

PENRHY'S

October Update

Building on what's already strong

Since last November, we've been meeting up almost every month in Penrhys to talk through the regeneration plans.

Each time, local people have shared ideas, knowledge, insights, asked questions, and talked about what matters most.

The architects, wildlife experts, engineers and planners have joined many sessions and leaders from Trivallis too.

What makes Penrhys special

When people talk about Penrhys, there's a lot of pride. This is already a strong community with plenty going for it.

- A proper sense of belonging and a warm welcome for anyone new.
- Neighbours and local leaders who care and look out for each other.
- The church – with its amazing people, Community Café, food bank, clothes bank, youth activities, homework club and volunteers from near and far.
- A well-respected school that's going to be rebuilt.
- The views, the woods, and the wildlife on our doorstep.
- The rugby club, golf club and all the community get-togethers.
- A place where children can still play outside and grow up with freedom.
- Stories, heritage, and memories that run deep.
- Cafés, benches and little spots where people stop for a chat.
- Events and celebrations that bring people together and link us with neighbours in Tylorstown and Ystrad.

That's the heart of Penrhys, and that's what people want to keep hold of as changes come.

Trivallis.

Working together for Penrhys

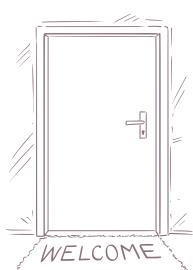


Together we've been on a journey of discovery. The below table outlines some of the key areas we've been working on together.

Theme	What we're working on together
Homes and families People love their homes and the memories tied up in them. But they also want homes that fit all sorts of families – from older people wanting somewhere easier to manage, to bigger families needing more space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A mix of homes, from small flats to larger houses.- Special features to help older residents stay safe and comfortable.- Support so people can stay in Penrhys during building work, even if it means moving a couple of times.
Community and belonging The school, the church and the centre of the village mean a lot. People want to keep those strong community spaces, with room for events and safe places for children to play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A big green park in the middle of the estate.- New school for the children of Penrhys.- Play areas for different ages and styles of play.- Community facilities- Community events
Clear information Lots of people want straight answers about what's happening, when it's happening, and what it means for them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A monthly newsletter (online and through the door).- Monthly meetings, even if there's not big news, so people can keep talking and asking questions.
Transport and services Day-to-day things like buses, bins and broadband really matter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safer roads and easier layouts.- Bin collections sorted properly so they work for everyone.- Ongoing talks about better bus links, including a shuttle to Ystrad Rhondda train station.- Local organisations joining in the monthly meetings and wanting to work alongside people here.
Nature and the future People want Penrhys to stay green and full of life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wildlife experts checking carefully to protect nature.- Plans that include green spaces throughout the estate – a central park, gardens and corridors for wildlife.



Next steps



The Phase 1a Pre-application consultation has nearly finished and once we have taken on board all the comments we will be looking to submit the full planning application to the Council in November.

Here's how to stay or get involved:

Our monthly sessions will now be on Mondays at the church (not Tuesdays).

They will be on
20 October,
1 December,
19 January,
16 February
16 March,

All at 2pm – 3.00pm and 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Regular newsletters through the door and online.

Join a new group called the "Penrhys Incredibles." This group will help plan and raise money for parks and play areas in Penrhys. We want adults, children, and young people to take part.

Or call us on 03000 030 888 to arrange a chat about how you can have your say and get involved in a way that works for you.

In the next few months....

We will update everyone on decants for Phase 1a on 20 October. We think we have found a way that works for people we have spoken with.

Meetings about opportunities for local businesses – some shops will be built as part of the regeneration that local people or other businesses might be interested in.

Do you have ideas for either private or community businesses? Some people have mentioned shop / hairdressers / café etc. Others have suggested developing a kind of 'Bike Park' up in the forest. Others have suggested developing a community energy project like they have in Clydach Lakes where they generate energy by the community for the community. What do you think? What do you see as the opportunities?

November Money Advice Day (date tbc).

Support young people to have an even stronger voice for the future of Penrhys and find pathways to training and jobs.

Organise visits to other areas so we can see what's possible.

Door to door conversations – we'll be continuing to chat to households on the doorstep to help make sure everyone has the opportunity to have a voice. If you would like to volunteer to help with this – please call. It's has been so enjoyable so far and we have met fantastic people.

Community life keeps moving

The regeneration is one part of the story – but plenty else is happening too, down to the fantastic community spirit:

- Young people and jobs – local young people have been working with Blue Water Recruitment to get ready for future opportunities. Twelve people have got CSCS cards to work on construction sites and six of those twelve are now in work.
- Care for local nature – some very special local people have been looking out for local nature, especially hedgehogs and a baby deer found near the cemetery.
- Memorial nature sanctuary – neighbours have enhanced a memorial woodland space for reflection and wildlife, with additional bird and bat boxes.
- Penrhys Fun Day – at the end of August, the community came together to celebrate, enjoy and connect.
- Autumn Fun on the 30 October and Festive Fun on the horizon at the Church



Thank you

Thank you to each and every one of you for sharing your views – whether you have challenged, brought ideas or supported. It takes everyone to ensure Penrhys holds on to what's special and develops in a way that works really well. If you haven't had a chance yet – no worries – you'll be given a warm welcome if you call or turn up. We would love to speak with you.

A very big thanks to the Church Volunteers who work so hard and with so much compassion to make sure community voices are heard and no one is forgotten.

The School, the Church, the Rugby Club and the Golf Club have all been so incredibly helpful too – thanks so much all.