Penllyn Community Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Penllyn Community Council held at the Llansannor Community Hall, City

7.30 p.m. on Monday 2nd June 2025

Present – Councillors D. Fardo (Penllyn) Chairman, M. Bancroft (Ystradowen), (Penllyn), (Ystradowen), S.C Howells (Ystradowen), A. Jarvis P. Summers (Llansannor). L. Tiessen (Penllyn).

Also in attendance: Mr A. D Williams, Clerk to the Council.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr Julian Baker who was present to observe the workings of the Council and meet with Members.

83) Apologies for absence

Councillors: P. Eslambolchillar, H. Harbour, E.P. Jarvis & C. Roach.

84) Declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct

Cllr P Summers – Planning Applications 2025/00453/FUL & 2025/00428/FUL, took no part in the discussions thereof.

85) To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary meeting of Council both held on 6th May 2025.

Resolved: The draft minutes be approved.

86) Matters arising from minutes other than appearing below

(a) Pentre Meyrick crossroads (Minute 74 (c) refers)

As resolved, the Clerk reported that he had written to Vale highways raising the following concerns:

"..... current and future level of traffic flows, in particular the numbers of heavy lorries transiting this junction.

The increased use of the junction as a route to the M4 at Pencoed avoiding congestion in Brigend and Culverhouse Cross.

Increased usage due to the highway improvements at Clare Gardens, obviating the need to negotiate Llysworney, and also the Five Mile Lane improvement, both draw traffic heading to join the M4 to utilise the Pentre Meyrick junction.

Increased usage arising out of the substantial increase in housing provision in the south of The Vale (Barry, Rhoose, St Athan) and at Clare Gardens, Cowbridge, and increasing commercial activity around St. Athan airfield site.

Looking to the future and recent Planning approvals there is the prospect that Ruthin Quarries could reopen to supply limestone to Aberthaw with the prospect of that creating even more heavy lorries utilising the junction.

Council should like to know whether there are any plans in hand to improve this junction before any more serious accidents occur?."

Included for completeness only

Precis of lengthy response received from Vale 's highways, engineering manager, dated 18th. June 2025:

"....we have reviewed the personal injury collision (PIC) records, for the 3-year period up to 29th September 2024....there have been no recorded injury collisions on the Pentre Meyrick crossroads, which would suggest that a satisfactory level of road safety currently exists at this location.

In the absence of PIC's during the three-year period referred, I regret that I am unable to recommend any additional measures at this location at this present time."

(b) Llansannor & Llanharry CIW School (Minute 72 (c) refers)

Other matters relevant to the funding of any highway / parking improvements is the Council's legitimate claim over S106 monies arising from that portion of the Darren Farm development currently in the Council's area, and also that arising out of the Sandy Lane development. (Cllr Summers email to Cllrs Birch and Wilson dated 2nd May 2025 refers)

87) Community police matters

No police attendance, written report as below for month of May 25 received from PCSO Stephen Davies.:

Road traffic issues x 1
Burglary x 1
Public indecency x1

88) Vale Council Matters

Review of highway 20MPH speed limits - Welsh Government revised guidance.

Cllr A Jarvis reported that she had written to the Vale Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Brooks, 14th May 2025 seeking a meeting to discuss the matter, particularly in relation to Ystradowen, and that she was still awaiting a response.

Cllr Summers commented that if revised guidance is not now expected, such is his understanding, Welsh Government should advise local highways authorities not to hide behind this expectation in refusing to address the current anomalies such as in Ystradowen, Cllrs Birch and Wilson at the Vale Council should be similarly advised. Matter may also be raised at Vale Community Liaison Committee.

89) Chair and Members reports and communications

None.

90) Delegates reports

None.

