

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

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

1. PRESENT: Councillor S Parnell (in the Chair), Councillors R Rees, G Thomas, C Tutton, P Fox and J Roberts (Clerk). Also present Vale Councillor R Traherne and PCSO Steve Thomas

2. APOLOGIES: Councillor S Wigley, Councillor J Llewellyn and L Weeding

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2014 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) PAT Test /tree lights – Councillor Rees will attend to this **RR**

(b) Website – Cllr Parnell confirmed that she and her husband will progress this as soon as possible **SP**

(c) Additional Village Representatives: There had been no progress in this respect and the position will be reviewed at the next meeting **SP/LW**

(d) Community mower: The Clerk confirmed that she had taken delivery of the new mower as agreed and advised that the sum of £75 was obtained for the removal of the old machine. Unfortunately it had now been reported that the new mower had been broken during use and steps were being taken to assess the damage. It was agreed that the cost of repair would have to be borne by the Council but if this proved excessive enquiries were to be made as to whether accidental damage was covered by insurance. It was also agreed that a hitch attachment was required but this to be left in abeyance until the repairs carried out. **JR**

(e) Playground: The Clerk confirmed that she had, as requested, complained to the Vale Council's Park Dept. that their workmen had not been using blowers to clear away the cut grass which is currently left all over the matting. An apology had been received together with an assurance that this problem will be remedied. It is hoped that the additional cuts will be implemented shortly

6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR: It was not possible to pursue this in Cllr Newman's absence and is to be diarised for the next meeting. **ALL**

7. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Steve Thomas advised that there had been 2 reported crimes in the parish in the last month, namely an arson incident at stables in Hensol and the theft of a bobcat from the Vale Hotel.

8. REPORT FROM Vale Councillor Traherne:

(a) The Vale Council were resigned to a cut in their budget of 1.64% for the next 3 years but this may now be increased to 4.5% which will have a huge impact although schools and social services will be protected

(b) The Williams Report was discussed at the Community Liaison Committee Meeting on 8 July 2014 and it would appear to be inevitable that some Community Councils would cease to exist or be merged. However, there will be a consultation process in this respect in due course.

(c) Cllr Traherne referred to the document "Access to information on Town and Community Councils" which Cllr Fox proposed should be discussed thoroughly at the next meeting. Cllr Parnell will scan the document and send to all members of the Council. If there are any concerns Cllr Traherne to be advised **ALL**

9. MEETINGS:

(a) Cllr Tutton had attended a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Committee. It was reported that the S Wales Police Force is the best performing police force in the UK and crime figures are down. The Williams Report was discussed (see 8(b) above) and it was noted that a new Code of Conduct is to be produced in October 2014.

(b) Cllr Parnell gave a report on a recent meeting of the Pendoylan Parish Houses Charity

(c) Cllr Parnell had also attended a One Voice Wales Training Session on Freedom of Information and Data Protection which she had found very useful. She advised that a Privacy Statement will be required for the Council's new website. She will arrange this. She also confirmed that the Council should be registered with ICO and should have a Data Controller and a secure disposal policy.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Renishaws: Outstanding information is still awaited from Renishaw's Consultants

(b) CCFC: No further news in respect of this application but it was noted that archeological excavations are to commence on the site

(c) Other: Planning Applications had been received for:

(i) Proposed retention of wine store and ancillary side marquee to main farmhouse at Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

(ii) Proposed retention of canopy linking main farmhouse to Visitor Centre and accommodation block at Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

(iii) The construction of a single storey flat green roof conference and wedding venue with associated bar within the inner courtyard of Hensol Castle and to reposition the lift providing access to the bedrooms.

(iv) With regard to the revised application for the construction of an eco-centre visitors and educational building at Old Carriageway Stables, Hensol, Cllr Fox felt that the Transport Statement was inadequate as it still did not provide sufficient parking and there would still be problems regarding access.

After some discussion it was agreed to make no representation to the Vale Council in respect of any of the above applications.

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

(a) Welsh Assembly's call for Honours Nominations

(b) Devolution of Services – It was noted that Barry Town Council are hosting a course on 30 July 2014

(c) Code of Conduct Training – the July training dates had been cancelled and new ones set for October next. Councillor Llewellyn to be consulted in this respect **JR/JL**

(d) ICO Data Protection Good Practice Note. Cllr Parnell will retain this with the Course Notes for future reference

(e) VOG LDP Revised Delivery Agreement – On 7 May 2014 a revised Delivery Agreement timetable was approved by the Vale Council and subsequently agreed by the Welsh Government on 23 May 2014.

12. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) 2013/14 Accounts: Clerk confirmed that a copy of the Accounts had now been submitted to the Welsh Assembly's Accountants for approval.

(b) Financial position as at 10 July 2014:

Current Account	£3,534.86
Jubilee Account	682.78
Total:	£4,217.64

The above total reflects the position after payment of £1,500 for the new community mower as sanctioned by Cllrs Parnell, Thomas and Rees together with the sum of £75 which was obtained for the old mower. The Clerk confirmed she had arranged for the new mower to be insured.

Payments to be made:

One Voice Wales Training fee	15.00
Williams Ross 1/4ly payroll fee	36.00
J Roberts – ink	52.98

The above payments were approved.

(c) CASH Grant – It was agreed to submit an application to secure a whiteboard for the school (and for use by the community) and Cllr Rees will arrange for 3 estimates to be obtained in the first instance

RR

(d) Bank signatories: The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank have still failed to implement the new signatories. She will contact the Manager in this respect

JR

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Driver Feedback Signage for Hensol/Pendoylan: It was understood that these works would be implemented shortly

(b) Double yellow lines/Heol St Cattwg – An update as to the position is awaited

(c) SI06 monies: It is understood that approximately £30,000 of the Hensol monies remains to be utilised

14. SUMMER FUNCTION: In view of Cllr Llewellyn's absence it was agreed to discuss the arrangements for this event at the next meeting

ALL

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Benches – Councillor Wigley had advised that the community benches required attention but Cllr Thomas queried whether this was necessary as they were treated a couple of years ago. More details to be obtained before further action considered

SW

(b) Temporary caravan at former Bryn Pollin Stables, Tredodridge – Councillor Parnell requested that Cllr Traherne enquire the present position. Details of the current owner and address to be provided to Cllr Traherne

SP/JR/RT

(c) Complaints have been received regarding the shrubs on the bank opposite the School. These have become very overgrown and are obstructing drivers' vision and causing problems for pedestrians. The Clerk confirmed she had reported this to the Vale Council with a request that urgent remedial action be taken

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 August 2014 at 7.45 pm to be held at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm