

PEN-Y-CAE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – DRAFT

Minutes of the Penycae Community Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023
27th February

PRESENT

Chair – Cllr June Jones

Cllr K. Gilpin
Cllr. J.C. Phillips
Cllr. R. Hughes
Cllr. A Tynan
Cllr. H. Davies

Cllr. J. Roberts
Cllr. C. Davies
Cllr. A. Phillips
Cllr. Dr S Evans
Cllr. R. McLaren

PSCAO Purdy Jones for Item 5 On the agenda – Police Matters and Carla Lovell for item number 6 on the agenda – Issues Relating to Older People.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. P Davies
Cllr. J. Lowe
Cllr. K. Phillips

(23)27DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs A Tynan, John Phillips, Anthea Phillips and Keith Gilpin declared interest in item number 9 on the agenda – to Discuss Grants and Donations.

It was agreed to suspend standing orders and take matters out of sequence for items on the agenda 5 – Police Matters and 6 – Issues Relating to Older People

(23)28POLICE MATTERS.

The Clerk had circulated PCSO Jones’ report to members prior to the meeting.

Cllrs J. Phillips noted that there was a current investigation of a serious nature ongoing that Purdy could not provide any further information on at this time. The concerns of the community were understood, and the Police were trying to provide reassurance in the area by showing a high visibility presence.

Reported Crime Figures

Incident	Number of incidents	Summary
ASB	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Large group of youths causing a nuisance outside the caller’s house, knocking on door and running off.2. Youths on roof of garages throwing bricks into people’s gardens.3. Group of youths knocking on door and

		<p>running off, causing a nuisance every evening</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Same address as number 3, youths banging on window and causing a nuisance. 5. Harassment – caller states being harassed by neighbours. 6. Domestic related 7. Ongoing neighbourhood dispute
Harassment	1	1. Ongoing neighbourhood dispute issues
Threats / Consider to Murder	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Person received threats online. 2. Domestic related 3. Domestic related
Arson	1	1. Report of children setting fire to bins
Public Order	0	
Road Disruption	1	1. Vehicle regularly parked on pavement
Road Related Offence	0	
RTC	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver has reversed into another car. 2. Cyclist hit by car, believed to be a medical episode rather than RTC
Shoplifting	0	
Criminal Damage	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRU, student caused damage to school 2. Eggs thrown at car, causing damage to paint
Common Assault	4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feuding males, known to each other. 2. Domestic related 3. Domestic related 4. Domestic related

Burglary	1	1. Entry gained from rear; occupants were not home at the time
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Updates and events

- Op Cinnamon, over 65's information event, 14th Feb at the football club. This event went very well, and attendance was increased from the last Op cinnamon held in the summer of 2022. It was hoped that another event could be arranged this summer, as it was an event that was clearly growing and was beneficial to the members of the community.
- Speed monitoring with the children of Ysgol Penycae. This had taken place twice this month and was hoped that it could become a regular event, this would encourage working partnership with the school and the community. The children loved taking part and were keen to know the speed of the drivers, it was hoped that they would take the message home. Purdy would be contacting the school again in March to discuss more speed monitoring and a competition for the children to design a sign detailing the speed limit and asking driver to slow down outside the school, it was hoped that the signs could be made and displayed outside the school (with the relevant permissions granted). There have also been some complaints about parking on the zig zag lines so Purdy was working with the school to try and address this.
- Supporting Easter Egg Hunt event – 8th April – PACT funding
- Youth Event – 5th April 12 till 3pm – Penycae Football Club. Purdy had approached members for funding support towards a youth engagement event which would involve attendance by agencies who support young people such as the Youth Justice team, Young carers, mental health services, the Info shop, Drug and alcohol prevention service, youth homelessness prevention and a mobile catering van to provide free food for the attendees. There would also be a local artist attending who would work with the youths her aim being to produce 2 pieces of artwork with the youths, that represents Penycae. This artwork will be on large boards which can be displayed outside. The artwork could then be moved around the village over a 12-month period so everyone would have the opportunity to enjoy it. They could then be permanently fixed in agreed locations. Purdy had secured PACT funding and NHS funding for this event and had asked the Community Council to consider a donation of £150 for the event. The finance Committee had considered the request at the finance meeting prior to the meeting and recommended to members that they approve the donation. All members agreed to the donation.
- Engagement vans – 10th and 11th April – different locations around Penycae tbc. Similar idea to cuppa with a copper, vans to be stationed around the village where residents can go and discuss concerns with the Police.
- Target Hardening devices – Purdy had put together a list of devices that had proved useful in deterring burglaries following some recent identification of suitable vulnerable properties in the village. The packages were as follows.

• Item	Unit price	price	20% VAT	Total
50 X Ultra thin vibration alarm	2.45	52.50	10.50	63
20 X Door alarm keypads	3.75	23.75	4.75	28.50
25 X 24 hour timer	2.45	61.25	12.25	73.50
10 X No cold calling zone signs	1.69	16.90	3.38	20.28
50 X Dual activated door alarm	3.60	180.00	36.00	216.00
30 X Minder TV Simulator	2.15	64.50	12.90	77.40
			79.78	478.68

Item	Unit price	price	20% VAT	Total
20 X Ultra thin vibration alarm	2.45	49.00	9.80	58.80
15 X Door alarm keypads	3.75	56.25	11.25	67.50
25 X 24 hour timer	2.45	61.25	12.25	73.50
20 X Dual activated door alarm	3.60	72.00	14.40	86.40
25 X Minder TV Simulator	2.15	53.75	10.75	64.50
			58.45	297.70

Members agreed to purchase the larger package and confirmed that the units would solely be distributed in Penycae.

Matters Raised by members

- Cllr. J. Phillips wanted to thank Purdy for all of her hard work in the community.
- Carla Lovell, Community Agent passed on some identified areas of ASB occurrences to Purdy.

The Chair thanked Purdy, following this she left the meeting.

(23)29 ISSUES RELATING TO OLDER PEOPLE

Carla gave details on her movements for the period which included the setting up of the Bereavement Group held at the Church of the Nazarene. Good feedback had been received following the first session and it had been well attended. Carla advised that following some recent communications with the Adult Social Care department there was now two dedicated staff members for the Rhos and Penycae district and they had been working well together. Carla noted that she had been working with the Yellow and Blue Hub in the city centre regarding setting up a men's shed – a club for supporting men's mental health and reducing isolation. It was hoped that members could learn skills such as PAT testing which could be utilised as a route to employment in some cases. A walking group was being set up with the Church of the Nazarene which included refreshments. Carla advised that there were still plenty of referrals coming through and the back log of blue badge applications seemed to be reducing.

The Chair thanked Carla for all her hard work, following this she left the meeting.

(23)30MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th January copies having previously been circulated, were approved and adopted.

(23)31MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

Item	Comments	Resolved
1. Defib	Tomos Hughes of the Welsh Ambulance service had been in contact to advise that the defib had arrived but that he needed to book in the electrician and order the back board. As soon as there was a date for installation, he would inform the Clerk.	To await further information regarding the installation
2. Local Places for Nature – Wildlife Garden	Shane Hughes of Keep Wales Tidy had confirmed that the nest boxes would be placed in the site on the 9 th March. The trees were now being sited at the new Community Garden site on the orchard	To confirm with Shane Hughes regarding installing the shed at the community garden space and to confirm if a base could be sourced.
3. New bin request	The Clerk had requested the spare set of keys for the bin but to date had not had a reply from Craig Youens .	Clerk to request the spare keys again from Craig Youens at WCBC.
4. War Memorial Works	The Clerk had spoken with the contractor who had confirmed a provisional date however the works still had not been completed. It was agreed that a firm date must be agreed by the next meeting, or the agreement would have to be terminated. The Clerk had received the quote from Marcher Stone but had not heard back from the others that had been contacted. The Quote given by Marcher Stone was for £400 in total and included a full clean and repainting the lettering with two coats of	The Clerk to confirm date with Contractor ASAP. That the Clerk accept the quote from Marcher stone and book in the work.