91) Matters relating to land holding

Nothing further

92) Planning applications

(a) The following Planning Application was considered:

Application No.	Location & proposal	Community Council's Recommendation
2025/00476/FUL	17 St. Owens Cresc – remodelling of porch; two storey rear extension. Demolition of outbuildings in rear garden.(Previously 2024/00706/FUL)	No objection
2025/00460/FUL	Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor, Llanharry - Variation of Condition of Planning Approval 2020/00244/FUL: Retention of existing temporary buildings and the continued use of land	No objection
2025/00452/FUL	The Hawthorns, Penllyn Road, Llanharry- Rear two-storey extension	No objection
2025/00453/FUL	The Hawthorns, Penllyn Road, Llanharry- Double garage with storage loft for the whole site	No objection

2025/00428/FUL	Church Farm, Llansannor - Construction of an earth bunded site to contain a slurry bag	No objection
2025/00401/LAW	Ashfield, Cowbridge Road, Ystradowen - Recognise the existing site including Northern boundary, garage position, southern boundary wall, as an authorised development.	No comment
2025/00384/TPO	Penllyn Estate, Cowbridge - Work to Trees covered by TPO Nos.01 and 91of 1962: Felling of approx. 45 semi mature and juvenile deciduous trees (Mix of Sycamore, Ash & Elm & Larch). Crown lift of any trees in the marked location, not identified for felling but overhanging highway.	No objection

Resolved: That the recommendation as set out above be forwarded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(b) Other:

(i) "Tenewith", Trerhyngyll. 2023/00380/FUL (Minute 72 (a) June 2025 refers) – Cllr Bancroft noted that the time allowed for the completion of the works had expired, also road safety concerns of late.

As nothing had been heard from Vale Enforcement since that of 15th April 2025 it was.....

Resolved: Clerk to write to write further to Vale Enforcement requesting an update, regarding completion of work in accordance with the amended application.

(ii) Ty Carrig, City (2023/00951/FUL) (Minute 24 (b) (ii) February 25 refers) - It was noted that the time allowed for completion of the required works had expired without the works having been either commenced or completed.

Resolved: That the Clerk write further to Vale Planning Enforcement requesting that they write to the applicant advising them of their obligations.

Included for completeness only, latest received from Vale Enforcement 23rd June 2025:

"I have received confirmation from the applicant's agent that the works will take place on or around 15 July. National Grid are booked to move an electricity cable, and the works cannot be carried out sooner than that date. The works to the wall will proceed once National Grid have completed their operations"

93) Finance

Payment of accounts:

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount £.p
833	HMRC	PAYE 1st Qtr 2025/26	326.40
834	Mr AD Williams	June 2025 Salary	433.27
835	Vision ICT	Web site hosting 2025/26	185.26
836	M. Bancroft	Trerhyngyll & Maendy Summer Social - grant	75.00

Resolved: Schedule of payments as above be approved.

94) Members Training Programme 2025/26.

Will proceed as required.

95) Boundary Commission – Vale Council Community boundaries draft proposals confirmed by Welsh Government.

Resolved: That the Council's website be suitably updated to show these proposals effective from May 2027.

96) Boundary Commission – Vale Council Ward electoral arrangements methodology consultation.

Council considered the following draft response prepared by Cllr Summers:

"The existing arrangement with 3 councillors representing a mixed town and rural ward 'Cowbridge' is overtly biased towards the need of the town and does not provide or ensure effective and convenient local government or effective representation for all clearly identifiable communities.

My Council therefore proposes that the existing Cowbridge Ward be divided in two, in line with the current Town / Community Council Wards, vis: (i)Cowbridge with Llanblethian (based on the Cowbridge Town Council community wards) with 2 Councillors, and (ii)Penllyn (based on the Penllyn Community Council community wards) with 1 Councillor.

This proposal remains fully compliant with the proposed electoral ratios, whilst ensuring that there is a Vale of Glamorgan Councillor directly representing and accountable to the electorate of the Penllyn, Ystradowen & Llansannor Communities,

as well as two for Cowbridge Town and the notably different needs of both those Communities and the Cowbridge Town are properly represented and heard at the Vale of Glamorgan Council. "

Resolved: That the Councils' response as above be sent to the Commission.

97)Footpath forum

Members raised the following for issues for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for September 2025:

- (a) Dangers that cattle in fields pose to unsuspecting walkers and ramblers (Cllr EP Jarvis)
- (b) PFP Trerhyngyll to Llanharry fallen tree obstruction (Cllr M Bancroft)

98) Chair's Annual Report 2025

The Chairman thanked Cllr A Jarvis for her comprehensive report as above.

Resolved: That the report be published on the Council's website.

99) Any other business

None

100) Date time next meeting

Next meeting Monday 7th July 2025, 7pm.

Signed:	Chair	Date: