

## PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 8 June 2017 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

**1. PRESENT:** Councillor A Chiplen (in the Chair), Councillors S Parnell, H Hanmer, R Rees, P Fox, J Roberts (Clerk), Vale Councillor M Morgan and Claire Hendy

**2. APOLOGIES:** None received

**3. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2017 were approved as slightly amended and signed.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

**(a) Benches:** S Parnell had carried out a survey of the parish benches and provided Councillors with a detailed report. The main problem was paint peeling off the benches and the presence of algae. It was agreed to leave the benches for the time being to allow all the paint to flake off and then treat them with oil. In the meantime S Parnell would arrange to treat the algae SP

**(b) Pendoylan School:** H Hanmer advised that she had acquired the Schloop App which provides School updates. However, this would only provide a limited amount of information/news and therefore updates from our Additional Community Governor, A Thomas, are still required and S Parnell agreed to contact her in this respect. SP

**(c) Community Mower:** The Clerk advised that Mike Edmunds had kindly obtained and fitted a new battery in the community mower at a cost of £45.60. The Clerk had checked with the Community Council's insurers who confirmed that up to 3 users of the mower would be covered by insurance provided they had received instruction on its use.

**(d) Best Kept Village Signs:** A Chiplen had been unable to find anyone to repair these. It has therefore been suggested that a resident in Heol St Cattwg be contacted in the belief his sons are in the timber business. The Clerk will make enquiries JR

**(e) Japanese Knotweed Outbreak:** The Clerk had reported this to the Vale Council who confirmed that this is on the highway and their responsibility. They will spray this in August/September after it has flowered

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

A request had been made to the police for (a) confirmation an accident had occurred recently at the junction of Tyn y Plancau and the Hensol turning as this would strengthen the need for a STOP sign at this junction and (b) an incident report as to accidents that had occurred as a result of the bollards on the slip road at J34/M4. A response had been received from Dan Rees, the new PCSO for this area, stating that a FOI Act application would need to be made for this information. It was agreed a letter be sent to Inspector Gary Smart complaining about lack of attendance by a police representative at Council meetings and querying why a FOI Act application was necessary as the information requested was pertinent to this community and this information is required to enable ongoing concerns to be addressed. If necessary Jane Hutt AM to be asked to contact Ken Skates on this issue. JR

PCSO Rees advised there had been 3 reported crimes at the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel which are being investigated and currently ongoing

**7. VALE COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MORGAN:** Cllr Morgan advised that his first priority was to concentrate on local issues i.e. road conditions, speed of traffic in the lanes etc. He felt that the DFS sign should not be shared (it currently alternates between Peterston, Hensol

and Pendoylan on a 4 or 6 monthly basis). He felt that signage generally in the area was poor. A police presence was needed to combat aggressive drivers in the lanes. A suggestion had been made to have mounted special constables to slow traffic in the lanes. He was also of the opinion that the Vale Council who receive payment from TV companies filming in the area should give something back to the communities.

**8. CO-OPTION:** Claire Hendy indicated her willingness to join the Community Council and it was unanimously agreed she be co-opted as a Representative for Hensol.

**9. MEETINGS:** None attended. S Parnell was provided with dates of future Community Liaison Committee Meetings and H Hanmer advised of the One Voice Wales AGM. The Clerk confirmed that both organisations had been advised of the new contacts

**10. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**(a) Applications:** Applications had been received (1) to construct a single storey extension at 10 Hensol Villas, Hensol and (b) to construct a 2 storey rear extension and removal of the current conservatory and amendment to the access arrangements for the site at Mountain Lodge, Hensol. The members had no objection to these applications

JR

**(b) Caerwigau Update:** P Fox had been advised that the Vale Council's planning committee will be requested to issue an enforcement notice at their next meeting on 5 July next.

PF

**(c) The Piggery, Logwood Hill - Appeal:** The Vale Council has advised that an Inspector has now been appointed by the Welsh Government to determine the Appeal and a hearing arranged for 10 am on 25 July 2017 at their Docks Office in Barry

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

**(a)** ICO Newsletter

**(b)** The Pensions Regulator – latest information & instructions

**(c)** One Voice Wales' Social Media Policy & Model Local Resolution Policy (see Items No. 13 & 14 below)

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

**(a) Financial Position as at 8 June 2017:**

Current Account	£4,727.15
Jubilee Account	<u>362.79</u>
Total:	5,089.94

**Payments to be made:**

David Evans Agricultural Ltd – Mower battery	45.60	
Clerk's Salary (Apr-June) 13 weeks @ £12.041 x 6 hrs pw (£939.20 gross) Less Tax £187.84	751.36	
HMRC Tax on Salary	187.84	
Clerk's expenses (Apr-Jun)	<u>133.06</u>	1,117.86
Balance in hand:		3,972.08

The above payments were approved

**(b) Workplace Pension:** A D Williams is advising the Clerk in this respect

**(c) Bank Mandates:** It was agreed steps must now be taken to update bank signatories. The Clerk will contact Lloyds Bank to obtain the requisite forms

JR

**13. OVW SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:** It was agreed the Community Council should set up access to facebook and therefore a Social Media Policy would be essential. C Hendy advised that if required she would be prepared to set this up. Therefore the Clerk will

provide all members with a copy of the recommended policy for their perusal and further discussion at the July meeting. JR

**14. MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION POLICY:** The Public Service Ombudsman has agreed to the principle of referring some complaints against Members back to Community Councils for a local resolution but there has to date been no set process for this. One Voice Wales have therefore produced a model local resolution policy. It was agreed this be circulated to all Members to be discussed at the next meeting with a view to adopting the same JR

**15. ROAD ISSUES:**

**(a) Tree issue in Heol St Cattwg:** This has been reported to the Vale Council and a response still awaited JR

**(b) Road Signage:** The "Road Narrows" sign outside the speed derestriction sign from Pendoylan towards Caerwigau has been repaired

**(c) Bollards on J34 slip road:** Jane Hutt had confirmed she has requested Ken Skates for a definite start date for removal of the bollards. PCSO Dan Rees also advised he would make enquiries in this respect JR

**(d) Potholes:** The sunken drain opposite the School has been repaired but potholes at The Smithy junction need reporting JR

**(e) Verges/Trees:** Concerns were expressed regarding the overgrown verges and trees obscuring road signs which are a road hazard. This to be reported to the Vale Council JR

**(f) DVS signage, Hensol:** It was agreed this needs to be re-sited higher up the road through Hensol. It is believed this is currently not working. If so the Vale Council to be advised. JR

**(g) Speed checks:** It was noted that a speed check took place recently in Pendoylan but it was agreed this needs to take place at Clawdd Coch. The Vale Council to be advised JR

**16. TRAINING:** New Councillor training dates are currently awaited

**17. JUMBLE TRAIL:** H Hanmer advised she had received no response regarding a suggested local jumble trail and may consider a leaflet drop in this respect. HH

**18. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:**

**(a) Election 2017:** S Parnell referred to the fact that the closing date for applications was the same as for withdrawals. In the past the deadline for withdrawals was later which enabled Community Councils to withdraw applications if more than their allotted numbers to avoid the cost of an election. She felt the present system was why so many Community Councils had so few applicants as none could risk an election. It was agreed this be brought to the attention of One Voice Wales JR

**(b) Welsh Flag:** A parishioner had requested that the Welsh flag be reinstated on the church tower (the previous one having disintegrated). Enquiries would be made at the next PCC meeting JR

**19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Matters arising from these minutes and the Summer Event

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 13 July 2017 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm