



HIRWAUN and PENDERYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

18th February 2020

Press Release

At its meeting on 13th February 2020 Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council unanimously agreed an emergency motion strongly opposing any downgrading of emergency services at Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Vice Chair, Cllr Richard Jones, who put forward the motion, said that “we regularly acknowledge that our villages are growing with new houses and housing estates being a real likelihood, that means the demand on health care services will increase as our population increases. While I acknowledge that our residents are not in the apparent catchment area of Royal Glamorgan Hospital, the effects will be felt. There will be a huge knock on effect to our local hospital, an already over stretched Prince Charles Hospital will feel the brunt of the closure which will affect our residents. Our village is expanding and our population increasing, we need to make sure that we have the best possible secondary health care provision. I’d like to see us taking the lead for our area on this issue, Pontypridd Town Council has already made a statement on this subject. I believe that we should also take action.”

It is proposed that:

1. Appoint a lead councillor(s) – Cllr Lynwen Law, supported by Cllr Richard Jones
2. Pass a motion to place on record our opposition to the proposed downgrading of Accident and Emergency Services at Royal Glamorgan
3. Issue a statement on the Community Council’s position
4. Write to Welsh Government and to the Health Board to ask that they seek more realistic services
5. Promote the CTMUHB consultation with our residents to ensure their voices are heard during this process
6. Liaise with Cllr Andrew Morgan (Leader of RCT Council), Beth Winter MP and Vikki Howells AM offering our support. Lead Councillor(s) should attend the public event which is being scheduled
7. Speak to Pontypridd Town Council to confirm their position.