	special black enamel. The Clerk had contacted Chris Williams and had asked him to secure the tributes to the War Memorial	Noted
5. Skate Park Surface	The Clerk had received a quote from Slurry Sealing UK for £5201.28. No further quotes had been received. It was agreed to find out the lifespan of the material and email out to members before deciding.	To find out the lifespan of the material and email out to members for further discussion.
6. Memorial plaque	Cllr. Tynan had made enquiries regarding the details to be included on the plaque. No further information had been received as yet.	To await further info.
7. Bus Service Update	No response had been received from Andrew Mytton again regarding the request for informing local members of any possible disruption to bus services as an impact of road works.	Clerk to follow up again
8. Table of actions	The Clerk advised that this was still a work in progress	Noted.
9. Letters to Heaven	St Thomas' Church had agreed to the installation of the post-box but had suggested that a sign be placed alongside it explaining exactly what happens with the letters. Rev. Bettinson also suggested that we keep a tally of how many letters were received and if necessary, some extra bereavement resources could be facilitated. No reply received from the British Ironworks Centre regarding the postboxes but the Clerk had found white Royal Mail post boxes on Ebay for £220.00 which was the	To purchase the post box and liaise with the church.

	cheapest. It was agreed to purchase the post box and liaise with the church regarding its installation	
10. Parking on Hill Street	Cllr. Tynan advised that she had also received complaints regarding the obstructive parking in this area. It was agreed to clarify with Joanne Rogers at WCBC over who was responsible for enforcement of parking obstructions on the footpath. It was also agreed to write to the surrounding residents asking them to be mindful of their parking.	That the Clerk write to Joanne Rogers at WCBC to clarify who was responsible for enforcement of parking obstructions on the footpath. That the Clerk write to the surrounding residents asking them to be mindful of their parking.

(23)32STREETLIGHTING

Item	Comments	Resolved
Speed Signs	Still no response received from the manufacturer. Clerk still awaiting contact details from Mega over escalation process.	To write to the Chief Exec asking for an urgent resolution to the matter.
Bridge Street Fault	Landowner been in contact to advise that he will arrange for the hedge to be cut ASAP and would be in contact when it was done.	noted
Update from Consortia Meeting	A meeting of the street lighting consortia had been held on the 1 st Feb. It was primarily held to agree the RPI linked increase in price to the schedule of rates. All councils had approved and agreed the rise. Mega had proposed a programme of visual surveys on the existing stock of concrete columns across all of the communities and would work out a replacement schedule which would involve scheduling in work in neighbouring communities as a way of	That the Clerk write to WCBC for advice on the matter and to see if there were any grants available for replacement of columns like the Salix scheme for the LED lights.

	<p>keeping the costs to a minimum. Cllr. J. Phillips asked if we could have independent surveys done on the columns instead. The Clerk advised that this would be possible and would incur additional cost again as well as the replacement of the columns. The Clerk explained that the need for replacement of the concrete columns had been identified previously by Geoff Edwards as they were deteriorating due to their age and the change in safety regulations. It was suggested at the consortia meeting that if communities could not afford to replace these columns, then they should be removed at the very least. It was suggested that the Clerk write to WCBC for advice on the matter and to see if there were any grants available for replacement of columns like the Salix scheme for the LED lights.</p>	
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(23)33 PLANNING Applications

Application no P/2023/0014 – Replace existing flat roof to rear of property – Greenbank Hill Street Penycae

Resolved: No observations

Application no. P/2023/0046 – Erection of car port (in retrospect) 9 Gardd Francis Penycae

Resolved: No observations

Application no. p/2023/0052 – Construction of vehicular access 1 Ael y Bryn Penycae

Resolved: No observations.

Application no. P/2023/0024 – proposed front bay window extension 8 Mae Teg Penycae

Resolved: No observations

(24)34 TO DISCUSS Grants and Donations

The finance committee had met prior to the meeting and their recommendations were as follows –

That £150 be donated to each of the three cemeteries in the village to assist with their maintenance.

