

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place via Zoom at 8 pm on Thursday 8 July 2021

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

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs E Carson, C Hendy, G Thomas and S Parnell

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2021 had been previously circulated and were approved

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Benches: H Hanmer advised the 2 benches had been assembled and John Hanmer will now arrange for these to be installed – one on the village green and one at Clawdd Coch **HH**

(b) Allotment clearance: This remains to be carried out **EC/CH**

(c) Playpark: Contact had now been made with the Vale Council's Adam Sarjeant who is taking steps to ascertain whether the roundabout could be repainted and matting replaced. He would also make enquiries as to whether there was funding available for additional toddler equipment **JR**

(d) Welsh Flag: E Carson has advised that he will arrange to collect the promised donations and would pass these to the Clerk for banking in readiness for the purchase of the said flag. It was agreed the Union Jack should now be taken down. E Carson has indicated he should be able to do this upon his return next week **EC/JR**

(e) Environmental Cluster Group: H Hanmer reported that she had succeeded in making contact with other local Community Councils and a meeting has been arranged for 12 July 2021. It is hoped that an eco newsletter can be compiled for distribution around the appropriate parishes before the summer holidays with perhaps another one in the autumn. Cllr Morgan was asked to enquire whether Peterston super Ely Community Council wished to join this group **MM/HH**

(f) Community Mower: This has still not been repaired and H Hanmer will endeavour to speak to Mike Edmunds in this respect **HH**

(g) Defibrillator: The Clerk had been advised that as the result of the suggestion by the Community Council the Hall Management Committee will take steps to obtain a defibrillator for the Hall

(h) Clawdd Coch Noticeboard: This requires treatment and J Williams advised that E Carson has the requisite oil. S Parnell is therefore to be contacted to ascertain whether she is still prepared to treat the said Noticeboard **JR/SP**

(i) Culvert vegetation clearance: Chris White was unable to assist and H Hanmer will now contact John Hanmer and obtain a quote for the work **HH**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Richard Davies had advised there had been 2 thefts of golf equipment at the Vale Hotel, 1 drug driving offence on the A4119 and 1 case of possession of cannabis (1 person arrested on Pendoylan Road, Pendoylan in this respect)

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Speed Management: Cllr Morgan advised that the Vale Council's 20 mph speed limit scheme for Peterston super Ely had been approved by Cabinet. The Welsh Government's proposal is for 20 mph speed limit for all residential areas and Cllr Morgan will ask Jane Hutt MS for the definition of "residential". He also confirmed receipt of a

copy of Mike Clogg's response regarding 20 mph speed limit at Clawdd Coch and he will contact him in this respect (Item No. 13(a) below refers) **MM**

(b) Empty Council Houses: Cllr Morgan has concerns regarding the number of vacant Council houses but to date he has been unable to obtain an explanation for this from the Vale Council

(c) Verges: Concerns were expressed regarding the overgrown verges as these are causing safety issues. Cllr Morgan will raise this with the Vale Council and enquire when these will be cut **MM**

(d) Bulky Waste Collection: Cllr Morgan was asked to enquire (i) why bulky items have to be dragged to a kerbside rather than collected from individual residences/drives and (ii) whether the appointment system at Council tips will continue post covid **MM**

8 . PLANNING:

(a) An Application had been received for a barn extension for storage of machinery and crops at Gwaun Wen Farm, Hensol. There were no objections to this application

(b) Cllr Morgan advised that the application for the erection of 3 semi permanent yurts and toilets at Hillside, Pendoylan had not yet been set down for discussion in committee but he will continue to monitor this **MM**

(c) Cllr Morgan advised that there will be a Special Meeting of the Vale Council's Planning Committee on 14 July 2021 to discuss the proposed model farm business park at Rhoose. This could have some impact on Pendoylan re: traffic accessing the site from the Valleys

(d) With regard to the land opposite Hensol Villas and Tyn y Plancau Cllr Morgan had no news but will continue to monitor the situation

(e) Diversion of footpaths at Lillypot Farm. Cllr Ian Perry's objections were noted but it was felt these were unrealistic in rural areas

9. MEETINGS:

(a) Pendoylan School: H Hanmer had attended a virtual Governors' Meeting and advised that for the first time since the new build there was no budget deficit with a healthy carry forward. The remote learning experience provided by all staff during the pandemic has been recognized as being of a very high quality resulting in a good standard of teaching for all pupils. With regard to admissions for the next school year, there will be 24 children in Reception with a few places still available. However the number of children using the After School Club has diminished due to parents now working flexible hours. In view of changes in catchment arrangements 9 children will now transfer to Y Pant rather than Cowbridge. The new curriculum in Wales for 3-18 year olds is currently being considered and designed by all cluster schools together.

(b) One Voice Wales: H Hanmer had also attended a recent One Voice Wales virtual meeting and reported **(i) Hybrid Meetings** - all Community Councils are advised they should not hold in person meetings unless they can also provide remote access for those who are unable to attend in person i.e. hybrid meetings. This would necessitate the implementation of an expensive platform. One Voice Wales are raising objections to this and **(ii) Second homes** - the impact of second homes and the sustainability of communities and the Welsh language was discussed. This is a regional and local problem and not a national one.

