

PENALLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED PENALUN

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Penally Community Council held remotely on **WEDNESDAY 13th October 2021**, via Zoom at 6.00 pm.

This meeting of Penally Community Council meeting was open to members of the public via a live Zoom link

Present: Cllrs M Neal (Vice chair), J D'Arcy, J Rilstone, O Duckett and E Hooper

In attendance –Cllr Jon Preston (County Councillor) and The Clerk

As Cllr Snow was not able to attend this meeting Cllr Neal Chaired the meeting.

Meeting started at 18.02

2021/10 62 Apologies for Absence Cllrs S Snow (Chair) and J Williams-James

2021/10 63 To receive any personal and prejudicial Declaration of Interests

Cllr D'Arcy declared a personal interest in Agenda item 2021/10 68. The applicant is Cllr D'Arcy's neighbour

2021/10 64 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 8th September 2021

Cllr Rilstone proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of Penally Community Council, as presented to the Council held on 13th October 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting; Cllr D'Arcy seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2021/10 65 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only - None

2021/10 66 Account(s) for Payment and Bank Reconciliation

		<u>To Be Presented</u>	
13.10.21	1893	Messrs Lewis - Office Apportionment	£ 55.74
13.10.21	1894	M Priestley - Wages September	£ 238.77
13.10.21	1895	Smart Gardens - Cuts September	£ 410.00
13.10.21	1896	PAYE and NI	£ 179.00
			£ 883.51

Cllr Neal proposed that the above accounts be paid in full; Cllr D'Arcy seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

Cash Flow for September 2021			
Balance		£ 16,394.56	B/F
Payments made in September 2021		£ 836.91	
Income during September 2021		£ -	
		£ 15,557.65	C/F

Cllr Hooper proposed that the finances, as depicted within the report, show a true record of Penally Community Council's finances; Cllr D'Arcy seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement

2021/10 67 To receive any updates regarding the external auditing process

The Clerk advised that an Email had been received from the Auditor General for Wales advising that the 2020/2021 External Audit had not been completed and a Notice of None Completion

should be displayed on the Council's Website along with a copy of the Financial Statement. The Clerk confirmed that this had been completed.

2021/10 68 Planning Application(s) Received

21/0602/PA – Hillside Penally - Alterations and extension

Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority it was concluded that the Penally Community Council do not have any objections or concerns regarding this application.

2021/10 69 Licensing Application(s) Received

None

2021/10 70 Consideration of Correspondence Received

- The Clerk confirmed that the Christmas tree had been ordered and will be delivered on 29.11.2021 around 11am
- Major (Rtd) Smith has confirmed that he will be attending the Remembrance Service
- Copies of the survey being undertaken by Saundersfoot Community Council regarding the future management of the library are available from the Clerk on request

2021/10 71 To receive County Councillor's Report

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN PRESTON REPORT

Local government boundary review

Following on from September's report, the Welsh Local Authority boundary reviews have been underway and as I reported previously the proposal made for the Penally community is that it becomes amalgamated with Manorbier to create a new ward. The main aim of the Local Authority boundary review was to create wards that averaged an electorate of approximately 1500 voters. I wrote to the Welsh Minister Rebecca Evans AS/MS to reiterate my original objection and to draw the ministers' attention to the significant growth that has taken place in the Penally ward due to two large residential developments being built in New Hedges. Also, that the proposals would create one much larger Manorbier / Penally ward of around 1800 electorate and a smaller St. Florence / St Mary out Liberty ward of around 1200 electorate. Effectively creating two new wards that have a greater variance to the target 1500 voters than the current ward arrangement provides. The minister has responded by saying she is grateful for the highlighting of concerns in respect of the proposal to combine Penally with Manorbier and that she had noted the Commission had received representation about this proposal during the review process, as reflected within its Final Recommendations Report. Despite this, the Minister has now confirmed that the proposals for the new ward arrangements have been accepted and will be in place in time for the May 2022 Local Authority elections. It is important to make it clear that these changes whether they are considered unnecessary or welcomed should not have any significant impact on the current running of community councils in the affected wards, apart from the fact that the County councillor elected in May 2022 will represent the communities of Penally and Manorbier. The Boundary Commission for Wales will now work with Pembrokeshire County council to finalise arrangements for next year's Local Authority elections.

