

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED PENDEULWYN**

A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council took place on Thursday 11 July 2019 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

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

2. APOLOGIES: None

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Parish Benches: S Parnell will obtain estimates for a replacement synthetic bench

(b) Best Kept Village Sign: The metal sign remains to be repaired **ALL**

(c) Playpark: The Vale Council have cleaned the matting as requested but a response is awaited regarding provision of a sensor for the light **JR**

(d) Dangerous Tree: The tree in question opposite the School has now been removed

(e) Model Resolution Protocol: S Parnell will compare this with the Community Council's complaints procedure and advise whether the Protocol should or should not be adopted **JR/SP**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

PC Stuart Elson advised there had been 5 reported crimes in the parish in the last month, namely, 3 thefts at the Vale Hotel, theft of a wallet at Hensol Castle and theft of drain covers in Tredodridge. The Police had been unable to provide assistance with parking at the Sports Day as all PCSOs had been called in to cover for other staff shortages

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) J34/M4 Link Road: (See Road issues below)

(b) Recycling: Cllr Morgan advised that the Vale Council are to phase out all plastic recycling bags. It was agreed that there is insufficient information as to what can and cannot be recycled. Cllr Morgan will make enquiries in this respect **MM**

8. MEETINGS:

(a) Scrutiny Committee Meeting: H Hanmer and P Fox had attended the meeting on 25 June 2019 at which the proposed J34/M4 link road proposal was on the Agenda. The Minutes of the meeting are not yet on line but H Hanmer advised that Cllr Morgan did speak to relay the Community Council's concerns. The Scrutiny Committee will now pass on their recommendations to the full Council

(b) Data Training: H Hanmer had attended a Data Training Course which was required in connection with her role as Additional Community Governor of Pendoylan School

(c) Community Liaison Committee Meeting 2 July 2019: C Parnell had been unable to attend this meeting but she will provide a summary of the minutes when received **SP**

(d) One Voice Wales Meeting: H Hanmer is unable to attend the meeting on 22 July 2019 but will provide a summary of the minutes when received **HH**

(e) Jane Hutt AM: H Hanmer had met with Jane Hutt to relay the Community Council's concerns regarding the Vale Council's handling of the J34/M4 Consultation. Jane expressed concern that the Vale Council were not dealing with the Community Council fairly.

9. PLANNING: The application for change of use of part of the approved bar/restaurant building for the hotel for use as a gin distillery at Hensol Castle was approved despite the objections raised by the Community Council and Hensol residents.

Cllr Morgan, who had attended the Planning Meeting, will now arrange a meeting with Stephen Leeke, C Hendy and Hensol residents to discuss their concerns regarding this application and to ascertain whether some amenities can be provided to benefit Hensol residents e.g. traffic calming measures, play area for children, footpath from Tyn y Plancau to Hensol Mill, overhaul of garages next to the Ambulance Station for residents' use. C Hendy's suggested letter to be sent to Hensol residents advising them regarding the above was approved
CH/MM

10. CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were noted

- (a) Vale Council's timetable of Meetings May 2019-May 2020
 - (b) ICO Update
 - (c) One Voice Wales AGM Report
- The above items were duly noted

11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

- (a) Financial position as at 13 June 2019:

Current Account		£3,368.48
Less unpresented cheques:		
HMRC	205.14	
Bethania Chapel	150.00	355.14
		<u>3,013.34</u>
Jubilee Account		<u>24.13</u>
		£3,037.47
Payments to be made:		
C Hendy – training course expenses	20.00	
J Roberts – Printer ink	34.50	54.50
		<u>£2,982.97</u>

The above payments were approved

(b) 2018/19 Audit: The Clerk confirmed that the said Accounts are now with the Welsh Government's Auditors for sign off

