

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 8 December 2022 at 8.00 pm via Zoom

1. PRESENT: Cllr James Williams (Chair), Cllrs Hilary Hanmer, Georgina Kellen, Eoin Carson, Robert Rees, Claire Hendy, Vale Councillor M Morgan, Judith Roberts (Clerk) & Mr R Alexander, an Independent Member of the Vale Council's Standards Committee in attendance to observe the meeting. Mr Alexander was duly welcomed by the Chair

2. APOLOGIES: C Wride and M Tudno Jones.

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as slightly amended

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Benches:

(i) Commemorative Plaque: It was agreed that the Welsh version should be placed alongside the English one rather than on the back of the seat **MTJ**

(ii) Tredodridge Bench: H Hanmer reported that John Hanmer had inspected the proposed site and advised that it would be very costly to erect a base for a bench there. He would provide a quote for further discussion **HH**

(b) Community Mower: H Hanmer advised that Elyas was still interested in acquiring the mower and it was agreed a meeting should be arranged between him and Mike Edmunds with a view to resolving the technical issues **HH**

(c) Culvert: John Hanmer had advised there was currently too much water in the culvert to enable him to cut the hedge etc. He recommended this be left until the Spring. This was agreed

(d) Christmas Event: This was well attended and thanks had been extended to Michael Morgan for his performance as Father Christmas. It was however suggested that next year Father Christmas should arrive once the singing was underway and everyone already present rather than at the commencement of the event. Thanks were also given to (a) G Kellen for providing the music & being the MC (b) to H Hanmer for obtaining the gifts for the children & the mince pies and (c) to J Williams & Chris Glanville for sorting out the tree lights. It was understood that C Wride would contact Tony Wilson with a view to obtaining a new timer for the lights. **CW**

J Williams advised that the tree will need lopping as it is getting too tall to decorate. It was noted there had been a lot of effort by villagers and in Hensol with regard to outside festive lights despite the current financial situation.

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Richard Davies had advised there had been one reported crime in the parish, namely, 2 linked incidents of theft of personal belongings in Hensol

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Housing for the elderly: Cllr Morgan advised that by 2035 70 per cent of the population in the Vale will be over 75 years of age and at present there is no planning for retirement dwellings. He is pursuing this with the Vale Council

(b) Red Lion Pub, Pendoylan: Cllr Morgan said it was good to see that the Red Lion had re-opened. He stated that it was the duty of the Members to encourage people to support it as it was the centre of the community

8. MEETINGS:

- (a) C Wride had attended a Teams meeting with the Vale Council regarding the proposed 20 mph speed limit roll out in the Vale of Glamorgan. She had sent an email report of this meeting in her absence but unfortunately it was not possible to access her attachment in this respect and it is hoped this can be provided in some other format **CW**
- (b) H Hanmer reported that there has been no further attempt by the School's Community Governor to arrange a meeting

9. PLANNING:

- (a) **Applications:** An application had been received for solar carport structures supporting solar panels on existing staff car park at Renishaw plc, Miskin Business Park. The members had no objection to this application
- (b) **7 Heol St Cattwg:** Cllr Morgan had received a response from the Vale Council regarding the recent extensive refurbishment of this Council property & in particular to the rendering of the same which had been carried out in contravention of the conservation area requirements & their failure to obtain planning permission in this respect. The Vale Council now state there is concern that removal of the rendering would damage the brickwork. A sample has been removed & a meeting with their planning team is awaited to discuss the situation & to agree an action plan. With regard to the perceived excessive cost of the refurbishment they state they are under a duty to maintain their housing stock to a high standard.
- (c) **Tyn y Planca:** Cllr Morgan advised he has no information as yet as to the Vale Council's intentions regarding this property

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were discussed & noted:

- (a) Seaweed Farming in Wales project
- (b) Housing in Rural Communities – it was agreed a meeting with Carol Price, the Vale Council's Housing Strategy Co-ordinator be arranged **JR**
- (c) WG – Electoral Administration & Reform White Paper – responses by 4 January 2023
- (d) WG – The future of Welsh Communities – Call for evidence. H Hanmer had responded to this
- (e) VOG – Community Review. It was noted noone was able to volunteer for this & VOG to be advised **JR**
- (f) Older Person's Housing Strategy (this to be circulated to members) **JR**
- (g) OVW Winter Newsletter

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 8 December 2022:

Current Account			£5,015.36
Payments to be made:			
J Roberts – Salary (Oct-Dec)	£1,222.26		
Back payment from 1.4.22	<u>156.00</u>		
	1,378.26		
Less Tax:	<u>275.60</u>	1,102.66	
HMRC Tax on Salary		275.60	
Clerk's expenses		95.27	
Remembrance Wreath		20.00	
OVW Training		35.00	
H Hanmer – Xmas event		<u>35.21</u>	<u>1,563.74</u>
Balance in hand			£3,451.62

The increase in the Clerk's salary by £1 p.h to £15.67 ph (as per the NALC National Salary Awards for 2023/23 wef from 1.4.2022) and the above payments were approved

(b) Payment to Councillors: With regard to the IRPW draft report for 2023/24 and its directive that Members should receive £156 pa for additional household expenses, the advice received from OVW was that they were seeking clarification of this report and asking why it is suggesting this payment should be mandatory. It was therefore agreed to await further advice from OVW in this matter

(c) 2021/22 Accounts: The Clerk advised that these have still not been signed off by Wales Audit and she referred to a recent communication from the WG advising that these Accounts must be prepared and published by 31 January 2023. It was therefore agreed to put the Community Council's Accounts for 2021/22 onto its website as they stand with a note advising sign off by Wales Audit is still awaited

JR

(d) 2023/24 Budget:

The Clerk had provided a draft Budget for 2023/24 and this had been circulated. This showed a deficit of £113 based on the current precept. It was therefore suggested an increase of £345 in the precept be sought making a yearly total payment of £8,000.00. This was proposed by J Williams and seconded by E Carson and unanimously agreed. The Clerk will advise the Vale Council accordingly.

JR

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Proposed 20mph speed limit: As stated in Item 8(a) above, C Wride had attended a meeting with the Vale Council regarding this issue. A copy of their presentation had been forwarded to J Roberts but this was inaccessible and a request for it to be re-sent in another format had been sought.

Cllr Morgan had also attended a meeting in this respect and advised that a 20 mph speed limit through Pendoylan and Hensol would be likely but not through Clawdd Coch as no street lights. It was however noted that there is a 20 mph speed limit through Welsh St Donats where there are no street lights.

R Rees stated there was traffic counting and speed apparatus at Brynhelygan. Cllr Morgan agreed to make enquiries as what this was for

MM

(b) Road signs: It was noted that the Weight Limit Sign by Tyn y Planca had been cleared of foliage. It was not known whether the Give Way sign at the Hensol/Tyn y Planca junction had been restored/cleared. G Kellen would check and advise

GK

13. TRAINING: Details of future OVW Training Sessions had been received and circulated to all members for their information

14. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: It was noted the poppies have yet to be taken down. E Carson would ask his neighbour's daughter to attend to this as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award project. However these are not in a very good state of repair and it was agreed new ones be obtained for next year. Thanks were expressed to Phil Hanmer who had returned the "Tommy" to storage.

EC

15. WEBSITE: With regard to the question as to whether the Community Council's website should provide documents in Welsh, the Clerk advised that One Voice Wales had advised that there is no legal requirement in this respect. However, H Hanmer would make enquiries in the interest of best practice as to whether there was a free translation service provided by the Welsh Government

HH

16. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: With regard to the recent upsetting enforcement letters issued to residents by the Vale Council regarding the cut back of vegetation alongside pavements in Pendoylan, Cllr Morgan agreed to contact them to express the concerns of the Community Council in this respect. Meanwhile it was agreed an invitation be sent to Nathan Thomas, VOG's Neighbourhood Manager – Highways Maintenance, to attend a meeting of the Community Council in order to discuss these issues **MM/JR**

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Free Tree: The Clerk advised that an apple tree, stake & compost had been delivered to her. E Carson and J Williams would arrange to plant this in the community orchard. **EC/JW**

It was noted that the vegetation around the orchard needs cutting back and it is to be ascertained whether this is the responsibility of the Vale Council. Enquiries are to be made in this respect **JR**

(b) Environmental energy supply – sustainable living in the community.

OVW to be asked whether there are any communities that have come together in this respect **JR**

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting would be held on 12 January 2023 at 8 pm via zoom.

The Meeting was then closed at 21.45 pm with thanks to G Kellen for arranging the zoom link.