Cost recovery

I have written to Simon Hart MP seeking support in recovering the costs incurred by PCC during the time in which Penally training camp was re-purposed by the Home Office. Following a question that I put to the council leader at the March 2021 Full Council meeting; Cllr David Simpson responded that no costs had been recovered at that time due to the invoice only being submitted at the end of February. He went on to say that (in terms of cost recovery) he had the full support of the WLGA and Ministers including Simon Hart MP. However, in a response to my

request for support a letter has been issued from the Welsh secretary's office stating that the Home Office does not reimburse local authorities for costs incurred providing support services to asylum centres. Due to the way the Home Office acted regarding Penally camp I consider this stance to be open to challenge and I will continue to pursue this matter. I have forwarded all my files on this matter to colleagues at the Senedd and at Westminster for further scrutiny. As previously reported, if the full costs are not returned to Pembrokeshire County council, it will fall on the taxpayers of Pembrokeshire to make up any shortfall, this includes the residents of Penally who have already directly burdened some of these costs through their council tax precept.

Penally training camp

The 'Penally Training Camp' sign for the main gate at the Eastern entrance has been put back up as requested. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) are again maintaining the camp and the Military Guard Service now man the gates. There still exists a need for military training accommodation in Pembrokeshire so Penally training camp currently remains an operational requirement. Also, I am interested to note that there may be a covenant dating as far back as the 1850's that may stipulate that the land is returned to the Penally community should it ever become surplus to military requirements. However, further research would need to be carried out on this.

Overnight camping

Following a request from council, I have spoken with the lease holder of the land opposite the former Night Owl to make them aware of the unauthorised use of the former car park for overnight camping and to seek permission to erect an information sign on the land. The lease holder has no objection to the community council placing a notice at the site to deter camping but has asked that we also inform the freeholder of the current situation.

Pembrokeshire Wellbeing assessment 2022

Pembrokeshire Public Services Board (PPSB) is carrying out an Assessment of Local Well-being. The PPSB want to find out about the well-being of local people and communities, now and for the future. Many things can influence the well-being of individuals and communities, such as economic, social, environmental and cultural factors. The feedback provided will be looked at alongside other information about Pembrokeshire, to produce a Pembrokeshire Well-being Assessment 2022. This assessment will then be used to put together the Well-being Plan for Pembrokeshire. The plan will set out the PPSB's Well-being Objectives and how Pembrokeshire Public Services Board will work together to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Pembrokeshire. To find out more visit: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/public-services-board> or contact Lynne Richards, Corporate Partnerships Officer, on lynne.richards@pembrokeshire.gov.uk ([External link](#)) or 01437 776252

2021/10 72 To Receive Any Reports from Working Parties - None

2021/10 73 To Receive Reports from Council Representatives - None

2021/10 74 To consider issues raised regarding persons parking overnight in the land adjacent to Trefloyne Lane

Following consideration of information provided it was agreed that the landowner has given consent that signage is erected to detour none authorised overnight parking on this land.

2021/10 75 To consider the possibility of Penally Community Council assisting the Penally Village Hall with providing WiFi to hall users

Cllr D'Arcy, on behalf of the village hall committee, advised the Council that although the process of installing a telephone line into the village hall is progressing well no actual figures are available

at this point in time as to the cost of maintaining a Wifi connection. It was concluded that this agenda item be carried forward to the November 2021 meeting.

2021/10 76 To consider the request made by Penally WI to enable bulb planting on land in the ownership of the Penally Community Council – Email mailed to all Cllrs 01.10.2021

Various locations were discussed for the planting. Cllr Neal will liaise with the WI to establish where the blubs will be planted and advise the Council accordingly.

2021/10 77 To consider the arrangements for the Remembrance Service

Father Paul will conduct a Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Sunday 14th November at 10.45. Following which a service will be held in the Church.

- Smart Gardens to clean the Remembrance Garden prior to the 14th November
- The Clerk to collect the Wreaths and deliver them to Cllr Snow (x2)
- Cllr Rilstone will take photographs and then Email then to the Clerk for insertion into the local paper
- Cllr Snow will lay a Wreath on behalf of the Community Council
- Mr J D'Arcy will lay a Wreath on behalf of ex Service Men and Women
- Major (Retired) Ewan Smith will lay a Wreath on behalf of Serving Service Men and Women.
- Cllr J Preston will also lay a wreath on behalf of the County Council
- Cornet player to be confirmed

Meeting closed 18.45