

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor R Rees (in the Chair), Councillors P Fox, G Thomas, S Parnell, H Hanmer, Cllr M Morgan, PC Stuart Elson and J Roberts (Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES: A Chiplen and C Hendy

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Best Kept Village Sign: H Hanmer advised that the sign is still awaiting alteration by M Edmunds but no progress to date regarding repair of the metal sign **HH**

(b) Playpark Light: An approach has now been made to the Vale Council to ascertain whether a sensor can be affixed to the light **JR**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PC Stuart Elson advised there is no news regarding a replacement PCSO for this area and PCSO Sian Roberts will assist for the time being. He gave details of all crimes/incidents in the parish for the last month, namely: An incident at Llanerch Vineyard, criminal damage at Hensol Hospital, alleged assault at the Vale Hotel, road rage in the lanes, domestic assaults in Hensol and Tredodridge, theft of number plates from the School car park, theft of tools from a car in Heol St Cattwg, dangerous dog worrying livestock in Pendoylan, theft of a motor cycle from a shed at Clawdd Coch, an attempted burglary at Clawdd Coch and an incident of anti social behaviour in Pendoylan. This was an unprecedented amount of incidents for this parish and PC Elson will endeavour to arrange for an increased police presence in the area

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Planning issues: Cllr Morgan intends to hold a meeting of all Community Councils in his Ward to discuss the issue of sustainability of rural properties and to endeavour to establish what exactly is the definition of "sustainability". He feels strongly that housing provision should be made for young people and older people who want to continue to live in villages. He will advise once a meeting date has been set up **MM**

(b) Sycamore Cross Development: Cllr Morgan has spoken to Vale Council's Mike Clogg regarding the proposed diversions in respect of the closure of the road to Pendoylan from 1 April 2019. These have got to be fit for purpose and he intends asking Mike Clogg to drive with him to see for himself the poor state of the lanes. It was suggested that R Rees accompany them as he has the required local knowledge.

(c) Vale Council Documents: Cllr Morgan will request clarification of their terminology

8. MEETINGS:

(a) Community Liaison Committee: The Minutes of the last Meeting have not yet been circulated. S Parnell advised she would be able to attend the next Meeting at the end of January 2019

(b) J34/M4 to A48 Proposed New Road – Vale Council Review Meeting: This was chaired by the Vale Council's Emma Reed and attended by H Hanmer on 17 December 2018 on behalf of the Community Council and she provided a summary of the meeting as follows:

As already known further funding has been obtained. Additional studies are therefore now to be carried out prior to progression to WelTAG 3 (ie. archaeology, environmental, ecology and water). This work has been put out to tender. E Reed advised that

assessments into the human/community impacts would be considered at the consent stage. It was agreed there had been some confusion and concern regarding the WelTAG Stage 1 and 2 diagrams but it was confirmed that these were only provided to generate further discussion during the consultation process and did not identify actual specific routes. E Reed offered the Council's assistance if clarification on this matter is required for potential property buyers in this area at this stage. She stated we are still within the Stage 2 process and the Council currently has no preference regarding any proposed route – just the area. Any suggested route is that of the consultants at this stage, not that of the Council. E Reed confirmed she had met with the Woodland Trust and an Officer from the Future Generations Office to discuss this scheme. She confirmed that the Council's Conservation Officer will be involved in the planning of this scheme especially as the area is a conservation area.

E Reed then advised that a Cabinet Report is being prepared to be submitted to the Cabinet by the end of January 2019 which is then likely to be referred to Scrutiny for further discussion before returning to Cabinet to approve. The reports from the additional surveys are due back by 31 March 2019 which will then be considered by the schemes review group. A further Cabinet report will then be presented to either take the scheme forward to WelTAG Stage 3 or not, depending on the results; again this is likely to be referred to Scrutiny for further discussion before being put back to Cabinet to note/consider any options and approve the recommendation(s).

An independent review will not be conducted until they have all the information; the timing of which will be decided upon at a later date and probably undertaken by a consultant.

N.B. With regard to the Welsh Government's White Paper consultation on improving passenger transport the following links were provided as these may be of interest:

https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2018-12/improving-public-transport_0.pdf

<https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2018-12/community-and-youth-version.pdf>

9. PLANNING:

- (a) No new applications had been received
- (b) A site meeting to consider the application to construct a house at Clawdd Coch took place on 3 January 2019. Cllr M Morgan was present and P Fox representing the Community Council. It is understood a decision in this matter has been deferred
- (c) Notification had been received that as from 7 January 2019 all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square meters or more will require SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) for surface water

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Welsh Government - Workplace pensions to increase from 6 April 2019. This was noted
- (b) NALC - Notification of Clerks' 2019-2020 Salary Award. This requires clarification **JR**
- (c) Welsh Government - Details of the First Minister's new Cabinet
- (d) Welsh Government's White Paper – Improving Public Transport
- (e) Welsh Government – Community & Town Council Update December 2018
- (f) VOG – Annual Budget Consultation. It was agreed this be completed **HH/JR**
- (g) Western Power – Certificate of unmetered electric supply from 24 November 2018. SSE have been notified

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) The financial position as at 10 January 2019

Current Account	£2,045.96
Jubilee Account	<u>24.13</u>
	2,070.09
Precept	<u>2,100.00</u>
	4,170.09
Payments to be made: H Hanmer – Seeds	<u>22.96</u>
This payment was approved	
Balance in hand	£4,147.13

(b) **Grant Update:** This still has to be finalised

HH/JR

12. COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS: The next meeting of the Community Ambassadors will now be on 14 February 2019 at 1.15 pm in Pendoylan School. It was suggested and agreed that a member of the Vale Council's parks department be invited to this meeting to hear the children's requests for equipment for older children in the playpark. PCSO Sian Roberts to be advised of this meeting.

JR

There will also be a Coffee Morning for the parish on 13 March 2019 at 10 am in the School

13. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) **Development at Sycamore Cross:** See 7(b) above

(b) **J34/M4 to A48 proposed new road:** See 8(b) above

(c) **Grit bins:** The Clerk advised that the grit bin at the top of Heol St Cattwg was full but the one near the playpark was empty. A request will be made to the Vale Council for this to be refilled.

JR

(d) **J34/M4 Road Markings:** It was agreed the Clerk would draft a letter to Jane Hutt to complain about the new road markings for approval by all Councillors in the first instance

JR

14 BENCHES: It had previously been agreed that one new plastic bench be purchased each year to replace the current wooden ones. S Parnell will advise which one is in most urgent need of replacement

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES: Christmas tree lights – these have been switched off but now require dismantling and storing

AC/GT

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 February 2019 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.15 pm