

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place at 8 pm on Thursday 12 January 2022 via Zoom

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

2. APOLOGIES: None received

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2021 had been previously circulated and were approved

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Benches: The wording for the memorial plaque on the bench on the village green has yet to be agreed ALL

(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 advised the cost of replacing the fencing was confirmed at £192.62 and it was agreed to proceed on this basis EC

(d) Christmas Event: The best outside lights competition was won by No. 5 Heol St Cattwg in Pendoylan & No. 8 Hensol Villas, Hensol. J Williams confirmed the tree lights would be taken down at the weekend and stored in E Carson's garage. JW

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Richard Davies had advised there had been 2 incidents in the parish during December last, namely, a reported case of cloned number plates at Llwynrhyddid Cottages, Hensol and a report of anti social behaviour and covid breach in the lane from Clawdd Coch to Pendoylan but no breach subsequently detected

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Local Elections 5 May 2022: With regard to the forthcoming elections Cllr Morgan would encourage people to put themselves forward for election

(b) VOG's Active Travel Plan Consultation: Of the Vale's 130,000 population only 142 responses were received. This could be due to the way that Vale Consultations are promoted but also to a general apathy in responding to consultations.

(c) Vacant Council Houses: Cllr Morgan stated that there are 5 in his Ward (and not 10 as previously minuted) which is totally unacceptable. The Vale Council advise they have no available funds to carry out the necessary refurbishments at the present time. This will clearly result in further deterioration of the said properties.

(d) Planning - Homes for elderly & care provision: Cllr Morgan stated that it is estimated that by 2035 the percentage of people over 75 in the Vale will be 70%. There is also a need for housing for younger people who want to stay in the area but unable to afford to purchase the current available properties.

With regard to items (c) & (d) above, E Carson made the suggestion that the empty Council Houses could be sold as they cannot be repaired and the funds used to build affordable housing. J Williams stated that each house has the potential to provide sufficient funding for 3 more units in a sustainable location.

(e) Rural Roads Policy: This will be brought forward for discussion at the next Scrutiny Committee Meeting

(f) Logwood Junction: Cllr Morgan advised that Peterston Community Council have proposed that the white lines at this dangerous junction be repaired. It was confirmed the Community Council supported this course of action. However, there is no provision

for a “give way” sign to be provided although R Rees confirmed that there used to be such a sign several years ago and should therefore be reinstated

8 . PLANNING:

The following Applications had been received:

1. for a 2 storey extension on ground floor and bedroom/en suite on first floor at 16 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan. It was noted there is an inconsistency with the plans provided. The roof plans proposed suggest the installation of a velux window to the existing roof as part of the proposed works but this is missing from the elevation drawings. This is to be drawn to the Vale Council's attention together with a request that the materials/finishes be appropriate & commensurate with the design quality of the conservation area. JR

2. to substitute & relocate tasting lodge at Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

3. for a Scoping Opinion to be sought for a supplementary Environmental Statement to that submitted with a previous application in 2014 & other matters by Renishaw plc, Miskin Business Park, Miskin

4. for a Side & rear extension at 1 Castell Bach Cottages, Clawdd Coch, Pendoylan
The Community Council had no objection to the above applications JR
Cllr Morgan had no news regarding the application for 3 Yurts at Hillside, Pendoylan or as to the Vale Council's plans for Tyn y Planca. He will make further enquiries in this regard

9. MEETINGS: None attended. There will be a One Voice Wales Meeting on January 24 and a Community Liaison Committee Meeting on 25 January 2022 HH/GK

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a) OVW Training Schedule (January-March)

(b) WG's Draft Budget 2022/23

(c) VOG – Councillor safety & support guidance

(d) OVW – Rachel Carter's request to forward details of any biodiversity projects carried out in Pendoylan Parish. (H Hanmer confirmed this had been done)

(e) WG – Qualification of Clerks Regulations

(f) VOG – Nature Emergency: delivering the Council's action plan

(g) WG – Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Draft Statutory Guidance for Community Councils. The Consultation closes 17 March 2022.

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 12 January 2022:

There had been no action on the **Current Account** since the last meeting and therefore the **balance remained at £3,318.19**

The final precept payment for 2021/22 is due shortly (the latest Bank Statement is currently awaited).

(b) Payments to be made: There will be £69.30 + VAT due to Easyspace in respect of the website renewal and £192.62 for the culvert fencing. These payments were agreed. Invoices are awaited JR

(c) Precept: The Clerk confirmed she had advised the Vale Council that the required precept for 2022/23 would remain as for 2021/22

(d) 2020/21 Accounts: The Clerk advised these still await sign off by Wales Audit

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) White Lines: A request is to be made to the Vale Council to repaint the road markings at The Smithy junction JR

(b) Rural Roads: J Huddart advised regarding an excellent campaign being fought by Tredodridge residents for a 20 mph speed limit to be introduced in Tredodridge. However the Vale Council's Mike Clogg insists there is no issue. E Carson stated that

waiting for a fatality is no answer. The Vale Council are guardians of safety on the roads which are currently not fit for purpose. He felt that this should be raised to another level. Cllr Morgan said the Rural Roads Policy being pursued should take into account local feelings. This is at least a start and does flag up the problems. However it was felt that physical things still needed to be put into place. G Kellen said that the Vale Council are just not interested in the Rural Vale. All that is being requested is that people drive slower through the lanes. It was therefore agreed to contact Jane Hutt MS and invite her to visit the parish in order to see for herself the problems, namely, speed issues through Pendoylan, Tredodridge & Clawdd Coch and also school traffic etc particularly in the mornings. This was agreed and G Kellen and H Hanmer would meet to compile a list of items to be submitted by G Kellen (as our representative on the Community Liaison Committee) to Jane to be taken forward by her on behalf of the Community Council e.g. a 20 mph speed limit in the lanes, sleeping policemen or chicanes etc. E Carson would assist them in this respect. GK/HH/EC

NB: It was noted that a 30 mph speed limit is to be introduced in Welsh St Donats

13. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Remembrance "Tommy": It was agreed this should now be taken down and H Hanmer will arrange for this to be removed and stored in the Community Council's Container until next November

HH

(b) Community Leaf Blower: It has been noted this is missing from the Community Council Container but unfortunately no information was available as to its current whereabouts

(c) Pendoylan Parish Map: The Clerk advised that she has been given a 100 year old map of Pendoylan Parish. It was agreed this should be made available to anyone wishing to have sight of the same and that this be mentioned in the next Parish Magazine

(d) School Governor: Welsh St Donat's Community Council have enquired as to when H Hanmer's term of office in this respect is due to end after which they will provide a representative to take over this role. H Hanmer confirmed she will consult Paula Vaughan to ascertain the current procedure regarding appointments

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(e) VOG Christmas Tree recycling arrangements: H Hanmer agreed to place these on the Community Hub

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

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed this be held on the **10 February 2022 at 8 pm via zoom unless advised otherwise** (instructions are awaited from One Voice Wales as to whether in person meetings can now be held). E Carson extended his apologies for this meeting due to a work commitment

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