

Ystradfellte Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ystradfellte Community Council held at Ystradfellte Church Hall and Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. K Bowman, C Woodley, L Jones, Catherine Mealing-Jones
G James, H Roderick, J Pimm BBNPA, P.C. S Beaton
P.C.S.O. N Watkins Dyfed Powys Police

Apologies: National Resources Wales, N & PTCBC

This meeting has been arranged to discuss the ongoing traffic problems etc. in Waterfalls Country.

Mr Pimm reported that visitors parking at Gwaun Hepste and Cwm Porth are encouraged to leave PNV way to try and manage the volume of traffic back to Penderyn. The one way system is working well. Cllr. Jones asked about an app. which could inform visitors that the car parks were full. New parking restrictions are being put in place for PNV. Yellow lines from the old school down to PNV and 'No Parking on Pavements' signs.

It was asked about wardens being stationed on the Penderyn road on the junction to Ystradfellte. This would be cause a drain on resources. Could there be an increase in police presence on Bank Holidays. There is a reduction in staff on Bank Holidays and P.C.S.O.'s do not work on Bank Holidays but are in talks with unions and senior staff. There will possibly be some presence on the Jubilee weekend. Powys CC Enforcement Officers do work on weekends and Bank Holidays but there is a shortage of staff. The police asked could a sign be put up in the patrolled areas and could they have a copy of the rota.

Cllr. Woodley reported that although Ystradfellte and Penderyn are equal partners in the Waterfalls Partnership they seemed to be pushed into the background and are not being invited to meetings. BBNPA said they would try to get the partnership back together. It was asked whether a BBNPA officer from the Waterfalls area could attend the community council meetings. The Waterfalls safety meetings will be run by Mr J Pimm and there is a new community engagement officer.

The shuttlebus service is being run again from Glynneath but it needs signage as it is not the best car park location, it would probably be better if it was just off the dual carriageway near McDonalds. It was asked about a shuttle service from Hirwaun up through Penderyn.

It was reported that visitors using the Hendre Bolan road seem to think that it is just a walkway and not a road for vehicles which is causing problems for residents in that area. Mr Pimm reported that more signage is needed there to direct visitors to the diversion around Hendre Bolan and make them aware that it is a roadway for vehicles.

Cllr. Jones is concerned about conservation in the PNV area. A tree has been down near the Angel for 2 years and has not been cleared. This is in the N&PTCBC area. Also nothing has been done about the landslide up to the Gunpowder Works which is a track used by many local people. Mr Pimm said he is looking into it as things are happening there and he will keep Cllr. Jones informed.

Cllr. Bowman asked was there any plans to extend BBNPA, no decision has been made yet.

Mr Pimm reported that the portaloos have been taken away at Clyn Gwyn and Craig y Dinas as there is no funding for them. The ones at Gwaun Hepste will remain there. They are looking into more funding for the other areas.

Cllr. Woodley asked on behalf of Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council about the general improvement to the Tramroad from Hirwaun to Penderyn as he has had no response to his emails. This will be looked into

Mrs Powell asked on behalf of Glyn Tarell Community Council about a planning application submitted by the National Trust some years ago for a car park at Pont yr Daf near Pen Y Fan. The application is still live.

The Community Council thanked everyone for attending this meeting.