

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

The Annual Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 9 May 2024 at 7.30 pm via zoom

WELCOME: A welcome was extended to Domonic Bliszko who had applied to fill the current vacancy for a Councillor

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

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Hilary Hanmer, Mali Tudno Jones & Vale Cllr Michael Morgan

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR: R Rees proposed that G Kellen be appointed as Chair and this was seconded by C Wride and unanimously agreed. G Kellen therefore remained in the Chair

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR: It was agreed to leave the appointment of a Vice Chair until the June meeting

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: This was duly signed by G Kellen

6. APPOINTMENT of Councillors to serve as Council's representative on outside bodies for 2024/25:

Community Liaison Committee: C Wride

One Voice Wales – H Hanmer

Pendoylan Parish Houses Charity – H Hanmer

7. DELEGATION of functional responsibilities:

Planning: All

Social Events – All

Data Protection Officer: J Roberts

8. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2024 having been previously circulated were approved as drawn

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

10. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Allotments: There had been no take up for the spare allotments. If no response received soon consideration will be given to offering them outside the parish

(b) Playpark: G Kellen will confirm to Ryan Davies that his offer to arrange for the units in the playpark to be painted had been gratefully accepted and this could proceed as soon as convenient for him. He had indicated he would also arrange for the telephone box to be painted

**GK
RR**

(c) Best Kept Village Sign: R Rees will arrange for a replacement pole

(d) Red Lion Inn skip: The Clerk had made a complaint to the Vale Council's Environmental Health Dept regarding the overflowing skip in the carpark and the infestation of rats. The offending skip has now been removed

(e) Marquee: G Kellen had arranged for replacement poles to be obtained and these have now been received & stored in the Community Council's container

11. Police Report:

PCSO Richard Davies reported that in April there had been theft of farm equipment and a theft of a hedge in Pendoylan. Also in Pendoylan there had been a report of suspicious activity at the Red Lion Inn. Males had been reported in the Car Park. The area was searched by the police but the said males had left the location. However, a stolen vehicle was located in the car park by the police & recovered

12. Report from Vale Cllr Michael Morgan:

No report available

13. MEETINGS:

(a) H Hanmer had attended the following meetings and reported as follows:

(i) Pethau Bychain (OVW) 16 April 2024 regarding the new Workplace Recycling law which now applies to all non domestic premises (including businesses, charities, community & church halls, pubs, churches, chapels and non residential properties). It was agreed a summary of this new law be put in the next Parish Magazine **JR**

(ii) Pethau Bychain meeting 24 April 2024. This was regarding the new white paper regarding the duty of public bodies to deliver Section 6 of the Environment Act (Securing a Sustainable Future)

(iii) One Voice Wales Meeting 22 April 2024: Unfortunately the speaker on Cost of Living was cancelled. However, H Hanmer subsequently posed a question as to how Councils propose to address rural deprivation and isolation as priority for funding is given to urban and not rural settings

(b) G Kellen and R Rees met with representatives from Peterston super Ely Community Council and members of the Vale Council to discuss local flooding problems. It is intended to set up a joint Whats App for ease of reporting flooding issues

14. PLANNING:

Applications received from the following:

(a) for the demolition of existing garage & construction of ancillary annex at Trehedyn Cottage, Trehedyn Lane, Peterson Super Ely

(b) proposed two storey side and rear extensions and remodeling of existing property & replacement detached garage with storage above at The Cherries, Pendoylan Road, Pendoylan.

The Members had no objection to these applications

15. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a) OVW: Members allowances - All members present confirmed they did not wish to take up the prescribed allowance

(b) Pendoylan School - Forthcoming events information

(c) OVW - Latest news bulletin

(d) VOG - Overgrowth at rear of Ty Carreg, Pendoylan: Georgia Thomas has now confirmed that the Vale Council will cut the grass area at the rear of this property but she agreed to leave the shrubs/bushes at the side to promote wildflower growth etc.

(e) Audit Wales - instructions for full audit. This will affect Pendoylan Community Council this year. It was agreed to contact One Voice Wales regarding the burden of this extra cost & enquiring whether Councils with a precept under £10,000 could be exempt **JR**

(f) OVW - Educational Welsh for all

(g) OVW - Training dates May/June

(h) OVW - Preparation & Publication of Annual Report - The Clerk will liaise with Hilary Hanmer in this respect **JR/HH**

(i) Boundary Review Report: The Boundary Commission considered objections made regarding the merger of Pendoylan & Welsh St Donats Community Councils but have confirmed this will go ahead in May 2027 subject to the Welsh Government's approval

(j) Pethau Bychain Working Party – final consultation response

(k) OVW – National Hedgerow week 6 May to 12 May

16. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 9 May 2024

Current Account	4,809.82
Precept	<u>2,833.00</u>
	7,642.82

Payments to be made:

Additional marquee poles	<u>255.23</u>
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Balance in hand **7,387.59**

The above payment was duly approved

(b) 2023/24 Accounts:

The Clerk presented the completed Accounts for 2023/24, which had been duly audited by A D Williams. These evidenced a balance in hand as at 31 March 2024 of £4,809.82. The Accounts were duly approved by all members present together with the Annual Governance Statement and signed by G Kellen as Chair

(c) Members Allowances: The Annual Timetable of Actions as provided by One Voice Wales was noted but all Members present confirmed they wished to continue to opt out of the £156 annual payment to Councillors as set down by IRPW

17. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Large vehicles: Concerns were raised regarding large vehicles travelling through the lanes despite the weight restriction signs. It was noted that complaints have been made to the police, the Vale Council and direct to various Company vehicle owners in this respect but to no effect. It was agreed the introduction of chicanes would be an effective deterrent but little chance of the Vale Council funding this at the present time.

(b) Speed issues: C Hendy raised the issue of traffic speeding through Hensol despite the 20 mph limit. This is also an issue through Pendoylan village. It was believed a recent speed trap had been set up in Pendoylan and it is hoped one in Hensol will also be carried out to monitor the situation

18. TRAINING: The training sessions for May/June were noted.

19. CASUAL VACANCY: G Kellen proposed that Domonic Bliszko be co-opted as a member of the Pendoylan Community Council and this was seconded by R Rees and approved by all present. The Clerk will now arrange for him to attend the Code of Conduct Training

JR/DB

20. D DAY 80 – 6 JUNE 2024: It was agreed to hold the usual community summer event instead of one for the D Day 80 celebrations

21 COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13 June 2024 at 7.30pm via zoom.

The Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm