

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Tuesday 9 June 2022 at 8.00 pm via Zoom

- 1. PRESENT:** Cllr James Williams (Chair) Cllrs Hilary Hanmer, Claire Hendy, Mali Tudno Jones, Vale Councillor M Morgan, Judith Roberts (Clerk) & Charlotte Wride (a parishioner)
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Eoin Carson & Georgina Kellen
- 3. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2022 having been previously circulated were approved as drawn
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 5. MATTERS ARISING:**
 - (a) Benches:**
 - (i) Commemorative Plaque:** H Hanmer will arrange to obtain this for the bench on the village green HH
 - (ii) Tredodridge Bench:** No update in this respect available
 - (b) Village On Street Charging Point:** J Williams will make enquiries into the possibility of funding for this JW
 - (c) Playpark:** The Vale Council had offered to provide the Community Council with paint, brushes etc. to enable the roundabout to be repainted. It was agreed their offer should now be taken up JR
- 6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:** No report available but it was noted that a police representative was present at the village Jubilee Event.
- 7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:**
 - (a)** Cllr Morgan referred to a recent serious accident involving a cyclist and car in Peterston which highlighted the urgent need for a Vale Road Safety Policy.
 - (b)** On a general note Cllr Morgan suggested that members of Pendoylan, Welsh St Donats & Peterston Community Councils should get together socially. This was agreed and he will arrange this MM
- 8. PLANNING:**
 - (a) Applications:**

An application had been received for a ground floor extension at 40 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan. There were no objections to this application
 - (b) Approvals:**

The applications to erect a single storey rear extension and rear first floor terrace at 4 Heol Ty Mawr, Pendoylan and a single storey to front, convert garage to utility, demolish existing conservatory & new single storey to rear at 16 Hensol Villas, Hensol had been approved
- 9. MEETINGS:** None attended
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE:** The following documents were noted:
 - (a) OVW – June training dates
 - (b) OVW – Newsletter
 - (c) OVW – Nature Hub
 - (d) Free garden packs from Local Places for Nature.

N.B. Items (b)-(d) to be sent to H Hanmer for her information. JR

It was agreed Rachel Carter (One Voice Wales' Nature Officer) be invited to attend the next (or other) Community Council to give her presentation as advertised JR

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) 2021/2022 Accounts: The Clerk advised that the 2021/22 Accounts had received the internal audit. A copy of these had been previously circulated to all Members which confirmed the balance in hand as at 31 March 2022 was £4,249.32. The said Accounts were duly approved together with the Annual Governance Statement and signed. They will now be submitted to the Wales Audit Office for final sign off. JR

(b) Auditor's report: A D Williams referred to the S137 payments that had been made to the Church and Chapel towards maintenance of their respective graveyards. He informed the Clerk that such payments are illegal. It had been understood that as the churchyards were "open" i.e. people outside the parish could be buried there that such payments were permissible but apparently this is incorrect. It was agreed further enquiries should be made in order to clarify this matter JR

(c) Christmas Lighting: The Clerk had received an invoice from SSE in the sum of £575.32 for the period 26 November 2021 to 6 January 2022. It was agreed this could not be correct as at no time in the past had an invoice for Christmas lighting been received for more than £30 for a similar period. She will pursue this with Western Power and SSE. JR
However, if this charge is correct it would mean no lights on the tree this Christmas as the Community Council could not afford another such sum. It was suggested that in such circumstances it might be possible to obtain donations from parishioners.

(d) Insurance: It was agreed the renewal premium for 2022/23 be paid to Zurich Insurance once their invoice is received JR

12. CO-OPTION: The Clerk advised that there had been two applications for the two vacancies on the Community Council, namely, from Robert Rees and Charlotte Wride. J Williams therefore proposed that Charlotte Wride be duly co-opted onto the Council as a Councillor. This was seconded by C Hendy and unanimously agreed. H Hanmer proposed that Robert Rees also be co-opted and this was seconded by J Williams and unanimously agreed.

13. ROAD ISSUES: In view of the accident referred to in Item No. 7(a) above it was suggested that a Community Speed Watch be arranged in conjunction with the Police. However previous attempts to arrange this have failed as 10 volunteers are needed

14. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: It was agreed this had been a great success and thanks are to be extended to the Jubilee Committee. J Williams suggested that perhaps the Community Council could purchase a marquee to be used for future events. This would cost approximately £495. It was noted that this could be hired out to provide some income for the Community Account, C Wride would make enquiries regarding the availability of suitable marquees for further consideration CW

15. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: There had been several issues lately where residents have contacted the Vale Council direct to request the removal of trees, shrubs etc. without prior reference to the Community Council and with complete disregard to S6 of the Vale Council's Environmental Policy. This has been drawn to the attention of Georgia Thomas, the Neighbourhood Manager of the Vale Council's Housing Dept. who admitted she and her team were unaware of the said Policy. Cllr Hanmer had therefore invited her to attend a meeting of the Community Councils' Cluster Group. HH

16. TRAINING: Code of Conduct training was being rolled out by One Voice Wales for new & existing Councillors and M Tudno Jones & J Williams had attended a zoom session in this respect. H Hanmer would be attending a similar session on 20 June next. The Clerk would ascertain dates of future sessions in order that C Wride could attend JR

The Vale Council's Monitoring Officer has stressed that ALL Councillors should attend these sessions at least every 2 years.

17. COMMUNITY MOWER: H Hanmer advised that Mike Edmunds had the part necessary to repair the mower but this would be a two-man job. M Tudno Jones would ascertain whether he is still able & willing to attend to this and as to who might assist him **MTJ**

18. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGN: H Hanmer suggested contacting Elyas to ascertain whether he could repair the sign. This was agreed **HH**

19. 7 HEOL ST CATTWG, PENDOYLAN

Concerns had arisen regarding the recent exterior refurbishment by the Vale Council of No. 7 Heol St Cattwg. The materials used are not commonly found or used amongst other properties within this, a conservation area, and have completely changed the appearance of the property. Cllr Morgan was therefore asked to ascertain the justification for the departure from the architectural aesthetic commonly found around these houses in Heol St Cattwg which are considered County Treasures. It is felt that this action by the said Council is an erosion of the quality and design aesthetic of the said conservation area and opens doors for other properties to be altered similarly. Cllr Morgan will also ascertain whether Heritage Officers and/or Conservation Officers were consulted prior to these works being carried out **MM**

20. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14 July 2022 at 8 pm via zoom. J Williams gave his apologies. The Meeting was closed at 10.00 pm