

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place at 8 pm on Thursday 10 February at 8 pm via Zoom

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

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs E Carson & J Huddart

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 were approved as amended

4 . DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Benches:

(i) It was agreed that the commemorative plaque for the new bench on the village green should read "To commemorate those lost to Covid and to thank this community who stood together during difficult times – 2019-2022". G Kellen advised she would make enquiries as to how best to get this made up **GK**

(ii) H Hanmer advised that John Hanmer would remove the broken bench in Tredodridge. It remains to be decided which bench in the parish should be the next one to be replaced. It was however agreed the cost of this be met from the 2022/23 budget

(b) Clawdd Coch Noticeboard: H Hanmer has obtained a volunteer to carry out the remedial treatment & this will be arranged shortly **HH**

(c) Culvert Fencing: E Carson had arranged for this to be replaced

(d) Remembrance "Tommy": H Hanmer confirmed that this had now been taken down as agreed and stored in the Community Council's container

(e) School Governor: Headteacher, Paula Vaughan, had spoken to John Sparks at the Vale Council regarding the appointment of the next Community School Governor in September 2022. He confirmed that the procedure would be the same as before, namely, applications to be submitted by both Pendoylan and Welsh St Donats Community Councils and the School Governors to decide which candidate was best qualified for the role.

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: Details of crime figures for January were not available possibly due to IT problems being experienced by the Police at the present time

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Rural Roads Policy: This is being put before the next Vale Council Scrutiny Committee for consideration

(b) Housing for the elderly: The next LDP will consider housing for the elderly in the Rural Vale and also the social care crisis in view of the ageing population in the Vale

(c) Empty Council Houses: Cllr Morgan was pleased to note that the empty Council house in Pendoylan is at last being renovated

(d) Consultation on travel & public transport: Cllr Morgan advised he would forward the link for this **MM**

8 . PLANNING: The Application to substitute and relocate the tasting lodge at Llanerch Vineyard had been approved

9. MEETINGS:

(a) H Hanmer had attended a **One Voice Wales Meeting** and reported on Places for Nature Grants and the Welsh Government's response to the One Voice Wales Survey regarding the requirement that multi-location meetings should now be held

by community councils. However the requirement to have multi-location meetings will be problematical and not possible for many Councils at present for logistical reasons and therefore One Voice Wales is seeking further clarity from the Welsh Government as to how these issues can be resolved. In the meantime meetings will continue via zoom.

(b) G Kellen had attended a **Community Liaison Committee Meeting** and reported on the Vale Council's Assessment of Current & Future Well-being. While the coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on all lives in the Vale of Glamorgan this has been experienced disproportionately by certain people, groups and communities. Some changes may therefore help meet future challenges such as the need to reduce emissions. It is most likely that the climate and nature emergency will have the largest impact on the future life in the Vale of Glamorgan

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a) OVW Nature grant – H Hanmer advised that the Chapel is interested in applying for a grant. She would assist them with the application

(b) Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2022-23: Their fees are to increase by 3.7 per cent

(c) OVW News Bulletin: This concerned the Laying of the Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021. The Welsh Government had considered the responses to the OVW Consultation but dismissed the contention that alternative professional qualifications held by Clerks and experience should be acceptable. The WG felt that this could not be objectively measured to provide assurance that a clerk is suitably equipped to support a council in exercising the general power of competence. However, a community council does not have to meet the conditions for the general power of competence unless it wishes to resolve itself an eligible council.

(d) OVW: Report on multi-location meetings (Item 9(a) above refers)

(e) OVW – Information Pack relating to the need for nesting boxes for swifts.

(f) Vale Public Service Board: Draft well-being consultation ends 13 January 2022

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) **Current position:** The Clerk advised that the precept payment had now been received and the current account balance stood at £5,823.23

(b) **2020/2021 Accounts:** These have still not been signed off by Audit Wales

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) **Letter to Jane Hutt MS:** This had been drafted by H Hanmer and G Kellen. A few amendments had been suggested by J Huddart and E Carson and the amended letter will be submitted to Jane asap with a copy being sent to Paula Vaughan **HH/GK/JR**

(b) **PROW Closure:** Bridleway 27 Welsh St Donats and Public Right of Way 24 Pendoylan will be closed from 08/04/2022 12:00 noon to 14/10/2022 12:00 noon to enable new walls to be installed and earthworks undertaken.

13. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: It was agreed an event be held on the Village Green to celebrate the Jubilee but possibly on the 11th or 12th June rather than the 2nd or 3rd as it was feared most young families in the parish will be taking advantage of half term plus the long weekend to be away. The form such event was to take will be discussed with representatives of the other organizations in the village and the Clerk would arrange a meeting **JR**

14. NEW MEASURES TO BE IMPOSED ON COMMUNITY COUNCILS: The Clerk had prepared a summary of these measures for discussion. It was noted that:

- A training plan for all Members and staff must be compiled and published on its website by **5 November 2022**
- An Annual Report must be produced and published asap after **1 April 2022**

- Under S6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Community Councils must prepare and publish every 3 years proposals to maintain, enhance biodiversity and promote resilience. This to be published no later than **December 2022**
- Must publish notice of meetings electronically 3 days before meetings
- 7 working days after the meeting must publish names of who attended, any apologies, any declarations of interest and details of any decisions made

With regard to the Annual Report it is suggested that this contain:

- Information regarding Councillors and contact information
- Income (precept etc)
- Running costs
- Training Plan
- Audit – details of outcome
- Activities – objectives for 2022 (those undertaken/planned to engage with the community)
- Other reports – e.g. S6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- Achievements – reflection on what went well & not so well
- Priorities – planned activities, future budget requirements & how these will be achieved

It was agreed the Community Hub/Noticeboard could be used to ask for ideas but in the meantime a separate 'in person' meeting would be needed to discuss the Annual Report (a date and time to be agreed)

JR

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Community Blower: It has now been established that Jason Welsh has the blower having arranged for its repair last year. The Clerk will arrange to reimburse him.

JR

(b) Clearance of Drains: A request for the drains and gutters to be cleared will be made to the Vale Council

JR

(c) On Street Electric Vehicle Charging Point: An enquiry had been received as to whether an on street charging point could be installed in the Village. It was agreed to contact One Voice Wales to ascertain whether any initiatives are being set up in this respect and whether funding provision available

JR

(d) School Meeting: A request had been received from Paula Vaughan for a representative from the Community Council to attend a meeting in the Church on Monday 14 February 2022 at 1 pm with a representative from Citizens UK and some of the school children in order to answer their questions about Pendoylan & the Community Council. H Hanmer would ascertain whether she could attend

HH

(e) Free Covid commemorative tree: J Williams referred to the Leader of the Vale Council's promise some time ago to provide every Community Council with a commemorative tree. The Clerk will make enquiries as to the present position in this respect

JR

(f) New houses in Hensol: C Hendy had been given to understand that the Ambulance Station had been sold and 8 houses to be built on the site. No planning application had been received and it was agreed to ask Cllr Morgan if he had any information in this respect. N.B. There had been an application in 2016 for social housing on this site which had not been pursued

JR

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed this be held on the **10 March 2022 at 8 pm via zoom unless advised otherwise**

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm with thanks to Georgina Kellen for arranging the zoom

