

PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 9 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor A Chiplen (in the Chair), Councillors S Parnell, R Rees, P Fox, C Hendy, J Roberts (Clerk) and PCSO Dan Rees and PCSO Gareth Parry

2. APOLOGIES: Councillors G Thomas, H Hanmer and Vale Cllr Michael Morgan

3. MINUTES: S Parnell advised that Item No. 5(b) of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2017 regarding the Local Election Survey was incorrect. This should have read "S Parnell advised she had completed the survey as an individual and not on behalf of the Community Council". The said Minutes were approved as amended and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Best Kept Village Signs: H Hanmer had advised that the sign had been repaired and awaited collection. The metal sign has yet to be repaired **HH**

(b) Community shrubs: The Vale Council have attended to these as requested

(c) Community Funding: The funding for this year had expired. A further application will be made next year **HH**

(d) Registration of Parish Defibrillator: The Clerk has arranged to register this but the pads will require replacing before April 2018. She will ascertain where these may be obtained. Meanwhile it was agreed the whereabouts of the defibrillator should be advertised permanently in the parish magazine **JR**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Dan Rees & PCSO Gareth Parry attended the meeting and advised there had been one reported crime in the parish in the last month, namely, the theft of lead from the School roof. With regard to the unsatisfactory current method of reporting crimes PCSO Rees advised the spreadsheet comes from the Welsh Government but he said individual parish crime stats should be available on the S Wales Police website.

PC Goulding had previously reported that a black dog had been seen killing and injuring sheep in fields near Hensol. PCSO Rees advised there was no further news in this regard.

C Hendy complained regarding the speed of traffic through Hensol and he will arrange for speed checks to be set up. He also said that incidents of verbal abuse by drivers should always be reported & their car number noted. He advised that the School have been told that the Red Lion are happy to allow their car park to be used by parents during school hours. He will however speak to the School regarding incidents of illegal parking. It was noted that Inspector Smart has been replaced by Inspector Barclay.

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN: (see Item 9 & 12(a) below)

8. MEETINGS:

(a) Community Liaison Committee: S Parnell had attended a recent meeting of the CLC and reported that the Police gave a report and advised that they have a Ride Along Scheme whereby anyone can apply to ride along with the Police. Interested parties should contact lisa.gore@s-wales.pnn.police.uk. She advised regarding the Vale Council's Care First programme which offers counselling to all employees at £1.54 per person. All community councils will be part of this scheme. The Vale Public Service Board has to publish a draft Well-being plan by 4 May 2018.

(b) One Voice Wales: H Hanmer had attended a recent OVW meeting at which there was a presentation by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) who confirmed they are

happy to work with Community Councils, There was a discussion on “clustering” of some community and town councils for joint projects (draft guidance to follow). The question of remuneration for council members and child care was discussed. It was felt that if members do not claim expenses this will deter younger or less well off interested parties becoming councillors. Therefore expenses should be included in council budgets

(c) Pendoylan/WSD Trust: S Parnell advised that a grant for a bench in Prisk had finally been agreed and funds for this will be paid from Welsh St Donats' Recreation Fund. Pendoylan's Relief in Need funds have nearly expired and she will then recommend that the Charity Commission be requested to remove Pendoylan from the Trust.

(d) Pendoylan School: H Hanmer had been invited to attend a meeting of the School Council at which she met the new Head, Mrs Paula Vaughan, staff and governors. The new curriculum was discussed.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

There had been no planning applications received during the last month but Cllr Morgan had been approached by Hensol residents regarding the CCFC application. He was arranging to meet with the Chief Planning Officer to ascertain the current position **MM**

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were discussed

(a) GDPR briefing and guidance. It was noted a briefing session will be held on 14 March next

(b) OVW Guidance on the appointment of an internal auditor

(c) Welsh Government's proposed changes to procedures relating to registration of village greens

(d) The Pensions Regulator – notification of increase in pension contributions to staff (this not applicable to the Community Council at present)

(e) Vale Sports & Play Development – Primary School Programme. This to be passed to Paula Vaughan **JR**

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 9 November 2017:

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| Current Account | £4,489.65 |
| Jubilee Account | <u>141.63</u> |
| Total: | £4,631.28 |

Payments to be made:

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| ICO | 35.00 | |
| Welsh Audit Office | 198.00 | |
| H Hanmer for damson tree | <u>20.00</u> | <u>253.00</u> |
| Balance in hand | | £4,378.28 |

