

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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A resident attended the Open Forum to advise Members of the Community Council regarding their amended planning application in respect of 50 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan. This was regarding the Vale Council's objection to the removal of a now obsolete chimney. After much discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would reiterate their previous comments in this regard, namely, that they had no objection to its removal & supported the applicants' intention to install an eco friendly heating system for which a chimney would not be required

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council then took place on Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Cllr Georgina Kellen (Chair), Robert Rees, Domonic Bliszko, Mandy Paterson & Judith Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Claire Hendy, Peter Watson, Hilary Hanmer & Mali Tudno Jones

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2026 having been previously circulated were approved as drawn

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Best Kept Village sign: R Rees advised this should be replaced shortly **RR**

(b) White lines: Confirmation is awaited as to whether these require renewing at the Caerwigau junction

(c) School parking: An update in this respect is awaited **PW**

6. REPORT FROM VALE CLLR MICHAEL MORGAN:

There was no report available in Cllr Morgan's absence

7. MEETINGS: None attended

8. PLANNING: The following Notifications had been received:

(a) An application to vary Condition 2 & removal of Condition 6 of previous consent in respect of the conversion of 50 Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan (Discussed as above & the Vale Council to be advised accordingly) **JR**

(b) An application for the development of an agricultural building & associated facilities (i.e. polytunnel & further allotment areas) on land adjacent to Gorllwyn Forestry Holding & parcel of land south to Mill Pond as an agricultural operation (Members had no objection to this application)

(c) Approval has been given for the creation of a wildlife pond & removal of invasive plant species at Llanlay Meadows, Peterston-super-Ely

(d) Approval has been given for a rear 2 storey extension & changes to fenestration at 1 Hensol Villas, Hensol

Confirmation had been received from P Watson that Pendoylan School had applied for some of the \$106 monies awarded to Ystradowen

9. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a)VOG – Beth Pickup (new Rural Housing Enabler) requesting a meeting. This was discussed but agreed not to pursue this at the present time

(b)VOG – Local Lettings Policies – revised approach

(c) VOG – is reviewing its Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003

(d) OVW – Agenda for meeting on 27 April 2026 in Cowbridge Town Hall

(e) VOG - Community Liaison Committee Meeting 16 April 2026 cancelled. Next meeting 2 July 2026

(f) Rural Western Vale Group Meeting 15 April 2026 at 10 am in Cowbridge Town Hall

10. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Current Account as at 9 April 2026

£4,855.31

Payments to be made:

OVW training fee	42.00	
Church garage hire (April)	30.00	72.00

Balance in hand		£4,783.31
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The above payments were approved

(b) 2025/26 Accounts: The Clerk advised that the requisite forms had now been received from Audit Wales. She had prepared and circulated a draft Statement of Account as at 31 March 2026 for Members' information. She will prepare the final accounts in readiness for the first audit. **JR**

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor: The Clerk proposed that Mr A D Williams be appointed as Internal Auditor for the Community Council's 2025/26 Accounts as in previous years. This was unanimously approved. **JR**

(d) 2026/27 Accounts: The Clerk advised that the Accounts for 2026/27 will be the last ones to be prepared for Pendoylan Community Council before the merger with Welsh St Donats Community Council. This will have to be a full audit to comply with the 3 year cycle set by Audit Wales. In view of the merger complications it was suggested an extension of time for completion of this be sought **JR**

(e) Merger: The Clerk advised that further meetings with advice for Clerks regarding mergers were in the pipe line. In the meantime she had begun to build an evidence pack as recommended by the Vale Council. It was noted that an Order confirming the boundary changes had now been made by the Welsh Government

11. TRAINING: M Paterson confirmed she had attended the One Voice Wales training session "Induction for new Councillors". The Clerk will now arrange for her to attend a "Code of Conduct" session on 27 May 2026

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Heol St Cattwg: Concerns had been received regarding the current reduced visibility for traffic exiting Heol St Cattwg as a result of a transit van parked alongside the village green bordering the main road. It was hoped that this could be resolved shortly but in the meantime M Paterson kindly offered to cut back the shrubbery on the village green which would greatly assist visibility

(b) Speed check: M Paterson confirmed that a speed check was recently carried out on Pendoylan Road

(c) Signage: G Kellen had advised that the signpost at "Hangman's Corner" Hensol had once again been demolished by a vehicle obviously travelling too fast. It was agreed to request the Vale Council to arrange for replacement signage and removal of the debris of the previous one **JR**

13. SUMMER EVENT: As this will be the last Pendoylan Community Council summer event to be held before the merger with Welsh St Donats Community Council in May 2027 it was agreed to make this a really good one and ideas to be sought from the community as to what form this should take. G Kellen would put this on the community hub. **GK**

14 . COUNCILLORS ISSUES:

(a) Flytipping: D Bliszko referred to the old road alongside part of the CCFC land & reported that this is piled high with litter. He would see if he could ascertain whose responsibility this would be to clear the same **DB**

(b) Dog Litter: There have been recent reports of dog litter around the lower part of Heol St Cattwg and on residents' gardens. It was agreed this be mentioned in the next parish magazine & a request made that dog owners take their dog litter home and do not let their dogs roam unattended **JR**

(c) Remembrance Bench: The Clerk advised that this is covered in algae and requires cleaning. M Paterson advised that a resident's daughter was taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and this could possibly fulfil one of her community projects. She would make enquiries **MP**

(d) Village green issue: There had been a complaint regarding the football goal post & net recently erected on the village green which the local children were using. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the pros and cons regarding this but it was unanimously agreed that it was important these days for children to be encouraged to play outside and that no action be taken to request its removal. It was evidenced that Pendoylan was a vibrant and living village. However it would be monitored to ensure the area was kept tidy

(e) Tyn y Planca: Concerns were expressed regarding the state of Tyn y Planca as a result of a recent fire and it was agreed to request Vale Cllr Morgan to ascertain what plans the Vale Council have for this site **JR/MM**

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Matters arising from these Minutes & any new issues

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The **AGM will be held on 14 May 2026 at 7.30 pm** in Pendoylan School. This will be the last AGM of Pendoylan Community Council before the merger with Welsh St Donats Community Council in May 2027.

The Meeting was closed at 8.45 pm