



Peterston super Ely Community Council



# Community Action Plan 2024 - 2027

## Introduction

The Community Council is required to produce a Community Action Plan (CAP) by legislation. The purposes of a CAP are:

- To engage residents in planning improvements to their area and to identify residents' priorities.
- To communicate the work and intentions of the Community Council.
- To inform decisions of the Community Council and the planning of its work programme.
- To provide a basis for the Community Council to report to residents on achievements and issues.

The Peterston super Ely CAP is for the period April 2024 to March 2027.

## Consultation Method

The Community Council consulted residents for their ideas and concerns to inform the new Plan in the following stages:

- Ideas, suggestions and concerns were invited in writing by end of August 2023.
- Responses received were displayed on posters with provision for voting to show preferences at a consultation event held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and again at the Village Market on October 14<sup>th</sup> as another opportunity for comments to be added.
- A report on the results of the consultation was produced and its availability advertised to residents, with a further opportunity for comment.

The ideas and concerns were grouped into 4 categories in the consultation event display, each of which would need a different approach by the Council:

- A. Environmental improvement projects** – voting expressed preference about implementing the projects suggested.
- B. Other suggestions from residents** – voting expressed preference about suggested actions to be taken by the Community Council.
- C. Issues and concerns outside of Community Council responsibilities** – voting expressed residents' level of importance for the various issues for representations to be made by the Community Council.
- D. Issues already in hand by the Community Council** – no voting but comments collected about these issues.

Details of the issues and proposals raised and voting on them are available in two documents on the Community Council website

<https://www.peterstonsuperely.org/> :

- Consultation Event Report summarising the results
- Appendix A giving full results and comments from the consultation.

Residents will have the opportunity to comment further on this draft Community Action Plan before its finalisation.

Some important projects and issues have arisen since the consultation and these have been included in the Action Plan.

### **Peterston super Ely Community Council Objectives**

The broad objectives and purposes of the Community Council also inform the construction of the CAP:

- To improve the environment of Peterston super Ely for the enjoyment of residents and to the benefit of nature.
- To enhance the safety and well-being of residents.
- To encourage the involvement of residents in community activities.
- To provide facilities for the use of residents where possible.

### **Community Council Priorities for the CAP**

The finances of the Community Council and its organisational capacity are limited. Choices had to be made about the priorities for allocating funding to improvement projects and community organisations, and about which issues could be tackled on behalf of the community. The broad guiding principles are:

- Funding priority will be given to maintaining existing community assets in good repair.
- A mix of large and small projects will be considered for funding and not just a few large projects.
- Priority will be given to projects which benefit larger numbers and a wider range of members of the community and which are supported by volunteer activity.
- Campaigns representing community issues to other authorities will have priority according to the seriousness of the problem and the number of people affected.

## Action Plan

Most of the proposals and issues still require initial investigation and costing before a final decision about implementation can be made. Proposals that were not favoured in the consultation voting are not included in the Action Plan.

The Community Council will assess feasibility and costs of the **projects and actions within its powers** which have been identified as priorities. Discussions and negotiations will be held with the relevant public bodies and landowners as needed for some proposals and feasibility assessment will continue as part of the Community Action Plan. The Community Council aims to produce the draft Community Action Plan in Spring 2024.

The **issues and concerns outside of Community Council powers** will be prioritised and the issues identified which can be tackled first within the capacity of the Community Council. Discussions with relevant authorities will determine the likelihood of success for the various proposals and the priorities for continuing negotiations.

In addition to these specific actions, the Community Council has a programme of maintenance of community council assets. The Council’s responsibilities for the playing field, children’s playground, MUGA, cemetery and planters around the village are described on the Community Council website:

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### Environmental Improvement Projects

Project	Actions	Timing
Improve and extend path in playing field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain advice about the route, building specification, and cost</li> <li>• Develop specification for inviting quotes</li> <li>• Decide on funding available</li> </ul>	2024-25
<p><b>MUGA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install drainage protection</li>   <li>• Install lighting on path to the MUGA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain advice about the feasibility, building specification, and cost</li> <li>• Develop specification for inviting quotes</li> <li>• Decide on funding available</li>   <li>• Identify available lighting solutions and costs</li> <li>• Decide on funding available</li> </ul>	2024-25

Village green improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a plan to upgrade the existing village green area at the north end of the white bridge, and to extend the amenity to provide better views of the river</li> <li>• Seek to develop a group of volunteer residents to assist with the project</li> <li>• Cost the work needed and secure funding</li> <li>• Timetable the work and implement</li> </ul>	2024-25
Riverside enhancement project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify landowner.</li> <li>• Contact landowner for written permission.</li> <li>• Consult with NRW for approval of the plan as the land is designated a SSSI - NRW are willing but require landowner permission before giving approval.</li> <li>• Establish a partnership with Southeast Wales River trust to finalise the project</li> <li>• Consult with PSE residents on the final plan</li> <li>• Identify funding for the project work</li> <li>• Establish a maintenance plan for the site</li> </ul>	2024-26
Improve footpath North of playing field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with Vale Council and Valeways about improving this path</li> </ul>	
Develop footpath (off road) from GyS to Lanlay entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with residents of GyS</li> <li>• Identify a possible route</li> <li>• Negotiate with landowners for permission</li> <li>• Identify improvements needed to the route</li> <li>• Costing</li> </ul>	

## Volunteer Community Projects

These are projects that the Community Council would consider supporting with funding but require volunteers willing to implement the project.