The above payments were approved

(b) Xmas Grant: The Clerk will make enquiries as to whether a Christmas CASH Grant will be available this year

(c) Bank Mandates: The Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Lloyds Bank, Pontyclun to establish their requirements in order to amend the signatories **JR**

(d) Appointment of Internal Auditor: It was agreed that Anthony Williams be reappointed as Internal Auditor for the year 2017/18

(e) Members access to Community Council emails: It was agreed A Chiplen should have access to enquiries@pendoylancommunity.org and enquiries would be made as to how this could be achieved **SP**

(f) Proposed Remuneration for Councillors: It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when more members present **JR**

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Consultation to consider options to improve access from J34 to A48 & Airport:

Following the stakeholder consultation event on 7th September last the Vale Council have now advised that the WelTAG Stage 1 report has been prepared and it is anticipated this will be presented to Cabinet for consideration on 20th November 2017. As part of the process, Community Councils were invited to work on a focus group to consider the outcomes of the report and have been invited to attend the Council's Offices on 27 November 2017 in order that the report can be presented and to give them an opportunity to discuss the recommendations in the report with the intention of progressing to the next stage (WelTAG Stage 2). The Stage 2 Appraisal will further investigate the options identified in Stage One and select a preferred option to take to Stage Three (Full Business Case). It was noted that only one member of each Community Council may attend. It was therefore agreed that A Chiplen would attend this meeting. Vale Councillor Michael Morgan will be sitting in on the Cabinet Meeting on the 20 November and he will report on this asap thereafter. **MM**

A Chiplen agreed to contact the Vale Council to question why the report was not being presented to the focus group before going to the Cabinet as previously advised **AC**

(b) Resurfacing 3 year plan: The Community Council was under the mistaken impression that the Vale Council had agreed to include the road from Clawdd Coch to Castell Bach Cottages in their 3 year resurfacing plan but it is now understood that the road in question was only to be included in the review of the said plan and considered in accordance with the strict criteria in their Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring System. As this section of road was not ultimately included in the plan it would appear it did not meet their said criteria.

(c) Road problem near Mountain Lodge: The Vale Council have now confirmed that they will replace the reflector posts by the end of next week

(d) Trees opposite No. 40 Heol St Cattwg: The Vale Council's Highways Manager has advised this is a matter for their Parks Dept. who have been instructed to inspect and take any appropriate action

13. SOCIAL MEDIA: C Hendy advised that the Pendoylan Community Hub is now up and running.

14. CHRISTMAS EVENT: The Clerk confirmed that the brass band had been booked for the 10 December 2017 at 6 pm and a Father Christmas obtained. The Church had no objection to this event taking place on the Sunday evening. The electrics are to be checked and tree lights PAT tested. **AC**

A Chiplen and R Rees will put the lights on the tree on 25 November. Flyers will be prepared and distributed around the parish nearer the 10 December. Mulled wine, presents etc. are to be purchased. **AC/RR/HH/CH/JR**

15. COMMUNITY ORCHARD: H Hanmer had obtained a damson tree for the community orchard and kindly planted the same

16. REMEMBRANCESUNDAY: A Chiplen confirmed he would be able to attend the Service on 12 November 2017 to be held at 6.30 pm in Pendoylan War Memorial Hall in order to present the wreath which P Fox agreed to collect **AC/PF**

17. DATA PROTECTION POLICY: It was agreed this will be required to encompass the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation due to come into force on 25 May 2018. This to be diarised for further discussion **JR**

18. TRAINING: A Chiplen confirmed he had attended a Code of Conduct Training Session

19. PENDOYLANSCHOOL: The Clerk had contacted Paula Vaughan, the new Head of Pendoylan School, to arrange a meeting with members of the Community Council as agreed. This will be on 21 November 2017 at a time to be agreed. **JR**

20. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Noticeboards: The notice boards at Clawdd Coch and Pendoylan require treatment. The Clerk will arrange for these to be oiled **JR**

(b) Request for mirror opposite Chapel entrance: The Clerk had established that this would require the approval of the Welsh Government and without a significant collision history it is unlikely to receive support.

(c) Superfast broadband: Concerns have been expressed by Hensol & Pendoylan parishioners at the lack of superfast broadband capacity. It was agreed these concerns be expressed to Alun Cairns **CH**

(d) Playground Grass: The Vale Council's 2017 grass cutting programme has now finished but they have been requested to provide a further cut of the playground. They confirm they will do this if they have spare funds

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

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 December 2017 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 10.05 pm