

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor S Parnell (in the Chair), Councillors R Rees, C Tutton, A Chiplen, H Hanmer and L Weeding. Also present J Roberts (Clerk) and a member of the parish

2. APOLOGIES: P Fox, S Wigley, G Thomas, J Llewellyn, J Welsh, Vale Councillor R Traherne & PCSO Steve Thomas

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2015 were approved and signed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Royal Glamorgan Hospital Ambulance Service: The Clerk reported that the complaint has now been escalated to the RGH Ambulance Service's Locality Manager

(b) Parish Benches: These are in the process of being treated but unfortunately one situate on private property had been painted in error. A written apology had been sent to the owner. The planters attached to the bench at Hensol are now seriously overgrown. An approach is to be made to Llanerch Vineyard to ascertain whether as a gesture of goodwill they would be prepared to maintain the planters. In the meantime it was agreed the cypress tree should be removed as this will damage the planters **SP/JR**

(c) Litter Bin for Clawdd Coch: Various options were discussed all of which were very costly. Cllr Rees offered to obtain details of an alternative source which might have more reasonably priced products. Cllr Chiplen agreed to make enquiries as to whether Tidy Wales would consider making a grant in this respect. It was agreed the bin in Heol St Cattwg should not be moved to Clawdd Coch **RR/AC**

(d) Litter at J34/M4: A response had been received from the Vale Council advising that the piles of litter in question were on land not owned by the Council. However, they had exceptionally agreed to remove the said litter in this instance.

(e) Fingerpost at Tredodridge: Cllr Parnell reported that this had been repaired and painted

(f) Allotments/Beehive: The Clerk reported that she had established that the allotment holders and immediate neighbours had no objection to a beehive being placed on the allotments.

(g) Village Green: The Vale Council had confirmed it will ensure the green is cut in future. It was noted that Gareth Owen would soon be leaving the village and his contribution towards the maintenance of the village green would be greatly missed. However, another resident has kindly offered to assist in this respect. This was approved. The Clerk advised that the community mower is due its 1 year service to accord with the terms of the 2 year guarantee. Mike Edmunds has agreed to ascertain whether it would be in order for him to carry out the service rather than by the Mower Company.

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PCSO Thomas advised there had been one crime in the Parish in the last month, namely, a burglary at a house on the Pendoylan Road. Enquiries are ongoing.

7. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR TRAHERNE: No report available in Cllr Traherne's absence

8. MEETINGS:

(a) Community Liaison Committee: Cllr Tutton had attended a meeting on 2 June 2015 and reported that:

(i) LDP - additional land at J34 has been put into the LDP. Completion of the LDP is expected December 2016

(ii) Vale Council's Reshaping Services Programme – Expressions of Interest Process: The Community Council is requested to complete a questionnaire by 3 July 2015. **JR**

(b) Pendoylan/Welsh St Donat's Trust: Cllr Parnell advised that she and Louise O'Shea from WSD were endeavouring to register their ID with HSBC to enable them to be accepted as signatories. This should be resolved shortly. **SP**

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) An application had been received to create an extension to form a day room and utility room at Warren Mill Farm, Pendoylan

(b) Consent had been granted for the construction of a glazed porch and veranda to the side entrance at Y Ffermdy Gwyn, Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan and to repair and replace single glazed windows with double glazing at 2-6 Church Row, Pendoylan

(c) CCFC Application: R Traherne had been advised by the Vale Council that there were a few outstanding issues mostly relating to ecology.

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

(a) Creative Rural Communities – Tourist Information Points: It was noted that Creative Rural Communities supply and equip Tourist Information Hubs with leaflet stands/maps etc containing information on all things Vale in order to bridge the gap caused by closure of the Tourist Information Centres. It was agreed to ascertain whether this equipment is provided free of charge. If so a leaflet stand to be requested and to decide later where this should be placed. **JR**

(b) Vale Council – Flail Mowing Highway Verges 2015: Non-strategic verges (rural lanes) will only be cut after mid-July in order to support pollinators such as bees and butterflies with beneficial flower rich habitat. 29 identified vision splays on the non-strategic routes will be cut before mid-July. The Strategic Routes (main roads) will be cut three times per year

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 11 June 2015:

Current Account	£5,958.72 *
Jubilee Account	<u>534.40</u>
Total:	£6,493.12

Payment made:

Zurich Mutual 344.08

* this takes into account the payment to Zurich

Payments to be made:

Clerk's salary (Apr-June)	698.26
HMRC (tax on salary)	174.56
Clerk's expenses	120.65
D Barnard, Auditor	55.00
J Parnell (Website expenses)	68.75
Pendoylan Church (grass)	300.00
Bethania Chapel (grass)	150.00
Williams Ross Ltd (1/4ly Payroll)	<u>36.00</u>
	<u>1,603.22</u>
	£4,889.90

The above payments were unanimously approved

(b) 2014/15 Accounts: The Clerk advised that the 2014/15 Accounts had now been audited. The Auditor's report was noted to be satisfactory. The said Accounts were presented and were approved together with the Annual Governance Statement and were then signed by the Chair. These will now be submitted to the Welsh Government's Auditors for final audit. **JR**

(c) In house Auditor: David Barnard had advised he is retiring and therefore a replacement auditor will be required for the 2015/16 Accounts. The Clerk advised she will liaise with Welsh St Donat's Community Council's Clerk in this respect. **JR**

(d) Insurance: The Clerk advised that she had arranged for the Community Council to enter a 3 year agreement with Zurich (having established that the yearly premiums would be index linked) and confirmed that the new policy took effect from 1 June 2015 upon payment of the £344.08 premium. AON had been notified of the cancellation of their policy.

(d) Employee Pension Regulations: The Clerk advised that she had established that she will be classed as an Excluded Worker but could chose to opt in although she had no plans to do so. However, automatic enrolment is still a requirement and she confirmed that she had complied with the requirement to nominate a candidate by 30 June 2015, namely, herself. The date from which the new law will apply is called the Staging Date and that allocated to Pendoylan Community Council is the 1 May 2017. More information and directives will be issued prior to that date.

(e) Register of Interests: The Clerk advised that all Councillors are legally required to complete a register of their interests in the parish. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when more Councillors would hopefully be present. **ALL**

12. PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR: The Clerk confirmed she had submitted an Application for a grant to Welsh Hearts for a defibrillator and the outcome was currently awaited

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Speed issues – Tredodridge: Cllr Parnell had received 3 complaints regarding speed through Tredodridge. It was agreed to ask the Vale Council to implement a 30 mph speed limit and/or provide a Slow sign in view of the increased traffic on this road (see 13(f) below) **JR**

(b) Tyn y Plancau Junction concerns: A response is still awaited from the Vale Council in respect of this issue. **JR**

(c) School/30 mph Road Sign: It was noted that there has been some attempt to rectify this issue.

(d) M4/J33: Cllr Traherne had been advised that the works at J33 should be completed in July 2015 and steps will be taken to ensure adequate signage is in place should any further closure of J33 affect J34 and Pendoylan

(e) J34 Roundabout(Part)/Tyn y Plancau: The dates and times for the temporary closure were noted. These are necessary for re-surfacing purposes.

(f) Crossroads at The Smithy: Complaints have been received regarding lack of signage at these crossroads. More and more traffic is now using the road through Tredodridge to cut across to the A48 and drivers appear to be unaware they should slow or give way at these crossroads due to lack of appropriate signage as a result of which there have been several near accidents. This is to be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

14. S106 MONIES/HENSOL: The Vale Council advise they have used the remaining monies to carry out repairs to a bridge next to Pantyquesta Farm, replaced board walks between Bolgoed and Pantyquesta and improved the path west of Fforest Fach

15. SUMMER EVENT: It was agreed final arrangements for this could be left until the August Meeting but should be advertised with immediate effect **JR**

16. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Fingerpost: Cllr Chiplen reported that the fingerpost at the junction of Pendoylan Road and the lane to Welsh St Donat's requires repair. This is to be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

(b) Grit bin: Cllr Tutton reiterated the need for a grit bin to be provided for use by residents of Llwynrhyddid Cottages. The Vale Council are to be approached in this respect **JR**

(c) Dog Fouling in Hensol Forestry: Cllr Parnell had received a complaint regarding dog fouling in the Hensol Forestry. This area does not form part of Pendoylan Parish but many parishioners walk there. She therefore suggested that a joint approach with Welsh St Donat's Community Council on this subject be made to Resources Wales to advise them of the problem and to request Dog Litter Bins. **JR**

(d) Verges J34 roundabout/slip road: A complaint had been received from a parishioner concerning the overgrown verges around J34 roundabout and slip roads as these were adversely affecting drivers' vision. However, it appears remedial steps are shortly to be taken in this respect (see 10(b) above)

(e) Traffic Problems School Sports Day – A complaint was made by a parishioner regarding the traffic and parking problems in Pendoylan occasioned as a result of Pendoylan School's recent Sports Day. It was agreed Lyn Murray be requested to advise parents that parking on verges or causing obstructions will incur parking fines and to ensure they park in neighbouring fields if and when these are made available for school functions and not to use the main road or residential areas **JR**

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

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 July 2015 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School. Cllr Parnell gave her apologies and it was agreed Cllr Chiplen will chair the next meeting.

The Meeting was closed at 9.45 pm