

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 Tuesday 5th February 2024

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

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

Chairman opened meeting by welcoming Mr Mike Clogg, Operational Manager Engineering, Vale Council.

18) Apologies for absence

Councillors: J. N. Evans, C.Roach.

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

None

20) To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 8th January 2024

Resolved: The draft minutes of the meeting be approved.

21) Community Police matters

Defer to next meeting

22) Vale Council Matters

(A) Highways matters

(a) Schedule of outstanding and ongoing highways issues

Mr Mike Clogg, VoG Operational Manager Engineering in attendance (Minute 4 January 2024 refers).

Mr Clogg had been provided with a shortlist of issues in advance of the meeting.

The shortlist and his initial response is set out below:

	PENLLYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2 nd February 2024	
	ONGOING HIGHWAYS ISSUES	COMMENTS
1	Ystradowen	
(a)	20mph - Basis of conclusion to "Exempt", also future policy on rural speed limits.	toast.makeup.snappy
(b)	Flooding - "S-bends"	chugging.odds.brambles HM Comment: No flooding present, possible leaves and twigs on gully gratings, therefore a works order has been raised for the workforce.
(c)	Badgers Brook playpark – Provision of footpath lighting to St. Owains Cr.	overjoyed.blacken.emporium
2	Llansannor	
(a)	Flooding- Degar Hill bottom (Llanharry to Llansannor road)	risky.manicured.export HM Comment: The existing roadside ditch at Graig Penllyn that either flows into the adjacent field or down the carriageway to the Dwr Cymru pumping station. The site has been inspected and at present, no flooding identified. The buried pipe beneath the road and across field to the River Thaw seem to be functioning satisfactorily.
(b)	Flooding – Nr / adj to Hillside Farm , Argoed, Llanharry.	events.replaces.enclosing HM Comment: A site inspection identified one blocked gully found near the Hawthorns which will be attended to as soon as resources permit.
3	Penllyn	
(a)	Flooding – End of Graig Penllyn, adj to Whitehall / Hunters Lodge, pipe connection to pumping station.	squeaks.potential.outline (previously quoted pats.blaze.alert was incorrect)
4	Trerhyngyll	
(a)	Traffic control issues - Faulds Lane	galloped.peroxide.pampered
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(b)	Flooding - Faulds Lane, c 50mtrs from village, drain requires ongoing maintenance	a/a
(c)	Flooding - Adj to Jane Hodge Home	sweetened.prone.hammer HM Comment: A site inspection has taken place and no flooding present. The highway surface water gullies discharge into the nearby stream and once we experience persistent heavy rainfall, this will inevitably impact the flow. Works order raised to clean out and jet gullies.
(d)	Flooding –Lane Trerhyngyll to jct with Llanharry lane, adj to properties Bryn Teg and Badgers Roost, drain requires ongoing maintenance.	clubbing.afterglo.processor HM Comment: A site inspection identified no flooding and a lack of highway surface water assets

Discussion at the meeting;

Item 1 (a) above – Councillor Sara Howells (Ystradowen) informed Mr. Clogg that Penllyn Community Council (PCC) did not agree with the VoG's interpretation of the Welsh Government guidance which formed the basis of its decision to issue a Traffic Order Exemption for the A4222 maintaining the current 30mph speed limit through Ystradowen. It was the view of Penllyn CC that the VoG's interpretation of the Guidance went against the 'spirit' of the new 20mph legislation and was contrary to the views submitted by Penllyn CC, the Ystradowen Community and Sports Association and numerous residents of Ystradowen to the public consultation in July 2023.

Traffic frequently passes through the village at speeds above the current 30mph speed limit. Current traffic calming measures in the village are not effective. There have been near misses at the pelican crossing as speeding traffic does not always stop when the traffic lights are red. There is strong concern that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. It is accepted that reducing the 20mph speed limit will not eradicate poor and dangerous driving, but it would mitigate the risk and

would be consistent with the speed limits in neighbouring areas on the A4222 such as Aberthin, Cowbridge and Pontyclun. The Go Safe Wales scheme is also ineffective at calming traffic speeds. The police monitor speeds once every few months and not at times of day when speeding is at its worst, e.g. morning rush hour when an increasing number of children are waiting for the school buses on both sides of the roads. A community group was set up to monitor speeds, but they had problems with the equipment provided and found it difficult to sustain the monitoring scheme which relied on volunteers.