11. DISPENSATIONS: The Clerk had obtained confirmation from the Vale Council's Monitoring Officer that all Councillors affected by the J34/M4 Link Road proposal would have to apply for further Dispensations in respect of WelTag 3. The Clerk had obtained the necessary forms for completion and return to the Vale Council for consideration at the next Standards Committee Meeting believed to be on 12 September next. All Councillors apart from C Hendy will need to complete these forms
ALL/JR

12. ROAD ISSUES:

(a) J34/M4 Link Road: A letter had been received from Emma Reed in response to the Community Council's concerns regarding the Weltag 2 process. H Hanmer had passed this to an environmental consultant for comment who felt that Emma Reed has been evasive in her answers about the ecological studies. The consultant felt questions about the future EIA process should be clarified i.e. which authority will be responsible for the planning decision on the road? Who will ensure that stakeholders are informed about the progress with this process (progress with the screening, scoping and impact assessment steps)? There is going to be a Stage 2+ which will be called into Scrutiny. Cllr Morgan advised that he has been invited to a meeting with Emma Reed and Cllr King on 12 July 2019 when he will be provided with an update in this matter. H Hanmer agreed to provide Cllr Morgan with a copy of the environmental consultant's report which he will raise with Emma Reed
HH/MM

(b) Road signage at J34/M4: Jane Hutt's office confirmed they will once again be chasing Ken Skate for an update as to the present position regarding the signage

(c) Tredodridge speed issues: C Parnell advised she had not yet had a substantive response from the Vale Council's Mike Clogg. Cllr Morgan advised that he had a meeting with Mr Clogg the following day and would again raise this issue **SP/MM**

(d) Replacement streetlight and DFS: The Vale Council advised that the replacement equipment has been ordered but their Contractors are currently dealing with a backlog of instruction. As soon as this has been cleared this matter will be given top priority **JR**

(e) Vale Hotel signage: S Parnell requested this be amended to discourage drivers accessing the Vale Hotel via Tredodridge and the road to the stables. M Morgan would take this up with Mike Clogg **MM**

(f) Kerb issue: A complaint had been received regarding the kerbs alongside the road from Clawdd Coch which hinder traffic being able to pass easily in the narrow lane but it was agreed these were deemed to be essential to stop erosion of the banks and also to provide safety where the road falls away

13. COMMUNITY MOWER: The Clerk had received papers from Zurich Insurance to enable a claim for the mower repair to be made. H Hanmer said she would assist in completing this **HR/JR**

14. SUMMER EVENT: There had been a majority decision to employ Pedal Emporium bikes at the BBQ on 14 September 2019. The Vale Council will be paying half the fee (£175 each). It was agreed to have a raffle and cake stall this year. There will be a craft table for the children. C Hendy confirmed she can provide a gas BBQ. The provision of food etc to be discussed at the next meeting. It was suggested the Community Ambassadors be invited **ALL**

15. COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS: C Hendy advised that no date has yet been arranged for the next meeting. It was too late to create a wild flower bed this year but they will try again next year.

16. TRAINING: C Hendy had attended a Code of Conduct Training Session which she had found informative. She advised that one issue that arose was that Councillors should not use their personal emails for community council matters. It was agreed to look into the possibility of each Councillor having their own community council email. S Parnell will ask her husband for advice in this respect **SP**

17. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Daffodil bulbs: A request had been received for the Community Council to provide daffodil bulbs for planting in Heol St Cattwg. This was agreed and for Hensol also. H Hanmer will endeavour to obtain these sold on behalf of Marie Curie **JR/HH**

(b) Pavement repair: A Chiplen advised the pavement outside the bungalows in Heol St Cattwg is disintegrating. The Clerk confirmed this has been raised with the Vale Council

(c) Link Road Update: The Clerk had been requested to provide comprehensive information regarding this project in the parish magazine. It was felt that the flyer recently circulated to all residents was sufficient but it was agreed that once Cllr Morgan's report of his meeting with Emma Reed is known this could be included in the next magazine **MM/JR**

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm