

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 12 March 2003 in the Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D. John [Mayor]

Councillors . Mrs. S. Jewell, E. Alford, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, C. Hewlett, G. Jordan, K.F. King, G. Oram, V. L. Thomas, T. Williams

POLICE PRESENCE

Members received the following report from Constable Andy Moffatt. There were no figures available for the Hendre Ward.

	January		February	
	Felindre	Penprysg	Felindre	Penprysg
Assaults	-	-	1	1
Theft	11	1	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicles	4	1	1	2
Theft from Motor Vehicles	1	1	1	-
Burglary [dwellings]	-	3	-	-
Burglary [other]	-	-	3	-
Vehicle damage	3	-	-	-
Public Order Offences	2	-	2	-
Criminal damage	4	2	1	2
Drive whilst disqualified	-	-	1	-
Make off without payment	1	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	1	-	-	-

A night security patrol is now covering the Comprehensive School at random periods. The shift system has been restructured and it is hoped to shortly increase the staffing level to four constables.

Members reported continued youth annoyance in Heol y Groes adjacent to the Welfare Hall and in the lane at the rear of the Chemist shop next to Trinity Chapel.

Parking in Pen y bont Road continues to be a problem and although a Traffic Warden does visit there is an inconsistency about the cover that does not resolve the problem.

There continues to be a speeding problem at Pen y bont Road in the vicinity of the shops and the Monument. This also applies to the new relief road and Members requested monitoring these areas, possibly by the installation of speed cameras.

Superintendent Lewis has now been appointed as Divisional Commander. He has met the Mayor and the Clerk at a function at BCBC. It is proposed to invite him to a Town Council meeting.

The Mayor thanked Constable Moffatt for his comprehensive report.

There were no declarations of Interests.

4000 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor Mrs. L. Davies.

4001MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pencoed Town Council held on 12 February 2003 be confirmed and signed by The Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 February 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Millennium Project Management Committee held on 20 February 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 7 March 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

4002CLERK'S REPORT

Matter arising from Police Report on 12 February 2003
Car parking lay by/Penybont Road.
Response received from BCBC and was tabled.
NOTED

Matter arising from Planning Committee on 19 February.
Redrow Development Traffic calming measures/Hendre Road
Response had been received from BCBC and circulated.
NOTED

Bridgend Circular Walk

A preliminary meeting had been arranged for the 12 March and a report will be submitted to the April meeting of the Town Council.
[Minute 3735 refers]

Vehicular Access to No.46 Heol y Geifr, Pencoed
Response still awaited from Gaskell & Walker.
A further response had been received from BCBC and circulated.
NOTED

[Minute 3958 refers]

New Surgery Pencoed

1. Response received from Chief Executive Officer, BCBC. "I have passed your letter to the appropriate Directors for response"
2. Confidential up date received from L.H.G. and circulated
3. The Mayor was seeking to arrange a further meeting with the L. H. G. to discuss

developments.
NOTED

[Minute 3967 refers]

Playing Fields Management Committee

Response received from BCBC and circulated. However, this did not deal with the issue of redundancy payment to the Secretary. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk invite BCBC to address the matter of redundancy payment to the Secretary as requested in previous correspondence.

Maesteg Town Council - Consultation/Communications Issues.

Report of the Meeting held on 21 January 2003 was received and circulated. Neither of this Council's representatives were able to attend the next meeting and Councillor G. Oram agreed to attend.

[Minute 3969 refers]

Official Visit to Waldsassen 3 9 June 2002

Response received from the Mayor of Waldsassen and circulated. This was discussed at length. It was noted by Members that they had not been made aware of an apology made to the Delegation on the final evening and accepted by them. However, Members still felt strongly that this was a matter that should have been dealt with between the Councils, and the Town Twinning Clubs should not have been involved.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to the Mayor of Waldsassen appropriately.

[Minute 3972 refers]

Renovation of Railings at the War Memorial

Information was received from CADW in relation to grants. Advice as to possible Contractors for the work awaited from BCBC.

NOTED

[Minute 3978 refers]

Dog waste bins Newbridge Fields.

BCBC indicate that the above were supplied, and are emptied by Bridgend Town Council staff. In discussion it was remarked that there had been an improvement, however, additional signage was thought to be required, and that the Enforcement Officer should visit the Woodland Avenue ground on a more frequent basis.

NOTED

[Minute 3988 refers]

Regeneration of Pencoed

The Clerk had been invited to meet Mr. Martin Hooker, Assistant Director Environment and Planning BCBC on 11 March to discuss this issue and he will be submitting a report of that meeting for the next full Council Meeting in April.

Other Matter

Llanharan Car Sales A473 Pencoed Bypass

Response to this matter received from BCBC and circulated.

NOTED

4003 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:

	£
Internet Monthly Payment	13.49
Postage	21.43
Clerk's Mileage (Delivery of Hyphen to Post Office + Toll)	123.85
Countryside Maintenance Person	44.80
Selecta Mark Security Systems	14.94
Cleaner (6 months fee)	60.00
Salem Chapel 6 monthly rent for Storeroom	125.00
BCBC Decorative Lighting	2427.63
Pencoed Miners' Welfare and Community Hall	50.00
J.A. Davey [Woodland Projects]	714.18
Handyman [Projects]	41.41
Zurich Insurance	714.05

4004 CORRESPONDENCE

Pencoed & District Town Twinning Association

Request received that an Official Delegation be invited from both Plouzane and Waldsassen for the Official naming to the roads on the Westbury Homes Estate at the Triangle. It was pointed out that the street names would not be placed for some time yet. After discussion: RESOLVED: That the request from the Town Twinning Association be held on file and discussed at the appropriate time.

The Mayor BCBC

Request received for any specific memorabilia to be made available for display for a 'History Trail' at the Civic Offices. After discussion it was suggested that the 1979 2001 Editions of Hansard presented to Pencoed Comprehensive School by the late Sir Raymond Powell might be a suitable contribution to the display.

Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils

Notice received that this new association will be introduced in April 2004. It is suggested that Councils who are not yet Members of the existing association join now so that they would automatically become members of the new Wales Association. After discussion, and in the light of this Council's withdrawal from NALC.

RESOLVED: That this Town Council join the Wales Association of Community and Town Councils.

The Lawn Ranger

Information received from this Company offering gardening and maintenance services. In the light of the resignation of our Countryside Maintenance Person, that will take effect from 1 April 2003:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a meeting with the proprietor Mr. Nigel Harris to discuss the services he has on offer, together with a note of his charges.

Shelter Cymru

Notice received of housing advice centre surgeries being held in the Borough.

NOTED

Vale & Valley Community Arts

Notice received of the AGM to be held on 14 March 2003.

NOTED

Welsh Assembly

- Iaith Pawb: A National Action Plan for a bi lingual Wales
- Consultation document Funding for Children's Play. Countryside Council for Wales
- Draft map of Western South Wales Valleys received.

NOTED

Bridgend County Borough Council

- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Footpath No. 8 Pencoed. Copy of a Public Notice and Order relating to temporary restriction of this footpath.
- Hendre Road level Crossing Copy of a Public Notice relating to the temporary restriction of the road at the level crossing.
- Regulatory Reform [Special Occasions Licensing] Order 2002 Copy received of Department for Culture, Media and Sport Circular 03/2002.
- Objective 1 Local Projects Booklet received giving description of local projects.
- Letter from Mr. Nigel Lyn, Assistant Director, Education & Leisure Community Services advising of his appointment to another Local Authority and informing Councils that Miss Jeri Ryall will be filling the post in the interim.

NOTED

4005 BETTER HEALTH CARE IN BRIDGEND CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Councillor V.L. Thomas introduced a paper he had prepared in response to this document. It had been circulated to Members and was discussed at length. In thanking Councillor Thomas for an extremely helpful paper the Mayor and Members registered their support for the proposals in the consultation document.

RESOLVED: That this Town Council support the proposals set out in the Consultation Document 'Better Health Care in Bridgend'.

4006 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for 10 minutes.

4007 ATTENDANCE OF THE PUBLIC

The Mayor expressed disappointment that only four members of the public were attendance at this meeting, however, he gave the opportunity for the raising of any matters of concern. The only issue raised was the serious one of dog fouling both in the Town generally and in the playing fields areas. Further discussion took place supplementing that which had taken place earlier in the meeting and pointing out that articles had appeared in 'The Hyphen' since

its inception. Dog owners are again urged to act in a responsible manner concerning this serious issue.

4008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Mayor indicated that he was to be Installed as Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council on the day of this Council's Annual General Meeting. He requested that this be moved to Wednesday 21 May 2003. After discussion .

RESOLVED: That the Annual General Meeting of Pencoed Town Council be held on 21 May 2003.

4009 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The Clerk reminded Members that Huw Irranca Davies MP will be attending our next meeting. Any specific questions Members wish to ask should be submitted through him to Mr. Irranca Davies.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.