

**PENDOYLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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A Meeting of Pendoylan Community Council was held on Thursday 14 March 2019 at 7.30 pm in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School

1. PRESENT: Councillor A Chiplen (in the Chair), Councillors P Fox, S Parnell, C Hendy, H Hanmer, R Rees, Cllr M Morgan, J Roberts (Clerk) and Prof Warner (visitor)

2. APOLOGIES: G Thomas & PC Stuart Elson

3. MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2019 were approved and signed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Best Kept Village Sign: This will be installed once the weather improves **HH**

(b) Playpark: A response is awaited from the Vale Council as to whether a sensor can be affixed to the light and a path laid from the entrance to the swings **JR**

(c) Benches: S Parnell will advise in due course which bench is most in need of replacement **SP**

(d) Complaint: A response had been received from the Vale Council's Monitoring Officer in respect of the complaint made against the Community Council which confirmed that there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct by the Community Council. A letter will now be sent to the Complainants in accordance with the Community Council's adopted Complaints Procedure **JR**

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: PC Stuart Elson advised that there had been 2 reported incidents in the parish in February 2019 namely, theft of fence posts and sheep worrying (possibly by the same dog from a previous incident but no proof yet available). Theft of tools from a garden shed in Pendoylan had subsequently occurred and been reported

7. REPORT FROM VALE COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

(a) Sycamore Cross Development – Road Closure: Questions have been raised as to why the proposed new road to this development is to be far in excess of that needed to service it thereby necessitating the proposed road closure which will inevitably cause extreme chaos in the area. Cllr Morgan had attended a recent meeting between Alun Cairns MP, the Developers (Acorn), the Contractors (Walters), representatives from the Peterston Community Council and local residents when the Developers advised this was at the request of the Vale Council who had demanded this over more modest road upgrading. A further meeting with Alun Cairns is scheduled for 15 March 2019 to seek answers from the Vale Council as to why this work is necessary. It was noted that representatives from Pendoylan Community Council had not been invited to this meeting as Alun Cairns felt it was already adequately represented. Cllr Morgan will endeavour to rectify this omission. **MM**

(b) Hensol Project Board: Cllr Morgan advised he will be attending a further meeting of the Board on 28 March 2019

(c) Hafod Housing Association: He advised that Hafod Housing intends constructing 24 affordable homes on the field behind Peterston super Ely's primary school and he is arranging to meet with them and the Peterston Community Council. It was noted that there had been a similar proposed development at Hensol but nothing further has been heard in that respect

d) St Brides road closure: Welsh Water are again proposing to close the road at St Brides on 18 March for 3 days from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm which will cause further disruption

(e) Council Tax: This has been increased by 4.9 per cent for 2019/2020

8. MEETINGS: The Clerk had attended a meeting with Creative Rural Communities when the Community Council's grant application was successfully completed. Thanks were extended to H Hanmer who masterminded this project and application

9. PLANNING: No applications or consents received

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) HMRC – New tax year payroll information

(b) Old School Surgery CF71 Issues (Item No. 12 below refers)

(c) OVW – Training dates April-July 2019

(d) Peterston Community Council's 20 mph speed limit campaign update

(e) Wales Cyber Safety Bus Tour 25 March 2019 (this to be placed on the Community Council's facebook)

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11. FINANCE/CLERK'S REPORT:

(a) Financial position as at 14.3.2019

Current Account	£3,963.57
CRC Grant	<u>806.87</u>
	4,770.44
Jubilee Account	<u>24.13</u>
	4,794.57

Payments to be made:

VOG –Allotment rent	1.00	
J Roberts – Clerk's Salary (Jan-Mar)		
13 weeks @ £12.815 x 6 hrs pw (£999.57 gross)		
Less Tax £ 200.00	799.57	
HMRC Tax	200.00	
Clerk's expenses (Jan-Mar)	<u>91.47</u>	<u>1,092.04</u>
Balance		£3,702.53

The above payments were approved

(b) Appointment of Internal Auditor: The Clerk proposed that A D Williams be appointed as Internal Auditor for the Community Council's 2018/19 Accounts. This was unanimously agreed

(c) AGM: The Clerk advised that she would be away on the 9 May 2019 which would be the normal meeting date and requested this be deferred until the 16 May 2019. This was agreed and would be advertised in good time

JR/SP

12. OLD SCHOOL SURGERY CF71 ISSUES: A letter dated 25 February 2019 sent by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership addressed to around 90 Old School Surgery patients with a CF71 postcode advised them that as they lived outside its practice registration area they would now be removed from the practice's list and if, after 30 days from the date of the said letter, they had not registered with a new practice, they would be removed from Old School Surgery's list of patients. This letter had caused widespread concern and distress to those patients affected by this decision, many of whom had been with the practice for 44 years or more. It took no account of those who might be disabled or disadvantaged and provided no information to assist patients to find another practice or assurances regarding repeat prescriptions, pending hospital appointments etc. Following the welcomed intervention by Prof Warner from Tredodridge with the Cwm Taf UHB on behalf of the displaced patients, there had been a meeting between the Old School Surgery GPs, Cwm Taf and Cardiff & Vale UHB representatives, Cardiff & Vale CHC and Cwm Taf CHC to reflect upon the decision and the subsequent concerns submitted by the Community Council. However, the initial

decision was upheld and Prof Warner advised that a letter will be sent to the Community Council responding to its concerns and a second letter will be sent to patients confirming the decision but this time including a Frequently Asked Questions document. The revised letter will also contain the names and contact details of the Cardiff & Vale practices. It is understood the 30 day time limit will recommence from the date of this second letter. A formal complaint to Cwm Taf LHB is being made by Prof Warner in respect of its handling of this matter and the fact that such decisions were made without the LHB engaging with the community of CF71 patients. It was agreed that the Community Council would support his complaint. Jane Hutt AM has been advised of the situation which she has referred to the AM's Health Minister, Vaughan Gethin. **SP/JR**

13 ROAD ISSUES:

(a) Speed limit: S Parnell asked whether a 20 mph speed limit could be imposed in Tredodridge. It was understood this would not be enforceable but would deter motorists from speeding through the village. A request had also been made by Paula Vaughan on behalf of Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School for a 20 mph speed limit by the School. Cllr Morgan will take this up with the Vale Council **MM**

(b) Proposed link road J34/M4 to Sycamore Cross: It was noted that although Emma Reed had promised to provide monthly updates nothing had been heard for some time. It was agreed a request for an update be requested **JR**

(c) School Signage: It has been noted that there is no School sign on the approach to Pendoylan from Clawdd Coch. This will be reported to the Vale Council **JR**

14. COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS: Pendoylan School's Community Ambassadors had held a coffee morning for the retired of the Parish on 13 March 2019 and the School Choir performed part of their Eistedfordd performance for those present. The next project for the Ambassadors will be the sowing of wild flower seeds around the village once the weather improves. Geoff Thomas from Pengelli Farm has kindly agreed to assist. Cllr Chiplen suggested that the raised flowerbed on the village green (opposite Heol Ty Mawr) which is seriously overgrown be replaced with e.g a magnolia tree

15. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:

(a) Street Lights: It had been noted that several of these in the village were not working.

(b) Dangerous tree: R Rees advised that a silver birch tree on the bank opposite the school is leaning forward dangerously

(c) Hensol signage: C Hendy advised that the 30 mph signage in Hensol needs cleaning and repairing. (These 3 matters will be reported to the Vale Council) **JR**

(d) Noticeboard: S Parnell advised that a noticeboard is required in Tredodridge. It was agreed that if sufficient interest is shown by residents this will be pursued **SP**

(e) Councillor Vacancies: H Hanmer advised that Jo Huddart was interested in joining the Community Council and she will be invited to attend the next meeting to confirm her interest. C Hendy may also consider becoming a Councillor **HH**

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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11 April 2019 at 7.30 pm to be held in Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