The Chair informed Mr. Clogg that Penllyn CC had sought legal advice to challenge the VoG interpretation of the Welsh Government Guidance, but had been advised not to bring judicial review proceedings as the interpretation given by the VoG was not considered to be unlawful. Legal action would also be costly. The Chair asked Mr. Clogg (i) whether the VoG would review its position particularly in light of residents' views and concerns about speeding; (ii) if this was not the case, what measures could the VoG or Penllyn CC take to reduce speeding through the village.

Mr. Clogg informed members that the VoG had followed the Welsh Government Guidance, but he did admit the guidance was flawed since some of the assessments could be viewed as subjective, e.g. the term 'significant numbers' is open to interpretation. Mr. Clogg explained that the VoG were to review how the new law is working but would need further guidance on what data to collect, how to collect it and funding from Welsh Government would be needed as the VOG had to make significant savings in the coming financial year.

Mr. Clogg informed PCC that new revised guidance is currently before the Senedd and due to be issued in the summer 2024 recess. In addition, new guidance on normal speed setting is under review. Mr. Clogg could not advise PCC on how to feed into the review.

Due to the VoG's financial position, Mr. Clogg could not commit to providing a speed camera, average speed camera or LED Vehicle Activated Road Signs. Mr. Clogg suggested that requests of this nature could be made if s106 funding was made available in the future.

Resolved: To explore ways to feed into the review of the Welsh Government Guidance, e.g. One Voice Wales, contact local AM.

Item 2(a) above - It was agreed that further information including photo's would be supplied to Mr Clogg to identify the location of the pipe, the inspection pit with loose temporary cover requiring urgent attention, together with a request that suitable tests / camera inspections etc be undertaken to provide a definitive answer whether the pipe under road from pond to pit is clear and functioning correctly.

The above was sent to Mr Clogg 11th February 2024.

(b) Other

Defer to next meeting

23) Chairman and members reports and communications

Defer to next meeting.

24) Delegates reports

Circulated with meeting's agenda:

One Voice Wales (Cllr Summers) – Minutes of OVW larger Council's meeting 11 th October 2023, minutes National Executive Committee meeting 5th December 2023, minutes of Area Committee meeting 9th October 2023, agenda Area Committee meeting 29th January 2024 incl report re Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Stakeholders Reference Group,

25) Matters relating to land holdings

Defer to next meeting.

26) Planning applications

(a) New applications:

Application No.	Location & proposal	Community Council's Recommendation
2023/01235/FUL	Car Park of Forage Farm Shop - Community Cash Pod	No objection
2024/00006/FUL	Brookville, Trehyngyll - New front door, new side extension and infill extension at the first floor, conversion of the garage to habitable rooms.	No objection

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

(b) Other

(i) 2023/00951/FUL Ty Carrig, City, Llansannor – Amended proposals

Council considered proposals from Cllrs Summers and P. Jarvis.

Resolved: That delegated authority be granted to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, Cllr. P Jarvis and Cllr. Summers, to submit an appropriate response.

For purpose of completeness only the following response was submitted by the Clerk to the Vale of Glamorgan Council:

“ Object – (i) Council reiterates its request that the provisions in the original Planning Approval 2019/00866/FUL be fully enforced.

(ii) Council considers its previously lodged objections remain substantially unanswered, the proposed further amendment only exacerbates the safety concerns already raised.”

- (ii) 2023/00895/FUL Great House Farm - Amended proposals(Minute 499
(a) October 2023 refers)

Resolved: That the previous comments of the Council be reiterated. “Comment – Request that particular attention be given to the views of neighbours in resolving the application.”

27) Finance

(a) Payment of accounts:

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount £.p
767	Cheque cancelled		
768	Mr AD Williams	February 2024 Salary	413.85
769	B. Oliver	Salmons Wells annual maintenance	275.00
770	M. Bumford	Internal audit fee 2023/24	250.00
771	Wales Audit Office	External audit fee 2023/24 (Estimated)	350.00
772	Mr P Summers	Members allowance 2023/24	208.00
773	Mr AD Williams	Expenses / disbursements July 23 - Mch 24	624.80
774	Mrs SC Howells	Members allowance 2023/24	208.00
775	Llansannor Community Hall Association	Hall hire January to December 2023	260.00

Resolved: Schedule of payments as above be approved.

