves **EC/JW**

(c) Noticeboard: This requires treatment . E Carson advised that this will be attended to over the weekend. **EC/JW**

(d) Mower Battery: It is believed this has not yet been removed for storage and H Hanmer said that P Hanmer will kindly attend to this **HH**

(e) Allotments: The vacant allotment has now been taken. Steps will be taken in the Spring to ascertain whether there is room for a further allotment to be created possibly for use as a community garden

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Richard Davies had supplied details of reported crimes in December but none related to Pendoylan Parish. Vale Cllr Morgan was disappointed to report that there had been no police presence (albeit remotely) at any of the Community Councils meetings and he will take this up with the Chief Superintendent **MM**

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Proposed road J34/M4 to A48: Cllr Morgan advised that it was unlikely that the result of the Consultation would be published before March 2021. However, he failed to see how this project could proceed especially in view of the recent Clean Air Bill

(b) 20/20s scheme: The Vale Council had selected Peterston super Ely & St Brides to take part in the pilot 20 mph speed limit scheme

(c) Flytipping: This is on the increase in rural areas and Cllr Morgan stressed the importance of reporting these instances

(d) Flooding: Peterston-super-Ely & St Georges have experienced severe flooding recently and the Vale Council are being asked what action they intend taking to prevent this. It was agreed one of the main causes is silted up drains

(e) Planning: Cllr Morgan has long had concerns regarding the lack of provision of suitable accommodation for retired people who can no longer reside in their current larger properties but want to remain in their villages. At present the Vale Council are constrained by the current planning policy and therefore a change from the Welsh Government down is required to remedy this. This would free up the larger houses but it was agreed there should be a curb on bungalows being extended into large houses. Cllr Morgan suggested that Community Councils should get together to discuss this matter further as villages must be made sustainable or they will die.

8. PLANNING: The application for single storey rear & side extensions at Pendoylan Nursery and a stable block on land off Hensol Road, Hensol had both been approved. Cllr Morgan was asked whether he had been able to ascertain the Vale Council's intention regarding the now vacant Tyn y Planca and also the land opposite Hensol Villas. He confirmed he would make enquiries as soon as possible. **MM**

9. MEETINGS:

(a) School Governors: H Hanmer had attended a Governors' meeting to discuss arrangements for children returning to school. However, the Welsh Government has since ordered all schools to close in view of the rising cases of Covid 19. H Hanmer had reported parking on the pavement outside the school which was preventing social distancing and the Clerk had requested the Vale Council to remove the debris on the pavements.

(b) One Voice Wales Meeting 25 January 2021. H Hanmer will endeavour to attend

(c) Community Liaison Committee Meeting 26 January 2021. No one was able to attend this. Apologies to be submitted **JR**

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

(a) Creative Rural Communities Newsletter – further grants are now available. It was agreed to ascertain what kind of projects they will now consider **JR**

(b) Urdd request for funding: It was agreed to advise them that the Community Council was unable to assist **JR**

(c) VOG Draft Annual Delivery Plan 21-22 Consultation. It was noted this ends on the 26 January 2021.

(d) Website – free compliance check. This to be passed to Richard Hendy for his information. C Hendy said she would re-post details of helpful contacts during the Covid 19 lockdown on the Community Hub **JR/CH**

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) The financial position as at 14 January 2021:

Current Account		£5,984.98
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Payments to be made:

Welsh Hearts	186.60	
(They had lost previous cheque)		
Auditors	257.65	
Easyspace	<u>30.55</u>	<u>474.80</u>

5,510.18

Jubilee Account:

24.13

Balance in hand

£ 5,534.31

The above payments were approved.

The expense incurred in respect of the Christmas event to be advised **JH/HH**

The final precept payment for 2020/21 had been received & is included in the above balance.

(b) Bank Signatories: As a result of the recent death of Peter Fox, the Clerk contacted Lloyds Bank regarding his removal as a signatory of the Accounts only to discover that the current signatories are still showing as Tony McCarthy, Tina Wride & Peter Fox. A fresh application is therefore necessary to rectify the situation.

It was therefore RESOLVED to appoint the following Councillors as signatories:

Hilary Hanmer, Joanna Huddart, James Williams & Eoin Carson and to remove the said Tony McCarthy, Tina Wride and Peter Fox from both Accounts.

The Clerk will obtain the requisite application forms for completion and return to Lloyds as soon as possible. JR

(c) Precept: The Clerk confirmed she had requested the agreed additional £350 pa for 2021/2022 and this request had been acknowledged by the Vale Council

(d) Insurance: The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council has public liability cover but Councillors might like to consider professional indemnity insurance also. However after some discussion it was felt this was not necessary

12. ROAD ISSUES:

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

(b) Local road issues: Potholes and debris in passing places are causing problems for drivers. This to be reported to the Vale Council and also regarding part of a tree which appears to be slipping into the road half way up the hill to the A48 JR

13. TREDODRIDGE ISSUES: None notified

14. CHRISTMAS EVENT:

(a) Tree lights: The tree lights had been taken down & stored by E Carson. Thanks were expressed to J Williams & E Carson in this respect

(b) Parish Christmas Challenge Winners:

(i) Best decorated house/garden – Mr & Mrs Fowler at No. 17 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan and the occupier of No. 6 Hensol Villas, Hensol

(ii) Best local winter photo - Norma Green

A special thank you to Steve O'Donnell (AKA Father Christmas) and to H Hanmer for organizing the events

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Unoccupied properties: Concerns had been received regarding unoccupied properties in the village. It was however understood that the 2 vacant Council properties are awaiting refurbishment and the Covid situation is hampering this. With regard to Church Row, H Hanmer confirmed there are no vacancies at present

(b) Kissing Gate request: The Clerk advised that a request had been received for a kissing gate to replace the stile to the field opposite the church to assist elderly walkers accessing this. There were no objections to this and it was agreed an approach be made to the Vale Council in this respect JR

(c) Funeral: The funeral of the late Steve Reed would be taking place on 22 January and his cortege will pass through the village at 9.20 am. The Clerk confirmed she had sent a message of condolence to Alison & family on behalf of the Community Council

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11 February 2021

The Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm with thanks to G Kellen for kindly arranging the current remote meeting