

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

The **AGM** of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Cllr Georgina Kellen (Chair), Robert Rees, Domonic Bliszko, Mandy Paterson, Hilary Hamer & Judith Roberts (Clerk) and Vale Councillor Michael Morgan

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

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

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR: R Rees proposed that H Hanmer be re-appointed as Vice Chair. This was seconded by G Kellen and unanimously agreed

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 2025/26:

Community Liaison Committee: Vacancy

One Voice Wales – H Hanmer

Pendoylan Parish Houses Charity – H Hanmer & P Watson

7. DELEGATION of functional responsibilities:

Planning: All

Social Events – All

Data Protection Officer: J Roberts

8. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2026 having been previously circulated were approved as drawn

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

10. MATTERS ARISING:

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

RR

(b) School parking: An update in this respect is awaited

PW

(c) Remembrance Bench: M Paterson kindly offered to remove the algae from the remembrance bench on the village green

MP

(d) Flytipping: D Bliszko had investigated the flytipping along the old road near the CCFC land and reported that the extent of this was horrendous. He confirmed he had reported this to the Vale Council

(e) Signage: The Clerk confirmed that she will advise the Vale Council regarding the damaged signpost at "Hangman's Corner" Hensol & seek a replacement

JR

(f) Visibility issues: Thanks were extended to M Patterson & Sharon Price for cutting back the overgrown shrubbery on the village green. This has enabled the visibility for vehicles exiting Heol St Cattwg to be greatly increased

11. REPORT FROM VALE CLLR MICHAEL MORGAN:

Cllr Morgan has as previously advised been endeavouring to persuade the Vale Council to improve rural bus transport. It is believed they are considering improving the 320 bus service but Cllr Morgan is keen to get the Council to provide a shuttle service from the villages to the A48 in order to benefit from the excellent X2 service. Residents views would therefore assist his case

12. MEETINGS: None attended

13. PLANNING: The following Notifications had been received:

1. Proposed single storey rear extension, front porch extension, alterations to existing house and annex, alterations to existing fenestration & new external materials, new driveway & detached garage at Sycamore Court, Trehedyn Lane, Peterston super Ely
2. Proposal – stables with proposed change of materials on access track previously authorised by an earlier approval at Hillside, Pendoylan
3. An Appeal in respect of the refusal of an application for a dwelling at The Paddocks, Home Farm, Hensol
4. Approval of Proposed single storey extension, removal of first floor flat roof to be replaced with a pitched roof at the rear & change to boundary at Rose Cottage, Tredodridge
5. Application for 3 gypsy traveller pitches, day/utility room, 2 parking places per pitch, ecological improvements & installation of private treatment plant at Lee's Paddock, Land at Clawddock Farmhouse, Pendoylan (this is land south of Cox Head Wood, Pendoylan Road).

This application had been discussed by Members as a result of which it was agreed that professional advice be sought as how best to put its case forward for the application to be refused in view of local concerns. Thanks were expressed to a local resident who had subsequently provided professional advice as a result of which a very detailed and robust objection had been submitted to the Vale Council.

Vale Cllr Michael Morgan had also been requested to arrange for this Application to be called into the Vale Council's Planning Committee for full consideration rather than it lie in the hands of one Planner to make a decision

14. CORRESPONDENCE: The following documents were noted:

- (a) VOG Standards Committee: Request for details of our meeting dates with a view to their attendance
- (b) OVW – Civility and Respect Pledge
- (c) WG – New Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales & new Sec 7 Species & Habitat Lists
- (d) VOG Community Safety Team – Allotment Watch
- (e) Western Vale Community Councils – Minutes of Meeting 15 April 2026

15. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Current Account as at 14 May 2026

Add: First instalment of precept		£4,855.31
		<u>3,167.00</u>
		8,022.31
Less: April Church Garage payment	30.00	
OVW Training fee	42.00	
Bank charges	<u>4.75</u>	<u>76.75</u>
		7,945.56

Payments to be made:

A D Williams – Payroll & Audit	400.00	
Steve Green – Bench	60.00	
Church garage hire (May)	<u>30.00</u>	<u>490.00</u>

Balance in hand **£7,455.56**

The above payments were approved

(b) 2025/26 Accounts: The Clerk presented the completed 2025/26 Accounts which had been audited by A D Williams as agreed and which showed a balance in hand as at 31 March 2026 of £4855.31. The Accounts were duly approved by all members present together with the Annual Governance Statement. These will now be submitted to Audit Wales for the final audit and sign off

JR

(c) General Powers of Competence: It was agreed not to apply for this. It was noted that the general power under Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 has been retained for community councils that do not wish to resolve themselves to become an eligible community council or are not able to satisfy the eligibility conditions. In any event as from May 2027 it will be for the newly merged Pendoylan & Welsh St Donats Community Councils to consider this

(d) Merger: The Clerk advised that a further meeting for Clerks was scheduled for 4 June 2026 which will offer advice regarding Council mergers

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16. TRAINING: Code of Conduct Training has been arranged with One Voice Wales for M Paterson

17. SUMMER EVENT: There had been a good response to the request for ideas for the last Pendoylan Community Council summer event. The most popular suggestion was for a BBQ or cream tea at the Village Hall with entertainment for children. It was agreed that the best time for this final event would be April next year.

18. COUNCILLORS ISSUES:

(a) River erosion: It had been brought to the Community Council's attention that the river is eroding the slip road onto the M4 at J34. D Bliszko offered to investigate

DB

(b) Community Orchard: H Hamer advised that the invasive plants were now encroaching on the fruit trees. It was therefore suggested that a working party be arranged to help clear the community orchard. It was agreed September 2026 would be the best time for this. The Clerk will arrange for this request to be advertised in the next parish magazine

JR

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

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on 11 June 2026 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm