

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 3rd June 2024

Present – Councillors: A. Jarvis (Ystradowen) (Chair), M. Bancroft (Ystradowen), P. Eslambolchillar (Penllyn), D. Fardo (Penllyn), H. Harbour (Ystradowen), E.P. Jarvis (Llansannor), P. Summers (Llansannor).

93) Apologies for absence

Councillors: S.C.Howells, C.Roach, L. Tiessen; Vale of Glamorgan Cllr N. Wood; Mr A. D Williams Clerk to the Council.

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

None.

95) To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary meeting of Council both held on 13th May 2024.

Resolved: The draft minutes of both meetings be approved, subject to that in respect of the Ordinary Meeting, Minute 80 (b) should be changed to read "Cllr. Howells reported on general surveys being undertaken by Ystradowen".

96) Matters arising from minutes other than appearing below

Boundary Commission – Final recommendations sent to Welsh Government, (Minute 90 refers)

Cllr Summers apprised Council of the Vale Council Community Liaison Committee special meeting held 21st May 2024, held to discuss the final recommendations as above.

Rob Thomas CEO VoG summarised the Councils position which proposed a reduction in the number of Community Councillors particularly in wards where elections rarely took place, as it was his and by inference the Councils, view that

reducing the number of seats in such wards encouraged competition for those seats and thereby democratic representation.

A position which was strongly challenged and argued against by a wide number of TCC representatives.

This Council's response to Welsh Government is reproduced below:

“ As Chair of Penllyn Community Council I wish to register my Council's serious disappointment and concern regarding certain of the proposals which continue to be included within the final proposals of The Vale of Glamorgan Community Review as carried out by the Boundary Commission.

Whilst my Council is content with the proposed boundary changes it strongly objects to the proposed reduction in the number of Councillors in 2 of its 3 wards, Ystradowen and Penllyn.

Ongoing expansion in the community of Ystradowen will mean a significant percentage increase in population. The proposal that the number of Councillors be reduced whilst the population increases can only be described as incongruous, particularly so as the evidence in the Commission's report regarding Planning proposals in the Ystradowen area in particular is significantly understated.

My Council covers a uniquely large diverse area in the Vale of Glamorgan, comprising the larger residential areas of Ystradowen and Penllyn/Craig Penllyn as well as many small rural farming settlements, all of which have diverse needs and priorities and need very local representation from those with precious local knowledge if they are to be adequately represented.

Council fails to appreciate how a reduction in the number of Councillors can result in anything other than a negative impact on democratic representation and the working of the Council.

As not all Councillors are able to devote the same commitment to Council work, it is essential that the size of the existing “pool” of Councillors is maintained. Any reduction will necessarily put more of a burden on those remaining which might very likely have the counterproductive effect of leading to Councillor resignations and / or a reduction in those individuals so disposed to becoming Councillors.

The case for what amounts to a restriction on local people who wish to offer their services VOLUNTARILY to the community is not made.”

Resolved: Noted

97) Community police matters

No police attendance, written report as below received subsequent to meeting:

Report of harassment.

(Included for completeness only)

98) Vale Council Matters

Nothing further.

99) Chairman and members reports and communications

None

100) Delegates reports

- (a) One Voice Wales, Area meeting 22.04.24 (Cllr Summers) – Area Committee meeting 22nd April 2024 agenda, Larger Local Councils meeting 14th February 2024 minutes.
- (b) Llansannor and Llanharry CIW School (Cllr Summers) – Next Governors meeting 5th June 2024.

101) Matters relating to land holding

- (a) Notice boards replacement – Members reported on the variable condition of the Council's 6 No. notice boards.

Further consideration be deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Bancroft be thanked for his work in renovating the board in Trerhyngyll.

- (c) Grass cutting contracts Wellgreen and Winchfield – Refer to Finance Committee.
- (d) Well Field, Trerhyngyll, trees (Minute No. 86 May 24 refers) - Cllr. Bancroft reported that he had met on site with tree officers from the Vale Council. Advice received was that the remaining trees are sound and that the site would be included in their ongoing tree monitoring programme..

Resolved: Noted.

102) Planning applications

None

103) Finance

- (a) Payment of accounts:

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount £.p
788	Evan Thomas	Wellfield , Trerhyngyll – Grass cutting	360.00

Resolved: Schedule of payments as above be approved.

- (b) Statutory Annual Audit Return 2023/24

As required by statute, Council considered the above as prepared by the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

Resolved: That the return as above be approved, Chairman be authorised to sign same.

(c) Finance Committee - Meeting to be arranged.

104) Members Training Programme 2024/25.

Nothing further.

105) Any other business

Nothing further

106) Date time next meeting

Next meeting Monday 1st July 2024, 7pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date: