

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor P Fox (in the Chair), Councillors S Wigley, C Tutton and J Llewellyn, L Weeding and J Roberts (Clerk). A parishioner was also in attendance

2. APOLOGIES: Cllrs R Rees and S Parnell, H Hanmer, J Welch, Vale Councillor R Traherne and PCSO Steve Thomas

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2015 were approved and signed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Storage facility: The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council's filing cabinet had now been found and she reported that this contained several old Minute Books and planning applications. It was agreed the Minute Books should be archived and the Vale Council asked if they require the return of the planning documents or whether these can now be destroyed. Cllr Wigley proposed that an album be obtained to store the old photographs also found in the cabinet. This was agreed. **JR**

(b) Royal Glamorgan Hospital Ambulance Service: The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Mark Drakeford AM and also the Ambulance Service in response to the recent complaint but the latter require the family's consent to enable them to address the specific issue raised. It was agreed this correspondence be passed to the family concerned and the Clerk to take further action if required **JR**

(c) Playground: Confirmation has now been received from the Vale Council that they will provide a latch for the playground entrance gate to deter access by dogs

(d) Community Mower Insurance: A response had been received from the Community Council's Insurers confirming that provided people using the ride-on mower have the right driving licence any road risks cover would be met by the individual's motor insurance. The Public Liability whilst using it on the grass would be met by the Community Council's Policy provided the person is using it under the Community Council's instructions and acting for it. The Policy would not cover any passenger. It was agreed a letter to this effect be delivered personally to the current authorized users of the mower, namely, Walter Leigh, Mike Edmunds, Gareth & Jenny Owens and Jason Welsh. **JR**

(e) School issues: No update was available in Cllr Rees's absence but the Clerk advised that the School had agreed to provide her with a security fob for Council Meeting access. **RR**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Thomas had advised there were no reported crimes in the parish in the last month

7. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TRAHERNE: No report available

8. CASUAL VACANCY: The Clerk advised that no formal applications had yet been received for the vacancy. The closing date for these is the 9 March next and a decision will have to be made in this regard on 12 March next provided the Vale Council has confirmed that the Community Council was then free to co-opt.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR: A request had been made by 2 parishioners that the Community Council purchase a defibrillator for access by parishioners. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would be prepared to purchase a defibrillator (on the understanding this would be £1000) but would not be able to provide a rota of

volunteer users. It was understood the Church had also been approached and it was agreed they were to be advised of the above decision

JR

10. MEETINGS:

(a) One Voice Wales: A report was not available in Cllr Rees's absence

(b) Community Liaison Committee: Cllr Tutton reported that Maria Battle, Chair of Cardiff & Vale University Health Board had given a presentation entitled "Challenges and Choices". She stated that their funding allocation is the lowest in Wales and that the number of over 85's is increasing faster than the rest of the population. The Vale Council's Play Initiatives and Reshaping of Services were also discussed

(c) School Governor's Report: A report had been received from Cllr Ann Thomas (the Representative for Welsh St Donats and Pendoylan Community Councils). Concerns were expressed that on a scale of Green, Yellow, Amber and Red, Pendoylan School had been graded Amber in a recent government report. This was based upon the result of the Estyn Inspection. It was agreed that Cllr Thomas be asked what action the School intends taking to improve matters.

JR

11. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Consent had been granted for the removal of the apex of the vestibule roof and an extension of the proposed corridor over the existing porch at Hensol Castle. An Application had been received for the installation of double glazed windows and to repair/replace external doors at 1-6 Church Row, Pendoylan and to replace the porch at No. 1. There were no objections to this application

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

(a) Sky Lanterns: Notification by the Vale Council that they have now banned the release of sky lanterns from all Council owned land including schools which would also apply to events organised by third parties on Council property

(b) Wales Remembers 1914-1918: The Welsh Assembly has announced its programme to commemorate key moments in Wales' history during the First World War.

(c) The Welsh Assembly's White Paper "Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People" was considered. It was noted that this held there were too many Community Councils and the recommendation is they should work in partnership with other community groups in order to be more effective. It is proposed to give Local Authorities the power to review the Community Councils in their area with a view to reducing the overall number by the year 2022 and tests be introduced to assess their capabilities and competency

(d) Vale Council's "Guide to Public Speaking at Planning Committee": As from 6 February 2015 registrations of interest can be completed on line as well as by telephone. Those who can speak (subject to compliance with the registration and procedural requirements) include (i) objectors to the application or their representative (ii) the applicant or their representative (iii) a representative of the Town or Community Council

(e) Land Transaction Tax: The Welsh Assembly's Consultation Paper on proposals for a Land Transaction Tax to replace Stamp Duty Land Tax in Wales in 2018 was noted. The Consultation ends 6 May 2015.

(f) BT's Superfast Cymru Newsletter: BT urges all communities to register their interest in order to keep up to date with the latest information as to when they will receive superfast broadband. However, it was agreed that the normal broadband service to this Parish is abysmal and no likelihood of superfast broadband being introduced in the near future. It was agreed that in the first instance the Community Council should make a formal complaint to BT concerning the broadband issue and will subsequently consider issuing

each resident with a form to complete to complain about the delay in providing superfast broadband **JR**

(g) Proposed voluntary merger between the Vale Council and Bridgend: This had been rejected by the Welsh Government

13. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 12 February 2015

Current Account	£4,990.70
Jubilee Account	<u>563.81</u>
Total:	£5,554.51

Payment to be made:

One Voice Wales Sub 2015/16	64.00
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This payment was approved

(b) WW1 Poppies: An email thanking the Community Council for their donation of a WW1 Poppy had been received from Bethania Chapel

14. RISK ASSESSMENT: H Hanmer had supplied a risk assessment pro forma for consideration and it was agreed the Clerk assist her in completing this

JR/HH

15. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Double yellow lines/Heol St Cattwg: Nothing further had been heard regarding this proposal since the 2 objections had been received and Cllr Fox expressed concerns regarding the continuing safety issues and the urgent need for this matter to be resolved. It was agreed Steve Arthur be contacted for an update **JR**

(b) Flooding on road opposite the proposed CCFC site

(c) Junction at Tyn y Plancau

(d) Litter at J34/M4:

The Clerk confirmed that Items (b) (c) and (d) above have been reported to the Vale Council

16. S106 MONIES/HENSOL: It was agreed that an update in this respect was required and Cllr Traherne to be requested to assist in this respect **JR**

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: None

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12 March 2015 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.20 pm