

## PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 10 April 2014 at 8.00 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

**1. PRESENT:** Councillor C Tutton (in the Chair), Councillors R Rees, P Fox, G Thomas, N Newman, S Wigley, J Llewellyn, L Weeding, J Roberts (Clerk) and members of the public

**2. APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Parnell, Vale Councillor Traherne and PCSO Steve Thomas

**3. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2014 were approved and signed

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** The Clerk declared an interest in Item No. 10(d)(i) below

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

**(a) Risk Assessment** - Councillor Newman advised that the PAT test applies to employees and the printer, shredder etc would be the Clerk's responsibility. It was agreed that the Christmas tree lights should be PAT tested and Councillor Rees will arrange this RR

**(b) School Governor Representative:** The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Welsh St Donat's Community Council regarding a replacement school governor. They advised that Ann Thomas would be prepared to take over with immediate effect but possibly not beyond 1 September next. The Vale Council has been notified accordingly. It was noted that Councillor Newman would be interested in filling this role if Welsh St Donat's are unable to provide a candidate at that time.

**(c) Playground:** The Clerk confirmed she had notified the Vale Council of the appalling state of the playground and that the matting posed a health and safety risk. She had been advised that the site will be inspected and remedial action taken. Councillor Wigley expressed concerns should the Vale Council fail to cut the grass regularly in view of their budget restrictions. It was agreed that the Community Council may have to consider paying someone to cut the playground on a regular basis .

**(d) Culvert:** The Clerk confirmed she had reported the potential health and safety risk to the Vale Council. It had been confirmed that this will be inspected and a response is awaited

**6. CASUAL VACANCY:** The Clerk advised that she had been notified by the Vale Council that no requests for an election had been received and therefore co-option could proceed. The Clerk confirmed that no applications for co-option had been received as at the closing date of 9 April 2014 and therefore Councillor Rees proposed Jeanette Llewellyn be co-opted. This was seconded by Councillor Tutton and unanimously agreed. J Llewellyn then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was duly welcomed as a Councillor.

**7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:**

PCSO Thomas advised by email that there had been one crime in the parish in the last month, namely, a theft from a garden shed in Pendoylan.

**8. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR TRAHERNE:**

No report was available in Councillor Traherne's absence.

**9. MEETINGS:**

**(a) Pendoylan/Welsh St Donat's Trust:** Councillor Fox advised that he had attended a recent meeting of the Trust and reported that 2 further grant applications had been successful (Pendoylan). In order to meet future grant applications Pendoylan will now

need to realize capital. Welsh St Donat's is currently cash rich and will consider purchasing COIF units from Pendoylan. However, Patrick Wilkins is to be consulted for advice before any action in this respect is taken.

**(b) Community Liaison Committee Meeting:** Councillor Tutton had been unable to attend

#### **10 PLANNING MATTERS:**

**(a)** Notification of an application for a Premises Licence for Hensol Castle had been received. Councillor Fox confirmed that the Community Council's concerns re the potential for noise becoming a public nuisance affecting Hensol residents had been raised and had requested that a curfew be imposed. After some discussion it was agreed that fireworks could also be an issue and Councillor Fox will raise this with the Licensing Enforcement Officer. **PF**

**(b)** An application had been received for the conversion of a barn into a dwelling at Home Farm, Hensol. The Community Council had no comment to make in this regard

**(c)** CCFC Application: Councillor Newman was of the opinion that the proposed response to Hensol Community Group (HCG) did not accurately reflect the agreement reached at the Council's last meeting. He stated that HCG were looking for a "political body" to support them and he therefore **PROPOSED** that Council support the HCG in their opposition to this development. A lengthy discussion then ensued after which a vote was taken. This resulted in 2 in favour of the proposal, 2 against and 1 abstention. The Chair gave the casting vote in favour of the proposal. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Vale Council be informed that in view of further concerns which have been raised the Community Council has now decided to formally oppose the proposed development. HCG to be advised accordingly. **PF/JR**

**(d)** LDP Alternative Register sites:

**(i)** Proposal for a Candidate site on land opposite the Primary School in Pendoylan (ref: 2562) (N.B. The Clerk left the room during this discussion). Council considered pertinent matters, following presentations by local residents, both for and against the proposal. Whilst some Councillors had no problems with the concept of Pendoylan growing with a small sustainable development there were concerns related to the size of the development at 28 to 31 homes, and although verbal assurances were given that around 10 homes would be the maximum development size, this would be difficult to guarantee. Other detailed issues were considered and it was agreed these would be more appropriately dealt with at a later stage. A vote was taken and with Chair's casting vote the decision was to agree the proposal. After further discussion it was agreed that Council would not make a formal response to the LDP proposal. It was noted that the land in question is designated as a special landscape area and the proposal included a request to withdraw it from this category. After further discussion it was agreed that no action be taken in this respect as it was felt this will be decided by the Vale Council. (The Clerk returned to the meeting at this stage)

**(ii)** Application by Renishaw to remove minerals from their site at J34/M4. It was agreed to get a view as to this at the Public Meeting (see (e) below)

**(iii)** Third party application for a gypsy/traveller site on 250 acres of currently forestry land at Welsh St Donats. It was agreed this should be opposed. **PF**

**(e)** Renishaw's Consultants have agreed to attend a Public Meeting on 23 April 2014 at 7 pm to be held in Pendoylan School. Arrangements for the meeting were discussed and

the Clerk confirmed she had prepared a flyer for distribution around the parish. The Consultants were to be given advance notice of some of the main concerns surrounding this application. Councillor Fox agreed to chair the meeting. **ALL**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** The following items were discussed:

- (a) The latest South Wales Programme Update regarding changes at Royal Glamorgan Hospital (it was agreed this be published in the parish magazine)
- (b) Vale of Glamorgan 2014/15 Budget Consultation Feedback regarding the issues raised by Council, namely, that highways, rural transport and refuse collection should be given priority. It was confirmed that alternative funding has been found to support rural transport and the savings proposed with regards to refuse collection will result from improved efficiencies in collection and route management. A further £2.23m is to be invested in the highways infrastructure

**12. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:**

**(a) Financial Position as at 10.4.2014:**

Current Account	£4,716.59
Jubilee Account	<u>605.78</u>
Total	£5,322.37

**Payments to be made:**

Ink & stationery	35.47	
Williams Ross Payroll Charge	<u>36.00</u>	<u>71.47</u>
		£5,250.90

The above payments were approved

**(b) Payroll, RTI and Year End Returns:**

It was agreed that Williams Ross Ltd be requested to continue to assist the Community Council with regard to payroll, real time information (RTI) reporting and year end returns

**(c) 2013/14 Accounts:**

The Clerk confirmed she would be attending to the preparation of these accounts in readiness for the first audit as soon as possible.

**13. ROAD ISSUES:**

**(a) Speeding:** Councillor Fox advised that his wife had been in discussions with Alun Cairns MP regarding the speed of traffic through Pendoylan. Alun has now confirmed that the police will install speed cameras in Pendoylan on an occasional basis. Councillor Newman advised that unmarked police vans have checked the speed of traffic through Hensol and many vehicles were over the stipulated 30 mph. The police will now take steps to measure speeds.

**(b) Potholes:** Councillor Rees advised that there were serious potholes from Caerwigau to Trehedryn. He will report these to the Vale Council **RR**

**(c) Road signage:** The Vale Council will shortly be installing new 30 mph signs together with driver feedback signs each end of Pendoylan village and similarly in Hensol.

**(d) Double Yellow Lines:** Steve Arthur has now advised that this project will have to be considered in the new budget with no guarantee of success despite having previously advised the works would be completed by the end of 2013.

**14. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:** It was agreed this be discussed at the next meeting (the deadline for applications is 30 May 2014). **ALL**

**15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:** None

**16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Matters arising from these minutes

**17. DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Thursday 8 May 2014 at 7.45 pm to be held at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 10.35 pm

