

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

It was understood that members of the community would be attending the Open Forum prior to the commencement of the Meeting to voice their concerns regarding the Vale Council's RDLDP which outlines land in Pendoylan for possible development. However no one attended but this matter would be discussed under Item No. 12 below

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council then took place on Thursday 5 March 2026 at 7.30 pm via zoom

1. PRESENT: Cllr Georgina Kellen (Chair), Robert Rees, Hilary Hanmer, Domonic Bliszko, Peter Watson, Vale Councillor Michael Morgan & Judith Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Claire Hendy, Mandy Paterson & Mali Tudno Jones

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 having been previously circulated were approved as drawn

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs H Hanmer & P Watson in regard to Item No. 14 below

5. MATTERS ARISING:

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

(b) Street Light/broken wall: The Clerk reported that the street light had finally been repaired. The Vale Council did apologise for the delay. They also advised that they await hearing from their contractors as to what action is proposed to repair the broken wall on the outskirts of the village

6. POLICE REPORT: PCSO Richard Davies had advised that there had been a theft of a post box in Hensol. However he will no longer be able to provide monthly crime figures. Any crime figures or information will have to be formally requested via a freedom of information application. This is to ensure the police comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. This was discussed with Vale Cllr Morgan who will raise the Community Council's concerns with the Community Police Officer when he attends the Peterston market **MM**

7. REPORT FROM VALE CLLR MICHAEL MORGAN:

(a) Council Tax: It was understood that this could increase by 5.5% for the year 2026/27 but this had not yet been confirmed. Cllr Morgan hoped that this increase would be used to improve rural bus services and stated that he will continue to press for a shuttle bus from the village to the A48 to enable access to the X2 Service

(b) Pot holes: This is a national problem but Cllr Morgan felt that the Vale Council were trying to remedy the local problems in this respect

(c) Sandy Lane: Sec 106 monies have been made available in Ystradowen as a result of a recent development to provide or enhance educational facilities. Cllr Morgan stated that if pupils from Ystradowen attended Pendoylan School it could be that the latter could also benefit from this funding. Cllr P Watson would bring this to the attention of Pendoylan School **PW**

(d) VOG's RLDLP: See Item No. 12 below

(e) Cllr Morgan confirmed that he will endeavour to attend coffee mornings once a month which are held in Y Cwt to enable residents to speak to him regarding any concerns they may have

8. MEETINGS: Merger of Pendoylan & Welsh St Donats Community Councils 2027:

The Clerk advised she had attended Vale Council's on line meeting for Clerks on 5 March 2026. OVW's Paul Egan was elected as Chair for the meeting which covered the topic of Community/Town Councils mergers in May 2027 in some detail. She will provide a summary of the actions to be taken prior to the merger at the next Community Council Meeting. The TUPE regulations are very complex & it is not clear how they will affect the clerks' positions. However it was clear that the appointment of a new Clerk will have to be made by the newly formed merged Council. P Watson enquired whether J Roberts would be prepared to cover the transition for, say, 2 -3 months? However, P Egan advised he would make enquiries as to whether the WG/VOG would fund the appointment of an interim clerk for, say 2 months, which would appear to be the desirable option.

9. PLANNING: The following Notification had been received:

An application for a rear two storey extension at 1 Hensol Villas, Hensol. The Members had no objection to this application

With regard to CCFC's recent application it was agreed that should it transpire this is an additional planning item then possibly \$106 monies should be made available to the Pendoylan community. It was agreed enquiries should be made as no benefit has accrued to the community from this development to date

JR

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

(a) Email from GMB Union. Auditor A J Williams had recommended that the Clerk join to enable her to gain protection regarding the merger of Pendoylan & Welsh St Donats Community Councils. It was agreed to explore this possibility for further discussion

ALL

(b) Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales Newsletter

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

Current Account as at 5 March 2026: £6,492.80

Payments to be made:

J Roberts salary Jan-Mar)		
13 weeks @ £17.85 ph x 6 hrs pw	1,392.30	
Less HMRC Tax	<u>278.40</u>	1,113.90
HMRC Tax		278.40
ENI		21.34
OVW Subs 2026/27		107.00
J Roberts expenses (Jan-Mar)		54.35
VoG – allotment rent		1.00
Audit Wales 2024/2025	300.00 E	
Bank Charges	<u>7.00 E</u>	1,882.99
Balance in hand		£4,609.81

The above payments were approved subject to confirmation of estimated items. The Clerk was unable to provide a definitive statement as the requisite information was unavailable at the present time. The financial year will end 31 March 2026.

12. VOG'S RDLP 2020-2036 Consultation on the Deposit Plan: Concerns had been received by residents concerning the above which refers in part to land in Pendoylan. The Deposit Plan details the overall strategy, development policies, areas to be protected and specific land allocations for development (including new housing and employment) over the 15 year period. It was noted that the sites in question are merely candidate sites at present. It was agreed there was no necessity for the Community Council to lodge a comment as it had reviewed the plan & understood there were no plans for development in Pendoylan in the foreseeable future in view of the lack of infrastructure. However it was also agreed the Community Council should remain vigilant in this respect.

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Speed: It has been confirmed that a speed check is to be arranged for Pendoylan

(b) White Lines: Cllr Hanmer will check the junction at Caerwigau with the main Pendoylan Road to ascertain whether the white lines are still visible

HH

(c) School parking: R Rees advised parents were parking on the opposite side to the school which is a health & safety issue as children then have to cross the busy road. P Watson will notify the school with a request parents be warned

PW

14. CHURCH ROW: Several complaints regarding a tenant in Church Row had been received from residents in respect of the inconsiderate parking in lower Heol St Cattwg of 4 vehicles which appeared to belong to the said tenant in addition to one parked on the premises. These vehicles are often left across residents' frontages impeding access to their properties. H Hanmer as Chair of the Trustees advised that enquiries had been made but confirmed that there had been no breach of the tenancy agreement and that the said vehicles were in fact on a public highway. G Kellen therefore suggested the complainants speak to the tenant direct (or write) to express their concerns in the hope an amicable solution could be reached

15. TRAINING: Training is being arranged for M Patterson in respect of the New Councillor Induction on 24 March 2026

JR/MP

16. COUNCILLORS ISSUES:

(a) Summer Event: It was agreed this be placed on next month's agenda but in the meantime enquiries would be made on facebook asking for suggestions e.g. picnic, treasure hunt, quiz night etc.

(b) Memorial: It was with sadness that Members heard of the death of former resident & Councillor Jeanette Llewellyn so soon after that of her husband Viv. It had been suggested by some residents that a bench or tree be installed on the village green in their memory. Members had no objection to this provided this was funded by the said residents & the necessary permission obtained from the Vale Council.

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

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9 April 2026 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan School

The Meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