(b) Precept 2024/25

Council considered the report of its Finance Committee as set out below:

PENLLYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting 31st. January 2024					AGENDA ITEM 4	
DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25						
	LAST YEAR 2022-23		CURRENT YEAR 2023-24		Budget "Growth" / Inflation	NEXT YEAR 2024-25 Budget Draft £
	Actual £	Budget Original £	Spend to end Nov 23 £	Budget Revised £		
EXPENDITURE						
Clerk's Salary	5704	6275	3453	6175	395	6670
Clerks telephone / broadband /mileage	619	900	450	900	75	975
Insurance	488	550	529	529	20	570
One Voice Wales membership	241	275	0	261	5	280
Training	758	450	38	100	-350	100
Stationary,Printing, Postage etc	186	150	22	150	15	165
External Audit Fee	300	350	0	350	0	350
Internal Audit Fee	225	250	0	250	20	270
IT equipment maintenance	0	100	0	50	0	100
IT equipment purchase	1027	0	0	0	500	500
Web site hosting etc	152	150	152	152	15	165
Bank charges	88	80	42	84	10	90
Ystradowen memorial garden						
Legal fees - licence	0	0	175	175	0	0
Trees - provision	0	0	0	1000	0	0
R & M Penllyn (Winchfield / Parish Fld):						
Grass cutting	870	1800	0	0	0	1800
Contribution	-375	-645	0	0	0	-645
Hedge trimming	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tree work	0	0	0	0	1000	1000
Annual Playground Safety Inspection	73	90	0	90	10	100
R & M Treerhyngyll (Wellfield):						
Grass cutting	1560	1700	1080	1080	-100	1600
Hedge trimming	220	250	0	250	25	275
Mole control	60	0	0	100	125	125
Equipment / signs maintenance etc	173	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Playground Safety Inspection	73	88	0	90	12	100
Quarterly playground inspections	698	0	0	300	350	350
Tree work	0	0	1195	1395	1000	1000
R & M Notice Boards	19	50	0	0	0	50
R & M Salmon's Wells						
Grounds maintenance	250	275	0	275	25	300
Replacement benches	0	0	0	0	1000	1000
Sign	0	0	0	150	0	0
Poppy Wreath & Donation	40	45	0	90	55	100
Grants:						
Grants - Christmas	300	315	0	350	85	400
Penllyn & Ystradowen newsletters	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members & Chair's allowance	150	150	0	400	1850	2000
Local Government Elections	22	0	0	0	0	0
Meeting Venue Charges	260	375	0	300	-25	350
INCOME - Precept	-12875	-13550	-9034	-13550	-950	-14500
- Bank interest / charges	-23	0	-45	-90	-75	-75
- Wayleaves / rents	-3	-3	0	-3	0	-3
Surplus / (Deficit)	-1280	-470	1943	-1403	-5092	-5562
BALANCED BUDGET	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserves / cash						
B/fwd in hand	15571	14101		14291		12888
Revenue contribution as above	-1280	-470		-1403		-5562
"Capital" grants playground imps	0	0		0		0
"Capital" spend playground imps	0	0		0		0
C/fwd in hand	14291	13631		12888		7326
Band "D" charge for year	12.11	12.72	+5% 22/23 to 23/24	12.72	+5% 23/24 to 24/25	13.36
No. properties factored to Band "D"	1062	1065		1065		1085
Product	12861	13550		13550		14500

Resolved: That

- (i) The report of the committee be noted.
- (ii) The Council's budget 2024/25 as set out above be approved, and
- (iii) The Council's precept 2024/25 be £14,500 as set out above.

28) Revised Local Development Plan – Council's response

Resolved: Delegated authority be granted to the Clerk, in consultation with Chairman, to submit a suitable response if any.

29) Clerks Correspondence

Defer to next meeting.

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30) Member's training programme 2023/24 - Update

Defer to next meeting.

31) Any other business

Defer to next meeting.

32) Date time next meeting

Next meeting Monday 4th March 2024, 7pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date: