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**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 8.00 pm via zoom

1(a) PRESENT: Cllr Georgina Kellen (Chair), Cllrs Hilary Hanmer, Robert Rees, Mali Tudno Jones, Charlotte Wride, Claire Hendy, James Williams, Vale Councillor Michael Morgan and Judith Roberts (Clerk).

1(b) ALSO PRESENT: Carol Price (Vale Council's Housing Strategy Coordinator), Mark Lawrence & Nicola Biddiscombe to advise regarding the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP). The Welsh Government have pledged to end homelessness by 2026 and one of the actions is for all Authorities to implement a RRTP. Mark then gave a **Presentation** of the Vale Council's RRTP which outlined the problems. He stressed that it is important that people are able to live in communities where they have connections and/or where they are able to build a new life. Sustainable communities are crucial to all who live in them and many may want to return to their roots or who need to put down new ones. The aims of their RRTP are to:

- Increase supply of settled accommodation to homeless people
- Remove barriers to settled accommodation faced by homeless people
- Reduce the need for temporary accommodation over the medium to longer term
- Deliver packages of tailored assistance and support to individual needs, including those excluded from other forms of accommodation

Thanks were expressed to Carol Price & her colleagues for their attendance

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr Eoin Carson

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023 were approved as drawn

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Community Choir: G Kellen advised that rehearsals are taking place every Tuesday at 7 pm at Y Cwt and it is hoped the numbers attending will gradually increase with a view to holding a performance at the Community Council's Christmas Event

(b) Playpark: The equipment remains to be painted and it was suggested perhaps those young people currently taking their Duke of Edinburgh Award might help. It was agreed to make enquiries on the community hub

GK

(c) Tools with a Mission: No further update available to date

HH

(d) Marquee: G Kellen agreed to provide M Tudno Jones with the reference numbers of the damaged poles to enable her to seek replacements on ebay failing which new ones will have to be sought

GK/MTJ

(e) Phone Box: No progress yet regarding repainting the same

JR

- 6. Police Report:** PCSO Richard Davies reported just one incident in the parish last month, namely, a disturbance in Hensol but no complaint forthcoming
- 7. MEETINGS:** H Hanmer had attended the OVW meeting held on 9 October 2023. She advised

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as follows:

- (a)** she has details of a site outlining areas of land that no one knows who it belongs to and
- (b)** details of courses for which Welsh Government funding is available.

8. PLANNING:

(a) Applications:

An application had been made for change of use of the Red Lion Inn in Pendoylan to a single dwelling and to erect a single detached dwelling to the rear of the car park. As a result of concerns raised by the community regarding this application a comprehensive objection has been drafted by Jamie Williams and Laura Williams. This was duly approved by Members and will be sent to the Vale Planning Department & copied to Vale Councillor Morgan. The Community Council is indebted to Jamie & Laura in this respect.

JR

It was noted that the owners had previously been invited to meet with the Community Council but there had been no take up.

It was agreed to put a petition to save the jPub on the Community Council Hub

CH

It was also agreed to send a copy of the objection to Alun Cairns MP and to request his support & assistance

JR

(b) Approvals: The Application for a 2 storey extension to form a coach and official's changing areas, a store, press conference/lecture hall on the lower ground floor with training & meeting rooms on the ground floor, extension of existing terraced area & to the lower ground floor at The Vale Pavilion, Hensol was approved

9. Report from Cllr Michael Morgan:

(a) Red Lion Application: Cllr Morgan has requested the Vale Council's Planning Department that this Application be called in to Committee. He also stated it would be

beneficial to endeavour to engage with the owners with a view to deferring their Application in order to give a sale a chance. He is prepared to initiate this

MM

(b) Vale Council's Independent Living Policy: There are grants available in this respect i.e. for stair lifts etc.

(c) VOG Boundary Review: Cllr Morgan requested that he be advised the view of the Community Council in this respect

JR

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

- (a) VOG – Review of Polling Districts, Places & Stations:** It was noted no change for Pendoylan
- (b) VOG – Section 106 Annual Report**
- (c) OVW – Free Community Orchard Package.** It was agreed to apply for this before the deadline on 29 October 2023

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(d) OVW – October Training Dates

- (e) VOG – Replacement LDP briefing session 27 November 2023
 (f) OVW – D Day 80 6 June 2024
 (g) VOG – Boundary Review (Item No. 16 below refers)

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Present position:

		Account
Current		
£5,727.82		
Payments to be made:		
Additional Remembrance poppies	18.00	
Data Protection Fee		<u>40.00</u>
58.00		
Balance	in	hand
5,669.82		

The above payments were approved

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(b) Insurance: A replacement policy is currently awaited from Zurich
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(c) 2022/23 Accounts: These are with Wales Audit and sign off awaited

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) The Smithy: C Wride referred to complaints regarding Tarmac lorries travelling past The Smithy and confirmed she has reported this to the Police

(b) White lines at The Smithy Crossroads: The Clerk confirmed she had advised the Vale Council that the white lines are in urgent need of repainting. A response had been received confirming that this would be attended to but to date no action has been taken. It was agreed to chase the Vale Council in this respect

JR

(c) Missing signage at Hangman's Corner: This is to be reported together with the missing chevrons

JR

13. CULVERT: This has become very overgrown once again. It was therefore agreed steps should be taken to clear the vegetation before the winter
HH

14. BENCHES: The Clerk advised that Sue Parnell had made enquiries regarding the proposed bench for Tredodridge. At present the availability of grant monies from the Vale Council is awaited. It was therefore agreed to enquire whether Tredodridge wish to proceed on the basis of the Community Council's original offer to provide £400 towards the cost of their bench or wait until grant funding becomes available when an application for replacement of all the benches in the parish would be made
JR

15. DISABLED PARKING: Concerns had been raised by some residents of Heol St Cattwg that unauthorized steps had been taken to reserve the parking bay next to the allotments for specific residents. The said layby had originally been installed by the Vale Council for general parking purposes and not for specific residents use. It was agreed this matter should be referred to the Vale Council's Enforcement Department for consideration & appropriate action taken if necessary
JR

16. BOUNDARY REVIEW: It was noted that the latest Boundary Review has recommended that Pendoylan & Welsh St Donats Community Councils be merged with just 4 Councillors for Pendoylan and 4 for Welsh St Donats instead of the current 16 Councillors. After much discussion it was agreed that an objection be lodged in

this respect as it was felt that as Pendoylan Parish is very different from Welsh St Donats as besides the church and village hall it has a pub, school, chapel and supports 3 large businesses (Llanerch, Hensol Golf Academy & the Vale Hotel) and would need more than the proposed 4 Councillors to oversee this. It would be difficult for each parish to become au fait with the other's geographical and other issues and would suffer from the loss of Councillors' expertise and experience. It was noted that Welsh St Donats Community Council were also to object to this proposal

JR

17. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: G Kellen will attend the Service in St Cadoc's Church, Pendoylan at 10.55 am on Sunday 12 November 2023 and would read a lesson. E Carson has also confirmed his availability to read a lesson. H Hanmer advised that Phil Hanmer would erect the "Tommy" opposite the Red Lion and the Clerk confirmed that additional poppies were being obtained to attach to lamp posts etc. M Tudno Jones requested that a reading in Welsh also be made. It was hoped that a professional trumpeter be obtained for the Last Post
GK/HH/JR/EC

18. CHRISTMAS EVENT/LIGHTS: The Clerk advised that she has to advise Western Power details of the number of tree lights etc. It was agreed there were now just 4 strings of LED lights. It was also agreed to hold a separate short zoom meeting to discuss the Event itself & this was arranged for Thursday 2 November 2023 at 8 pm. The date of the event was agreed as being Friday 1st December 2023
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19. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Meeting was closed at 10.22 pm. It was agreed to hold the next Meeting on **9 November 2023 via zoom** together with an additional short zoom meeting on **2 November 2023 at 8 pm** to discuss the Christmas Event