



Peterston Super Ely Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Llanbedr-Y-Fro

Community News Page – September

Job Opportunity - Village Handyperson Required (Self Employed)

We are seeking a reliable handyperson to maintain Council facilities & public spaces in the village. Some of the main responsibilities would include undertaking minor repairs & improvements, maintaining the Memorial Field fences & benches & emptying litter /dog waste bins.

The person employed would need to be reliable & able to work independently, with practical DIY skills & have their own tools, transport & public liability insurance.

The hours would be in the region of 2-4 hours per week (as required) at £15.00 per hour.

If you would like further details, please could you contact Victoria Andrew, Clerk to the Council on council@peterstonsuperely.org by 7th September to register your interest.

The MUGA

We are continuing to improve & maintain the MUGA & the next stage of work on the metal shed will be done over the next few weeks. This includes flooring, insulation and shelving. Once the work has been completed, the equipment in the clubhouse will then be sorted and moved to the shed.

We hope this will enable more social and sports activities at the MUGA / Clubhouse.

Planters

A special thank you to all of you who have assisted with all the planters in this heatwave. Much appreciated.

Vandalism & Dog waste bags

Once again, we are having to deal with the issue of dog waste bags, but this time they have been removed from the waste bin.

On 5th August the bin at the MUGA had been forcibly removed from its stable anchorage & the contents were scattered outside the clubhouse. The bag dispenser had also been messed with. On the 6th August numerous dog waste bags were left outside the clubhouse door & also on the bench by the door. We are sure that none of you can work out why anyone would want to do this, but should you see any vandalism taking place in the village, please contact PCSO Richard Davies on 07805 301601 (if urgent) or report to the Community Council.

Network Rail Meeting

After our Council Meeting on Monday 10th August, we were joined by representatives from Network Rail (Catherine Norejko, Operations Risk Advisor, James Audley, Liability & Negotiations Advisor & Luke Cummings, Level Crossing Manager) as well as over 30 residents to discuss the closure to walkers of the railway crossing by Station Terrace. No representatives from the relevant Vale of Glamorgan Council departments were present. Councillor Morgan was in attendance.

The level crossing serves as a right of way which traverses 2 lines on the South Wales Main Line (SWM2), with a maximum permissible line speed of 75mph, with approximately 236 train movements per weekday, with a slight reduction on weekends. (Figures supplied by Network Rail).

The crossing is equipped with telephones and signage, requiring users to contact the signaller before crossing with the onus on them to call back informing the signaller that they have crossed safely. Analysis of census data (undertaken by Network Rail in June & October 2025) along with supporting evidence highlighted that a proportion of users failed to comply with the requirement to use the lineside telephone, despite signage and instructions. As a result, the crossing has been closed.

Suggestions (in brief) were made as to how to overcome this issue & thus re open the crossing:-

- (i) A new route for the footpath – Network Rail stated that this was their preferred option, but the landowners have declined permission.
- (ii) A whistle system to provide an audible indication of approaching trains – This would result in significant noise pollution & also the system is not fail safe.
- (iii) MSL System (Miniature Stop Lights) with audible alarms & red & green lights – This would affect overall quality of life as the lights are very bright & once again there would be significant noise pollution.
- (iv) A Footbridge or Underpass– A great deal of additional land would be required for either suggestion whilst the elevated walkway would overlook neighbouring residential properties.

Significant points which arose as a result of the meeting were:-

- (i) The level crossing is a public right of way, which was confirmed by their lawyer whilst referring to historical documents.
- (ii) Network Rail believe that there is sufficient railway land north of the line to fit in a footpath which will take it to Station Road, by the railway bridge. A pavement would however need to be installed here.
- (iii) Extinguishment of the cul de sac footpath which would be left should the crossing be closed, is following guidance from DEFRA, which only operates in England not Wales.

Network Rail have decided, having looked at every proposal in detail, that currently their only option is to stop up the entire 720m of footpath (P5/8/1) using the powers of the Highways Act 1980 as well as closing the southern level crossing gate leading to Station Terrace.

At the meeting there were strong objections by members of the public to the closure of the crossing gate along with the closure of the entire footpath. Network Rail have stated that they will e mail us feedback from the meeting along with additional responses to questions & queries which were raised. Once we have received them, we will make everyone aware via Facebook & on www.peterstonsuperely.org

Currently a Map along with the Network Rail proposals can be found on the village website. Navigate to Events & the details are on the Community Meeting event listing.

Follow up from the Scammers Meeting

Here is some further information which may be useful.

If you want to check whether your details have or have not been compromised (in a data breach), then log on to

www.haveibeenpwned.com

Should you find that action is required then change that particular password immediately.

You can also subscribe to their notification service which will automatically let you know if your e mail address appears in any future data breaches. You can unsubscribe at any time if you do not wish to receive further notifications.

Also, as previously mentioned, if you would like the South Wales Police Engagement Team to come along to a group meeting to give you a talk on trying to stay one step ahead of scammers, please contact Cara on RCCUEngagementTeam@south-wales.police.uk

Please contact us if you have any thoughts on how to improve the environment around Peterston / Gwern Y Steeple, or have any project ideas or proposals. We will endeavour to help.

Also, if you require any further information or have any comments or suggestions for our Community News Page, you can also contact The Clerk, Victoria Andrew, on council@peterstonsuperely.org

FURTHER COUNCIL INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON
www.peterstonsuperely.org

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