

Penllyn Community Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Penllyn Community Council held remotely at
7.30 p.m. on Monday 10th May 2021

Present – All as per Annual Meeting.

68) Apologies for absence.

All as per Annual Meeting.

69) Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. M. Smith in respect of Planning application 2016/00335/FULL left meeting during the discussion thereof.

70) To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th April 2021

Resolved: That the minutes be approved.

71) Matters arising from the minutes other than that appearing below

None

72) Community Police Matters.

(a) Crime report

No Police presence, written report received from PC Elson in respect of occurrences January to March 2021 as below:

	Number of occurrences
Burglary / theft	2
Dogs aggressive / worrying sheep	1
Drink driving	1
Sexual offences	1
Other road traffic issues	2
Other suspicious activity- prowlers etc	2

Malicious phone calls / texts etc	1
TOTAL	10

(b) Other

(i) PC Elson also advised of new incoming PCSO, PCSO 57905 Owain Reynold.

(ii) Aggressive / nuisance dogs Trerhyngyll (Cllrs Bancroft and Howells)

Resolved: Clerk to inform PC Elson and incoming PCSO of concerns and seek their assistance.

Vale of Glamorgan Council matters.

(A) Highways matters:

(a) Schedule of outstanding and ongoing highways issues

Previously reported matters:

(i) Badgers Brook, Ystradowen, access from A4222 - Parking (Minute No. 50 (A) (a) (i) April 2021) (Cllr. Evans)

Clerk reported response from Mr Clogg that he was not prepared to meet on site to discuss the matter.

(ii) Other matters as raised with Mr M. Clogg, Vale Council, at March Council meeting. (Minute No. 50 (A) (a) (i) April 2021)

Members expressed concern regarding the apparent lack of progress in respect of the matters as discussed with Mr Clogg.

(iii) Request for traffic calming measures in Ystradowen A4222 (Cllr. Howells)

This is not the first time this issue has been raised. There was recently an incident in which a car was on its roof damaging a resident's wall in the process. The property concerned is at the entrance to the village (coming from Pontyclun). This is the fourth time that damage has been done to the wall. While there are traffic calming measures in the middle of the village these do not slow traffic sufficiently. Occasional visits by GoSafe Wales does not have any long-lasting impact. Residents see other villages in the Vale with LED lights (e.g. Aberthin, Pendoylan) and villages in RCT with new average speed cameras (e.g. Groes Faen) are asking for similar measures in Ystradowen. Also, any future traffic surveys should be conducted at both entrances to the village (north and south) where the speed limits change from 40 mph to 30 mph, rather than in the middle of the village.

Newly reported matters;

(iv) Highway surface water ponding / water leak opposite Llys Alaw and Brigham Cottages Llanhary to Penllyn road, Llansannor. (Cllr Summers)

Resolved: That whilst acknowledging work that has been carried out, the Clerk forward all that as above to Vale Councillor Geoff Cox with a request that he assist in

progressing matters.

(B)Other Vale Council matters:

(v) Edenbrook Development, attenuation ponds (Cllr Evans) (Minute No. 50 (B) (i) April 2021 refers)

Resolved: It was noted, with much regret, that after three years of considerable efforts on the part of the Council this matter remains unresolved.

(vi) Trerhyngyll / Falld Lane – Vehicular access, heavy vehicles. (Cllr Bancroft)

Councillor Bancroft reported that he had recently received a number of complaints and concerns with regard to the vast increase in volume of commercial vehicles using Ffald Lane, assumed due to the increased use of on-line shopping (Couriers) and Superstore Delivery service.

Within the total length of the lane, there are no passing places suitable for this size of vehicle thus any private size car has to reverse back to the village or onto the main road (A4222) . For example, recently an elderly resident had to reverse approx. 180/200 metres back to the village because a vehicle owned by the VOG refused (rightly so) not to reverse back to the main A4222 road.

Measures to mitigate the potential for an accident waiting to happen might include signage indicating no right or left turn depending on the direction of travel, with an under plate instructing “NO LIGHT VANS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES” .

Resolved: Clerk to write to Vale Council, highways and cleansing departments, regarding possible measures as outlined above.

(vii) “Brown” highways sign provision - Village Hall, Parc Owain, Ystradowen (YC&SA). (Cllr. Howells)

The provision is being requested by YC&SA and would be fully funded by it.

Resolved: Delegated authority granted to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to make suitable arrangements.

73) Chair / Member’s reports and communication.

None

74) Delegates reports

(i) One Voice Wales, Bridgend/Vale/Cardiff Area Committee, 19th April 2021 (Cllr Howells)

Full agenda and minutes can be viewed at:

[Minutes Bridgend Vale Cardiff 19 April 2021.pdf](#)

Summary of actions that need to be taken to comply with the requirements of the Act, based on a summary by One Voice Wales and attendance at the One Voice Wales meeting 19th April 2021.

This summary, together with a more detailed analysis, had been circulated by Cllr Howells to all members prior to the meeting.

Introduction

The Act establishes a new framework for local government (including community councils), elections, democracy, performance and governance. The Act received Royal Assent on 20 January 2021 and provides for a phased approach. This means that the Council has some time to prepare.

1. Elections: Will continue to use the FPTP voting method. The Act extends the franchise to include 16 and 17 years olds (as we have just seen in the Senedd elections) and legally resident foreign citizens. The electoral cycle changes from four to five year terms to bring it in line with the UK Parliament and Senedd elections. The disqualification provisions are amended to disqualify individuals from standing if they are subject to a notification requirement or an order under the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

2. New general power of competence for eligible councils to come into force in May 2022: At present, the CC can only act under a specific power. The Act provides eligible community councils to move to a general power of competence. The aim is to promote more effective, capable and innovative local government. The conditions are as follows:

- a. At least two-third of the Council have to be elected;
- b. The Clerk must hold a qualification such as the sector's Certificate in Local Council Administration.
- c. The Council receives an unqualified audit in the previous 12 months.

3. Public participation at meetings: Community councils must consider how they enable public participation in meetings – although we are exempt from the requirement to have a 'public participation strategy' which applies to Principal (town) councils. Members of the public who attend our meetings must be given a reasonable opportunity to make representations about any business being discussed at the meeting unless it is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting.

4. New petition scheme does not apply to community councils.

5. Provisions of making access to meetings easier: The legislation is amended to allow virtual meetings and hybrid meetings and the electronic publication of documents. This includes making key information available electronically as soon as reasonably practicable and within seven working days of the community council meeting taking place. This information should include: the names of members who attended; apologies for absence; declarations of interest; any decisions taken and the outcome of any votes. This requirement does not apply to any decisions taken in private or where disclosure of the information would be contrary to any enactment. Essentially, this means that the draft minutes of our meetings must be available on our website within 7 working days of our meetings [TO ACTION: CLERK].

6. Annual Reports: From April 2022, we have a duty to prepare and publish a report on our priorities, activities and achievements. The first report covers the financial period from April 2021-March 2022. It should be published as soon as reasonably practicable after April 2022. One Voice Wales recommend making notes of our achievements each month so that the report is easier to compile next year. [TO ACTION: CHAIR AND CLERK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE]

7. Code of Conduct: All community councils should have code of conduct. All members are reminded that they should behave in accordance with the code of conduct and have high standards of conduct whether part of a political group or not.

8. Training Plans: All community councils will have a duty to consider training from 5 May 2022 for councillors and staff and publish training plans by November 2022. It is not expected that each councillor receives training on all subjects, but that the councillors as a group, possess the knowledge and awareness they need to operate effectively.[TO ACTION: CHAIR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE].

(ii) Llansannor CIW Primary School – Report received from Council’s delegate, Mr A Hill.

Resolved: That Mr Hill be thanked for his report and his continued service over the last year.

(iii) Vale of Glamorgan Council Community Liaison Committee 27.04.21 (Remote) Cllr Howells

Agenda and report can be viewed at:

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/agendas/community_liaison/2021/21-04-27.aspx

75) Matters relating to land holdings

Well Green, Trerhyngyll (Minute No. 53 (A) April 2021 refers) - Children’s play area.

Cllrs. Bancroft and Howells updated Council with regard to the goal posts and progress with the outstanding matters reported to last Council.

76) Planning matters

(a) New applications:

Application No.	Location & proposal	Community Council’s Recommendation
2021/00536/FUL	Land at Tynywaun Farm, Newton Retrospective planning permission for the erection of close board timber fence.	“Comment” – Request that the views of neighbours be taken into account in resolving this application.

2021/00478/FUL	Penllyn Estate Farm, Llwynhelig , Cowbridge. Development of a hot food takeaway unit (Use Class A3) associated with the existing Forage Farm Shop.	No objection
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Resolved: That the recommendation as set out above be forwarded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(b) Confirmation of Chair's actions.

2016/00335/FUL	Castell Talyfan Farm, Ystradowen Retention of material change of use of land and buildings from agriculture to a mixed use comprising of agriculture and the storage, repair and sale of agricultural related plant and machinery together with ancillary office use (Further consultation; "Objected" previously lodged Council March 2020.)	My Council would reiterate its earlier "Objection" that the proposed change in use will result in an increase in the volume of heavy commercial vehicles using inadequate residential roads and will be intolerable to the residents of St. Owains Cr ad Sandy lane, Ystradowen. In addition my Council would add that it is constantly requesting Vale Council's highways department to address the existing gridlock of traffic in St. Owains Cr. which is effectively a single track road due to residents parking; to date these requests have been to no avail regardless of the implications for residents and access by emergency services. My Council is also concerned that to approve this application could well set a precedent for further enlargement of this operation and other non-agricultural usage in the locality. As stated above, any increase in traffic
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		whatsoever would exacerbate an already intolerable situation.
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Cllr. Austin was opposed to this continued objection as “the business has already been running from this location for many years already and has had no problems reported about traffic issues as far as I am aware.”

The Clerk indicated the timeframe for responding to this consultation had passed and that the “objection” had already been lodged.

Resolved: That the delegated action of the Chair in lodging the “Objection” in terms as set out above be approved.

77) Finance

(a) Payments as follows were approved:

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount £.p
619	Mr AD Williams	May 2021 Salary	271.46
620	Zurich	Insurance	481.78
621	Countryside Grounds Maintenance	Winchfield grass cutting April 2021	238.93

(b) Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21

The Outturn report 2020/21 having been considered and approved at last Council, consideration was given to the Annual Audit Return as required by the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2015.

Resolved: That,

(i) The Council’s Annual Audit Return 2020/21 be approved.

(ii) The required notice “Exercise of Electors Rights”, Vis public inspection of the accounts, be given.

78) Clerks’ correspondence

None

Date of next meeting

Next meeting: 7th June 2021, 7 pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date:
