

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 7.30 pm via zoom

WELCOME: A welcome was extended to Sue Armitage of Peterston-super-Ely Community Council who suggested that Pendoylan Community Council and Peterston Community Council share information on flood events so that residents can avoid them e.g. via a whatsapp group of, say, 2-3 councillors from each Community Council to notify each other if there was a flooding problem so that facebook pages could be updated quickly. She outlined the suggested way forward as follows:

Current problems: If there are blocked drains or culverts that need addressing then Highways can be notified to enable them to arrange remedial action.

Prevention: An agreement with Highways needs to be agreed to have a planned programme of work in the autumn to clear drains and culverts to ensure that the existing drains work to the best of their ability.

Hotspots – The problem flooding areas need to be identified so that together, and with the Vale Council, it can be determined whether any action can be taken to fix them. If not, what pragmatic action could minimise the impact e.g. possible signs in the road, for example at Duffryn Mawr, to warn drivers not to drive through the water if it reaches a certain point in the road.

Manage expectations – if nothing can be done to address the hotspot problems then residents' expectations would have to be managed
This was all agreed and Sue would advise further in due course.

The formal meeting then resumed at 8.00 pm

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

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mali Tudno Jones

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2024 were approved as drawn

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Playpark: The Clerk confirmed that the Vale Council had commenced cleaning the playpark equipment but bad weather was hampering progress.

(b) Marquee: G Kellen kindly agreed to seek replacement poles. The Clerk would provide her with the original supplier's details.

GK/JR

(c) Best Kept Village sign: R Rees confirmed he would make enquiries regarding a replacement steel post

RR

(d) D Day Lamp of Peace: After much discussion it was agreed not to purchase the said lamp as it was felt this was a purely commercial project.

(e) King Charles III Portrait: It had been suggested by a resident that when this free portrait is received it be hung in the War Memorial Hall. This was unanimously agreed

6. POLICE REPORT: None available

7. MEETINGS: None attended

8. PLANNING: Red Lion Planning Application. It has been announced that the current Planning Application had been withdrawn. There was no further information in this respect at the present time

9. REPORT FROM VALE CLLR M MORGAN:

(a) **Council Tax:** A 6.7 percent increase for 2024/25 has been confirmed. Cllr Morgan stated that this was deemed necessary to avoid the Vale Council having to dip into their reserves

(b) **Tyn y Planca:** Cllr Morgan has confirmed he will endeavour to ascertain the Vale Council's intentions regarding this property which is becoming more and more derelict MM

(c) **Road Closure:** Cllr Morgan confirmed that the recent road closure signage between Gwern y Steeple and Peterston had to be removed as the Contractors had failed to obtain the Vale Council's prior permission. However, it will become necessary to close the said road for 2 weeks in order for repairs to the Chapel wall to be carried out. He will advise when this is to take place MM

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

- (a) VOG – Council Meeting Agenda
- (b) VOG – Code of Conduct update
- (c) OVW – Minutes of the meeting 29 January 2024
- (d) OVW – Statement of OVW Key Aims
- (e) OVW – Dday 80 Flag of Peace
- (f) WG – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report
- (g) Keep Wales Tidy Seminar 13 March 2024

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 14.3.2024

Current Account	£6,349.89
Plus allotment rent	<u>4.00</u>
	6,353.89

Payments to be made:

J Roberts Salary (Jan-Mar)	£1,300.26	
Less Tax:	<u>260.00</u>	1,040.26
HMRC Tax on Salary		260.00
J Roberts expenses (Jan-Mar)		55.00
OVW fee 2024/25		97.00
VOG – Allotment rent	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1,453.26</u>
Balance as at 31.3.2024		£4,900.63

(subject to audit)

The above payments were approved

The Clerk advised that Audit Wales Account for 2023/24 had not been received to date.

(b) 2024/25 Audit:

The Clerk advised that the 2024/25 audit would be a "Full Audit" carried out by Audit Wales in person in addition to that carried out by the Internal Auditor

12. RESIGNATION/CASUAL VACANCY:

There is now a vacancy on the Pendoylan Community Council following the resignation of Cllr Eoin Carson as a result of his increasing work load and family commitments.

Thanks were extended to him for his past service to the Community Council. The Clerk confirmed she would place the appropriate Casual Vacancy Notice in the next Parish Magazine JR

13. ROAD ISSUES:

None other than the continuing pothole problem. It was noted that the signage at "Hangman's Corner", Hensol had now been replaced together with the chevrons

14. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: Complaints had been received from residents regarding an infestation of rats which appear to be as a result of the overflowing skip at the rear of the Red Lion Pub. The Clerk will contact the Selling Agents in the first instance to advise them of the problem. If no remedial action taken then the Vale Council's Environmental Health Department to be notified **JR**

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm . It was agreed to hold the next Meeting on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 8.00 pm **via zoom**