

**Peterston-super-Ely Community Council** **Cyngor Cymuned Llanbedr-y-Fro**

**20 mph speed limit in and Around Peterston-super-Ely**

**Position Paper January 2024**

**BACKGROUND**

Speeding in Peterston-super-Ely has been a long-standing issue that concerns many residents of the village and has been brought to the attention of the Community Council several times. The Council has campaigned hard over many years to address this situation. They were successful in achieving a 20mph limit as part of the original ‘20’s Plenty’ pilot scheme, leading to a permanent 20mph through the village and Gwern-y-Steeple when the 20mph speed limit was rolled out nationally. The Community Council has also successfully led teams of volunteers in numerous ‘Speedwatch’ campaigns aimed at monitoring and enforcing speed limits.

Despite this, speed continues to be an issue impacting pedestrians and horse riders that regularly use the local highways. This is a particular problem in Gwern-y-Steeple, where both drivers and cyclists speed down the logwood, seemingly oblivious to the 20mph speed limit. This is a busy local route for pedestrians, horse riders and residents manoeuvring in and out of their properties. There is also a school bus stop here and therefore children use the route regularly to get to and from school. These issues are made worse still by the fact that there are no footpaths within this area, it is poorly lit with numerous blind corners, and in wet and icy weather has incredibly dangerous driving conditions. Residents in Gwern-y-Steeple fear that unless further action is taken, a fatality will be inevitable at some point.

In addition to Gwern-y-Steeple, the other problem area is the stretch from the stone bridge to the Sportsman’s rest, where in worst cases people treat this as an overtaking lane to speed through the village.

The Community Council has tried to address these issues by contacting the Vale of Glamorgan Council and South Wales Police in an attempt to both raise awareness and to try and get additional traffic calming measures that have an actual impact on the ground. In particular, consistent engagement with the Police via ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ is starting to build a better understanding in relation to the issues the residents face. But there is a long way to go!

This paper summarises progress to date. If you have any comments or would like to form part of the local ‘Speedwatch’ volunteers, please contact PCSO Richard Davies on 07805 301601.

You can also e mail on CSW@south-wales.police.uk or visit [www.gosafe.org](http://www.gosafe.org).

**Recent Progress: -**

* South Wales Police have been assessing locations to determine if enforcement is an option

 in the village. They have come back to say that enforcement & speed surveys will take place in Peterston, which will help determine the times of day that are worst affected by speed against higher traffic flows. There are risk assessments etc. to be completed so we cannot give an exact date. For safety reasons GYS will not be included.

*(From SW Police Gary Williams – “Motorcycle enforcement officer was tasked with looking at Gwern*

*Y Steeple, he deemed it as unsuitable for motorbike enforcement, the issue has been passed back to neighbourhood policing.”)*

* GYS Safety reasons? It has been questioned as to why it is unsafe in GYS when S.W Police have previously approved a location there as being suitable & safe for Community Speed watch.

(*From SW Police Gary Williams – “When our enforcement officer is asked to assess locations, they would look at multiple issues including safe and legal parking, as well as operational issues with the laser, there are minimum limitations of the laser as well as what we term as line of sight. Regarding Community Speed Watch they use radar devices which is completely different to laser.”)*

* Requests have previously been made for a speed camera or a speed data gathering device in the village. A speed data gathering device was recently placed on the repeater signpost on the main road (on the corner with Ffordd Yr Eglwys), it has however since been removed!
* Requests have been made for additional speed devices both in the main village & in GYS.
* SW Police (Gary Williams) has stated however that speed devices cannot be mounted on a wooden post (for unspecified reasons) & therefore they cannot be erected in GYS. It has

been pointed out that there are two metal posts (with repeater signs on) already there. It

was also pointed out that a speed box was in fact briefly located in GYS prior to 20mph trial some years ago.

*(From SW Police Gary Williams – “Regarding Speedwatch, I coordinate this so liaise with the PCSO*

*on a regular basis, looking at the location via google maps there is no suitable lamppost to mount the speedbox, we cannot mount the unit on a wooden lamp post”.)*

**Notes from Cuppa with a Copper at the Village Market 13/1/24: -**

* 2 PCSO’s (PCSO’s Gary Dunning & Mel) present as well as numerous GYS residents.
* Various points discussed. Of special concern was the safety of walkers, children & horse riders. Great concern that there will be further accidents, especially in the GYS area.
* It was pointed out that speeding has been considerably worse especially in GYS since the National roll out of 20mph. Many cars also travel in excess of the speed limit on the long straight past the Sportsman’s, over the railway bridge & into the main village.
* A request for speed bumps across the road has been made, to be installed at either end of GYS.
* Photos showing considerable “line of sight” from one GYS metal post (see above point) produced and reviewed by PCSOs.
* A request was made for average speed cameras to be placed at either end of the village which would include both Peterston & GYS.
* Why can we not have a speed awareness sign such as in Pendoylan, or have it back? It is supposed

to be shared.

* It was agreed that the cyclists are as much of a problem as cars. Abuse from motorists & cyclists discussed.
* PCSO Gary Dunning suggested that residents tried to take videos of speeding traffic.

Any feedback & information to back up the case will help.

* Any cars that residents spot speeding should be reported to the Police on 101.
* Discussed also contacting Jane Hutt to try & help GYS & Peterston residents.
* Trehedyn Lane & Wyndham Park Way are still National Speed Limit – a request was made that these

be reduced to the local speed limit.

(Not mentioned, but should also consider Station Road/Groes Faen Road.)

* A car overturned on Trehedyn Lane, not far from the junction, in the Autumn of last year.
* A new Community Speed Watch is to be set up. Volunteers required. Information details can be found on the notice boards & in the February Peterston & St Brides Magazine.
* Details of Cuppa with a Copper have also been sent to the Peterston & St Brides Magazine.
* A village site meeting with the S.W Police, to discuss the village speeding problem, was requested by residents.

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| **THERE WILL BE A SITE MEETING ON** **FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 1600-1700****WITH GARY WILLIAMS S.W. POLICE & A PCSO.****THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN GYS****The speeding issue in both GYS & Peterston village** **will be discussed. Please come along with your concerns.** |

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| **Please also come along, with your questions or concerns, to** **CUPPA WITH A COPPER** **at the Peterston Super Ely** **Village Hall Market****On the 2nd Saturday of the month****1000-1200** |