(c) Community Liaison Committee: G Kellen had attended a recent virtual meeting and reported regarding **(i) Police Report** – crime figures were up but instances of violence were down. Cases of residential burglaries had increased. With regard to road safety, everyone is urged to report every incident **(ii) Fire & Rescue Service Matters** –

cases of residential fires had increased possibly linked to the way tips are operating at present **(iii) VOG Public Services Board Annual Report**. This gave an overview of the third year of progress in delivering the Well-being objectives and actions set by the Vale PSB in its Well-being plan and **(iv) Review of Community Council Meetings** – this was carried out by Independent Members of the Standards Committee and Clerks would be notified if there had been issues **(n.b. The Clerk had received no adverse comments to date regarding the monitoring of the Meeting held on 20 May last)**

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were discussed:

(a) OVW – Introduction to the new Local Places for Nature Officer. She is prepared to give a presentation to Community Councils and it was agreed to endeavour to get her to join a zoom meeting JR

(b) Climate Change Newsletter – this was noted

(c) WG Consultation on qualifications of Clerks in Wales regs - It was agreed greater clarification was required as to what “Special Councils” were and what would happen if the Community Council ignored the new regulations. It was felt these were unreasonable and hardly likely to attract new Clerks JR

(d) UK Forestry Standard Review Consultation – this to be circulated to all Councillors JR

(e) New Website Accessibility Requirements – it was noted these have to be carried out by 23 September 2021. C Hendy had confirmed that Richard Hendy will attend to this on behalf of the Community Council CH/RH

11. FINANCE/CLERK’S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 8 July 2021:

Current Account	£4,035.57
Less Outstanding cheques (HMRC £219 & Bethania Chapel £150)	369.00
Balance in hand	£3,666.57

(b) Jubilee Account: The Clerk proposed that this Account be closed and the small balance transferred to the Current Account. This was agreed JR

(c) Registers of Interests: There were 3 outstanding and once received all 8 will be placed on the Community Council’s website EC/CH/GK

(d) Strong Communities Grant Fund: The Clerk advised she had submitted the Community Council’s proposal and awaited confirmation (or otherwise) that this met their criteria and that an application for a grant could now be submitted JR

(e) Payments for Church Upkeep: It has been ascertained that if non-parishioners as well as parishioners are buried in St Cadoc’s Churchyard then it will be classed as a “public cemetery” and therefore donations can legally be made towards its upkeep

12. PENDOYLAN & WELSH ST DONATS TRUST:

J Huddart confirmed that this Charity had now been wound up and the investments realized (£15,000) which will be handed over to Age Connect Cardiff & the Vale to be used primarily for the benefit of the parish of Welsh St Donats

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Speed issues at Clawdd Coch: The Clerk had written to the Vale Council regarding the residents’ request for a 20 mph speed limit at Clawdd Coch and a response had been received from Mike Clogg. This had been supplied to the said residents but no comments yet received. However, Cllr Morgan will now take this matter up with Mike Clogg MM

(b) Lane to Y Cwt: H Hanmer and E Carson will meet to discuss a possible road safety issue regarding egress from Y Cwt lane into Heol St Cattwg. EC/HH

Meanwhile concerns had been raised with regard to the amount and speed of traffic through Heol St Cattwg one evening a week as a result of ballet classes being held at Y Cwt. There were fears this could be a safety issue as village children play on or near the village green. H Hanmer will ask the Dance Teacher to contact the parents to ask them to drive more carefully as this is a residential area. It was agreed an approach should be made to the Vale Council for the erection of a cautionary sign indicating "children playing"

HH/JR

14: WILLOW TREE: A resident had contacted the Vale Council requesting that the willow tree in Heol St Cattwg and adjacent fir should be cut down as they were dangerous. Tree surgeons subsequently attended but were reluctant to take action as in their opinion there was nothing wrong with them and a brace on the willow trunk was all that was needed. As the Clerk was subsequently unable to get a response from the Vale Council's Tree Officer (Neil Williams) she contacted Mike Clogg to remind him that this is a conservation area and trees are to be saved and not felled and the Vale Council's Project Zero also advocates saving trees at all costs. He agreed to contact his Park's Dept. and would speak to Mr Williams. An update in this respect is awaited.

JR

15. CULVERT FENCE: It was agreed to approach the Vale Council in the first instance for their advice as to what safety measures should be taken in this respect

JR

16: SUMMER EVENT: This has been fixed tentatively for Sunday 5 September but it was agreed to arrange a separate meeting in this respect once the then prevailing Covid restrictions are known

ALL

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Wild Flowers proposal: A resident had suggested wild flowers be sown on the bank opposite Pendoylan School and cited a project by Rotherham Town Council as an example. It was agreed to contact the Vale Council in this respect

JR

(b) Culvert Pollution: The Clerk reported that Welsh Water have confirmed they will be sending a camera team asap to investigate the source of the pollution

(c) Kissing Gate: The Clerk reported that she was hopeful a kissing gate will shortly be installed at the commencement of Footpath No. 6 (opposite Pendoylan Church)

(d) Community Hub: It was difficult for H Hanmer to post community events on the Hub in respect of Y Cwt without infringing the restrictions regarding advertising. It was therefore suggested a separate page be set up for Y Cwt for community events

HH/CH

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed this be held on the **12 August 2021 at the later time of 8 pm via zoom**

The Meeting was closed at 10.05 pm with thanks to G Kellen for arranging the zoom link