

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 10 April 2025 at 7.30 pm via zoom

1. PRESENT: Cllr Georgina Kellen (Chair) Cllrs Peter Watson, Charlotte Wride, Hilary Hanmer and Judith Roberts (Clerk) and Vale Councillor Michael Morgan

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mali Tudno Jones, Claire Hendy Domonic Bliszko and Robert Rees

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2025 having been previously circulated were approved as slightly amended

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Best Kept Village sign: R Rees confirmed this is now in his workshop awaiting some amendment when it will be erected shortly **RR**

(b) Church Garage: The Community Council are unable to take up occupation until this has been vacated and cleared on behalf of the previous tenant

(c) Allotments: The Clerk had been advised that M Tudno Jones would take up one of the allotments but there had been no further takers. It was therefore agreed to discuss what to do with the allotments at the AGM **ALL**

(d) Dog Litter: A resident had kindly removed the offending dog poo bags from the field in question. It was agreed to monitor the situation

6. POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies advised that there was a burglary of a vacant dwelling in Pendoylan in December and one person arrested. Fencing at Hensol Woods had been set on fire but no suspects identified. Police patrols ongoing and theft of a wallet at a hotel in Hensol. Enquiries on going

7. REPORT FROM VALE CLLR MICHAEL MORGAN:

Rural Transport: Cllr Morgan reiterated that the community needs to get involved with Transport Consultations and recommend that a shuttle be provided to enable the local community to benefit from the excellent half-hourly X2 bus service on the A48 to Cardiff or Cowbridge & beyond. He will contact VOG's Ken Skates in this respect **MM**

8. MEETINGS: C Wride had been unable to attend the Community Liaison Committee Meeting on 7 April 2025

9. PLANNING:

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a) OVW; Wales & VE Day 80 8 May 2025: It was noted that it is expected church bells to be rung across the country at 6.30 pm. It is hoped Pendoylan Church bells can be rung at this time. P Watson will make enquiries in this respect **PW**

(b) Audit Wales: Documentation for the 2024/25 audit have been received

(c) OVW: Agenda for the meeting on 14 April 2025. H Hanmer hoped to attend this meeting

(d) OVW: Details of their new website received <https://onevoicewales.wales>

(e) OVW: Sec 6 Reports: Info/webinar 14 April 2025 11 am & 7 pm. It was noted that a yearly report has to be produced and submitted. It was suggested a similar report to that prepared by the Community Council last year be submitted. H Hanmer will review this and advise any amendments/additions **JR/HH**

(f) VOG: Strong Communities Grant Fund 2025: Applications up to £15k to be submitted by 30 April 2025. It was agreed that as before this is mainly for urban projects

(g) WG: Democratic Engagement Grant: Applications for over £1k to be submitted by 9 May 2025. This is also for mainly urban projects

(h) OVW: Request for Motions for their AGM on 1.10.2025 to be submitted by 20 June 2025

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Current Account as at 10 April 2025

£5,691.10

Less outstanding payments:

HMRC Tax on Salary 269.60

Additional marquee poles 255.23

VOG – Allotment rent 1.00

OVW Subs 2025 102.00 627.83

Balance in hand £5,063.36

(b) Computer: The Clerk advised that the Community Council's laptop had irretrievably broken down. However the data thereon had been recovered at a cost of £80 which payment was approved. The date has been transferred to a new computer purchased at the Clerk's expense

(c) 2024/25 Accounts: The Clerk had provided a Receipts and Payments Account as at the 31 March 2025 which had been circulated to members which confirmed the above balance in hand. This is however subject to audit. She will now arrange to complete the Wales Audit final Accounts for 2024/25 for approval at the next meeting (following the internal audit to be carried out by Tony Williams as previously agreed)

(d) Lloyds Bank: With regard to the bank charges now being imposed upon the Community Council it was agreed that the Clerk contact their Business Banking Dept to endeavour to obtain an exemption in this respect **JR**

12. TRAINING: P Watson confirmed he would attend the New Councillor Induction training on 21 May 2025. The Clerk will arrange this **JR/PW**

13. BENCH: It was agreed to replace the second bench on the village green with a recycled 3 seater bench. The cost of this would be between £400 & £500 but would not require a new base. H Hanmer will now arrange to obtain this **HH**

14. ROAD ISSUES: The Vale Council are systematically repairing local potholes but at great inconvenience to the public as road closures are taking place without prior notice. Cllr Morgan had been instructed to complain to the Council in this respect **MM**

15. COUNCILLORS ISSUES:

Phone box in Heol St Cattwg: This is in dire need of repainting and it was recalled that Ryan Davies from Llanerch Vineyard had previously agreed to arrange this. G Kellen will contact him again in this respect **GK**

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: A discussion took place as to whether the AGM on 8 May 2025 should be an in person or via zoom. It was agreed that the Clerk ascertain nearer the time how many members could attend in person. If insufficient then the said meeting would be via zoom **JR**

The Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm