

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor S Parnell (in the Chair), Councillors R Rees, G Thomas and J Llewellyn, H Hanmer, J Welsh, Vale Councillor R Traherne, PCSO Steve Thomas, PC Stewart Elson and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: Councillors S Wigley, P Fox, C Tutton and L Weeding

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2014 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Website: Cllr Parnell advised she would be unable to carry out further work to the website until March next. SP

(b) Storage facility: Enquiries will be made at the school as to the current whereabouts of the Community Council cabinet JL

(c) Additional Council Representative: Cllr Parnell confirmed Heather Parkin would be interested in serving as an additional Council representative and she hopes to attend the next meeting

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Thomas attended the meeting and introduced PC Stewart Elson who will be covering for PC Alison Watson for a month. Steve reported that a quad bike had been stolen from Tyn y Planca. G Thomas advised that gates had been broken into at the Golf Academy but no theft reported. With regard to the speeding problem in Tredodridge he confirmed this is being monitored and the results reported to the Vale Council. The Clerk advised that, apart from her, no one had come forward with an offer of help with regard to the proposed speed watch. It was agreed it was important to pursue this. Steve urged Councillors to attend the Police Community Meeting to be held in Peterston Hall on 4 February 2015. He confirmed he would investigate the presence of the "eco warriors" near the Hensol Golf Course.

7. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TRAHERNE:

(a) Reshaping Services: Ways to reshape the Council's services in order to save money are still under consideration. However, he confirmed schools will be protected

(b) Voluntary Merger of Councils: He advised that it was improbable that the Vale Council would merge with Bridgend and in any event unlikely the Welsh Assembly would consent

8. MEETINGS: Councillor Parnell reported that she had attended the Remembrance Service held in the Pendoylan War Memorial Hall and presented the wreath on behalf of the Community Council

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Applications had been received for :

(i) the construction of an agricultural barn on land at Hillside, Pendoylan

(ii) the construction of 19 bedrooms at Llanerch Vineyard (amended application)

(iii) the removal of the apex of the vestibule roof to allow the proposed flat roof to be extended and proposed corridor extended over the existing porch at Hensol Castle

(b) Notice of Appeal in respect of the Vale Council's refusal to remove Planning Condition 16 relating to holiday cottages at Lilypot Farm

(c) Notice of Consent for construction of garage/garden store at Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol

Concerns were expressed regarding (a)(i) above in view of the proposed size of the barn. Councillor Fox had drafted a response for consideration by the Community Council before submission to the Vale Council. It was agreed this be amended slightly and Councillor Fox to be advised accordingly. **JR**

10. CORRESPONDENCE: As per attached list with particular reference to:

(a) Vale Council's 2015 Recycling Calendar which is obtainable on line. The Council will not be mailing hard copies to residents which will save £24,000. It was agreed the Calendar be published in the next Parish Magazine. **JR**

(b) Police Community Meeting to be held in Peterston's Community Hall on 4 February 2015.

(c) Webcasting & Third Party Speaking Rights: The Vale Council has advised that trials for webcasting the Planning Committee were taking place with the intention of going live shortly and third party speaking rights at Planning Committee were also being considered. Clerks would be advised once both were in place.

(d) Off Street Car Parking Charges in the Vale: This is currently being considered by the Vale Council

(e) British Weights & Measures Association: Confirmation that allotments can continue to be measured in rods and poles as they are let as "plots" to which metric regulations do not apply.

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Current Account		£4,446.86
(this includes £475 Xmas CASH Grant)		
Jubilee Account		<u>354.57</u>
Total:		£4,801.43
Payments to be made:		
Clerk's salary (Oct-Dec)	661.62	
HMRC (tax on salary)	165.41	
Clerk's expenses	101.13	
Brass Band	150.00	
Poppy Wreath	17.00	
S Wigley – Xmas event	<u>91.76</u>	<u>1,186.92</u>
		3,614.51

(b) **Bank signatories:** The Clerk advised that she cannot progress this matter until all Councillors provide a copy of their ID. **GT**

12. BUDGET 2015/2016: The Clerk presented the draft Budget for 2015/16 which was unanimously approved as drawn. It was agreed not to seek any increase in the budget. It was to be noted that Councillors do not claim expenses.

13. CHRISTMAS EVENT: Vale Council's consent to hold this event on the village green had been received but as it rained that evening it had to be held in the Church. There had been a good attendance by parishioners. Thanks were expressed to Steve O'Donnell (Father Christmas) Councillors J Llewellyn and S Wigley and all who helped make this another successful event. However, it was agreed it be held on a Saturday or later in December in future. It was noted that although the tree lights had recently been PAT tested they had subsequently been damaged by mice and new ones had to be purchased at short notice. This highlighted the need for better storage facilities to be arranged in future (see 5(b) above). It was noted that the timer on the lights was not working and it was agreed this be reviewed/replaced next September.

14. PLAYGROUND: Confirmation had finally been received from the Vale Council that it consented to the storage of the mower ramp in the playground provided this was kept padlocked when not in use. Following local concerns, it was agreed enquiries should be made of the Council's insurers as to whether the Community Council's current notice advising that anyone using the Council's equipment does so at their own risk could be modified to exclude those using it on Council business only.

15. INSURANCE: It was agreed that before seeking an alternative quote from Zurich the above issue be resolved

16. RISK ASSESSMENT: This remains outstanding. H. Hanmer kindly offered to provide a proforma that could be adapted for Community Council purposes **HH**

17. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Driver Feedback Signs (DFS): A response was awaited from Steve Arthur of the Vale Council regarding the position of the sign by the school. **JR**

(b) Double yellow lines/Heol St Cattwg: A response is also awaited from Steve Arthur as to whether the objections had been lodged by residents or non residents. J Welsh was able to confirm that at least one objection had been raised by a resident. It was suggested that perhaps the layby be extended to provide additional parking for residents but Councillor Rees advised that this was not possible in view of the fact that drains, electricity etc. ran under the adjacent land. **JR**

18. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Councillor Rees advised that a large pile of fir trees had been dumped on the road between Pontsarn and Clawdd Coch. Complaints had been made to the Vale Council but no steps yet taken to remove the debris. It was agreed the Clerk contact the Vale Council in this respect **JR**

(b) J Welsh advised that a local dog was again fouling the playground. It was agreed that the Vale Council be advised that this is a serious health issue and a latch must be put on the entrance gate as at present the dog can simply push this open. A latch would not impede access for the disabled. **JR**

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Matters arising from these minutes and the CCFC planning application

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.25 pm