Project	Actions	Timing
Engage volunteers in cleaning and maintaining MUGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify a maintenance cycle between volunteers and outside contractor</li> <li>• Identify machinery and equipment for volunteers to carry out cleaning and maintenance tasks for the surface</li> <li>• Decide on funding available</li> </ul>	

Youth Club for older children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertise availability of funding for local organisations for these proposals and other existing activities</li> <li>• Advertise for volunteers to form a group to support each activity</li> <li>• Hold a fundraiser barbecue at MUGA with competitions and volunteer opportunities</li> </ul>	2024-25
Install a petanque court		2024-25
'Best Kept Front Garden' competition		2024-25
Widen the planting etc around the village		2024-25
Ely Valley Trail extension St Fagans to PSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with Valeways and the Vale of Glamorgan Council about the route</li> <li>• If allowed, identify improvements to the route and carry them out</li> <li>• Produce way signs for the route</li> <li>• Advertise the route with a leaflet similar to Valeways footpath routes.</li> </ul>	2025/26

### Issues for Representation to Other Authorities

Issue	Actions	Timing
Drainage for flooding reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record all incidents of flooding and send to Vale of Glamorgan Council</li> <li>• Develop a maintenance cycle and timetable for drains and culverts to be cleared at known flooding points, for negotiation with Vale of Glamorgan Council</li> <li>• Collaborate with Pendoylan Community Council to press Vale of Glamorgan Council to develop a strategy for preventing rural flooding in the light of climate change</li> </ul>	2024-25
<p><b><u>Traffic calming &amp; speed control:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve signage in village;</li> <li>• Additional slow speed &amp; warning signage;</li> <li>• Enforcing Speed limits;</li> <li>• Extending 20mph limit to outlying roads;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions are ongoing with Highways &amp; the VOG Signage departments. Areas for improvement have been identified</li> <li>• ARAF/SLOW, 20 mph roundel road signs, chevrons &amp; junction markings have been re-painted &amp; will be completed shortly</li> <li>• Extra 20mph &amp; bend warning signs have also been put up. Further additions to follow</li> <li>• We are currently negotiating re the replacement of electronic speed displays which PSE once had</li> <li>• PCSO's are now undertaking sporadic speed checks</li> <li>• We have had numerous discussions with the South Wales Police, the PCSO's &amp; the VOG. We will continue to work on this, especially with regard to Wyndham Park Way, Trehedyn Lane &amp; Station Road. We will produce a paper to make the case for consistency of 20mph through outlying housing areas.</li> </ul>	2024 -2025

<p><b><u>Inappropriate parking:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking on pavements;</li> <li>• Parking on yellow lines;</li> <li>• Parking &amp; causing obstructions;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify trouble spots:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Around the Primary school / Le Sor Hill</li> <li>(ii) Junction of Wyndham Park Way</li> <li>(iii) Main Road between the 2 roads to Ffordd Yr Eglwys</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Publicise problem spots on village Facebook when they happen.</li> <li>• We are monitoring inappropriate parking &amp; are liaising with the VOG as to where additional / clearer road markings are required.</li> </ul>	<p>May 2024 &amp; ongoing</p>
<p><b><u>Maintenance of roads, verges and kerbs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixing pavements and potholes in many areas;</li> <li>• Keep roads clear of leaves &amp; debris;</li> <li>• Maintenance of verges and hedges to keep sight lines at junctions clear, along with trimming of hedges away from pavements &amp; road signs;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions are ongoing with Highways. We are voicing our concerns and pressing for better road maintenance</li> <li>• Areas for improvement have been identified with some remedial work having already been undertaken. Further work will follow shortly</li> <li>• Discussions ongoing with Highways plus the Road Sweeping &amp; Cleansing department to help clear the roads of the aggregate which has collected on the junctions. We are also monitoring the clearing of drains, gully pots &amp; roadsides to attempt to lessen the flooding problems</li> <li>• Discussions ongoing with Highways, plus the Parks &amp; Trees departments. Areas for improvement have been identified with some remedial work having already been undertaken. Further work to follow as soon as possible</li> </ul>	<p>April 2024 - 2025</p>

Construction of pavements or designated and marked pedestrian lanes between Gwern y Steeple and Lanlay, and along Wyndham Park Way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with local Vale councillor about possibilities</li> </ul>	2024-25
Repair stiles and footpaths; replace some stiles with accessible gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collate previous work on footpaths to produce a proposals paper</li> <li>• Consult with Vale of Glamorgan Council and Valeways</li> </ul>	
Improve the look of the BT exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact BT to ask for better maintenance of the appearance of the exchange</li> <li>• Consider possibilities for volunteer planting and tidying of the front</li> </ul>	2024-25
Maintain and paint the railway bridge and edges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with Network Rail</li> </ul>	2024/25

Contact the Community Council Clerk at [council@peterstonsuperely.org](mailto:council@peterstonsuperely.org) for:

- Further information
- To make comments or additional suggestions
- To volunteer your help for any of the projects or activities