£50 to be donated to the Welsh Air Ambulance Charity

£100 to be donated to the Scouts to aid their building repairs.

£100 to be donated to the Cross Foxes towards the refurbishment of their community hub.

£150 to be donated to Paul Edwards' walk across America in aid of Hope House.

£150 to be donated to Penycae Community Group to fund new litter picking equipment.

Resolved: That the donations be made as detailed.

23)35 TO DISCUSS Youth Services

The Clerk had received communication from a lady who was interested in starting up a youth club in Penycae following the successful establishment of a similar venture in Johnstown. The lady was beginning the consultation process and would like to bring it to council's attention at a future meeting. Members agreed that this would be a useful asset to the village and would welcome more information on the matter following the consultation.

The Clerk had also received prices on detached play work from WCBC for members to consider. This comprised of

Youth work provision – Weekly term time sessions for 1 year = £6,348.31

Play provision – Weekly play session for 1 year (including holidays and excluding Christmas and February half term) = £8,237.36.

Members agreed to look at this option going forward once the results of the consultation had been received.

Resolved: To await further information.

(23)36 TO DISCUSS the Easter Event

Cllr. J. Phillips had already begun to advertise the event online and through his community newsletter. The event would be held on the 8th April at 10am starting from the Railway Line at the rear of Guans – following a trail along the Railway Line, out onto the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Pant Hill then ending up at the Church of the Nazarene for refreshments and to be given prizes. The Clerk and Cllr. Tynan would forward over information on allergy markers and waivers for Cllr. Phillips. Cllr. Dr Evans offered assistance in translation of signs or banners and Cllr. H. Davies advised that she could make additional signage. Cllr. J. Phillips asked for volunteers on the day and assistance in litter picking the area on the day prior to the event.

Resolved: That anyone who was free to help with the event would liaise with Cllr. J. Phillips. That the Clerk and Cllr. Tynan provide the info regarding Allergies and waivers to Cllr. Phillips.

23)37GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

An email asking for nominations to the garden parties at Buckingham Palace, the clerk had previously emailed this out to members. No nominations were received.

An email from Rev. Phil Bettinson of St Thomas' advising that the church was looking to hold a community drop in once a month at the village hall where community focused practitioners would be in attendance ie PCSOs, Community Agent, Citizens Advice etc. Rev. Bettinson had asked if any members would be free to attend to support the event. The Clerk would forward on any further correspondence on the events to members.

An email from Impact China detailing prices for King Charles III coronation mugs. It was agreed that the Clerk find out the costs for providing them to the school children in Penrycae.

An email from Cyfle Cymru a service aimed at helping young people aged 16 to 24 not in education or training to help with substance misuse and or mental health conditions gain access to education, training and employment. The Clerk would forward the details to the local members and the PCSO.

(23)38MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

1. An email from WCBC giving details on the consultation for the new council plan 2023-2028
2. An email from Gary Jones Climate change and carbon reduction officer at WCBC giving details of a series of engagements to raise awareness of carbon reduction.
3. An email from the Welsh Government regarding proposals for the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

(23)39ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. K Gilpin asked if the CCTV issue could be picked up again

Cllr. A Tynan advised that the replacement street nameplate would be installed in the near future following correspondence from the Environment Department at WCBC.

(23)40FINANCE

Payments

The following payments were approved for February.

103113 – Hafren Dyfrdwy – water for War Memorial Garden	£33.67
103114 – WCBC – Park repair	£78.50
103115 – One Voice Wales – membership	£439.00
103116 – JRB Enterprises – dog waste bags	£191.28
103117 – Jessica Griffiths – web hosting	£315.00
103118 – Mega Electrical – streetlighting	£119.63
103119 – Accounting Solutions – payroll	£32.19
103120- Member – members expenses	£150.00
103121 – Noticeboard Company – noticeboard	£739.20
103122 - member – easter event expenses	£150.00
Bank Transfer – Salary	£1357.02
Bank transfer – laptop and web cam	£288.97