

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 11 June 2003 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L. Davies [Mayor]

Councillors- Mrs. S. Jewell, E. Alford, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, D. John, G. Jordan, G. Oram, T. Williams

POLICE PRESENCE

Members received the following report from Constable Andy Moffatt. Constable Darren Bevan was also in attendance. Crime figures for the last four weeks is as follows-

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	1	-	1
Theft	7	3	1
Theft of Motor Vehicles	2	-	-
Theft from Motor Vehicles	2	-	-
Burglary [dwellings]	2	1	-
Burglary [Other]	3	-	-
Vehicle damage	4	-	1
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	6	5	1
Drive whilst disqualified	1	-	-
Make off without payment	2	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	-	-	-
Arson	1	-	-
Harassment	2	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	-	1	-

Continuing concern was expressed by Members in relation to the illegal parking of motor vehicles in Penybont Road in the vicinity of the traffic lights.

Speeding in Hendre Road particularly at the approach to the new traffic lights has become a serious problem as expressed in a letter received from Mr. M.D. Woodland of Hendre Road. It has also been observed that some drivers are consistently ignoring the red lights. Speeding is also an issue in Glyn-y-Mel.

These matters will be monitored.

There has been an increase in vandalism in and around The Square and at the Welfare Hall where a number of windows at the Hall other businesses were smashed. The gathering of a group of young people in and around the New Surgery seem to be the main cause of this vandalism and is becoming an increasing problem particularly in view of the fact that users of the Welfare Hall in the evenings are becoming intimidated.

Constable Moffatt requested that if it is possible to identify any of the culprits action will be taken. In any event this area will be monitored.

In a response to Councillor Williams question it was confirmed that the new crossing outside Salem Chapel was a 'tactile crossing' with a central reservation and not a marked pedestrian crossing.

The issue of abandoned cars was again raised- Constable Moffatt stated that as soon as the Police were made aware of such vehicles BCBC were informed so that appropriate action could be taken.

The Officer stressed that with the coming of the summer months it was essential that sheds, garages, houses and cars were made secure to prevent the thieves gaining easy access.

The Mayor thanked both Officers for their presence and contribution to the meeting.

4033 APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: K.F. King [who has been discharged from hospital and is recovering at home]; V.L. Thomas [who is also unwell].

There were no declarations of interest.

4034 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Pencoed Town Council held on 21 May 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pencoed Town Council held on 21 May 2003 be confirmed and signed by The Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 June 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

4035 CLERKS REPORT

[Minute 3735 refers]

Vehicular Access to No.46 Heol-y-Geifr, Pencoed
Response still awaited from Gaskell & Walker.

Councillor D. John reported back on the discussions with BCBC in relation to this matter. After further discussion.

RESOLVED- That the Borough Council Members of this Council seek informal advice from the Legal Officer BCBC and report back in due course.

[Minute 3958 refers]

New Surgery - Pencoed

The Local Health Board have called a meeting to update the position regarding this matter at 10 a.m. on 11 July 2003. After discussion

RESOLVED:

- That this item be placed on the Agenda for the July Council Meeting
- That Councillors Mrs. Jewell, E. Alford, C.F. Hewlett and G. Jordan, together with the Clerk will attend to represent this Council.

[Minute 3967 refers]

The 1998 National Eisteddfod - Erection of a Plaque on the Gorsedd Stones
A further response is awaited from Bridgend Town Council.

[Minute 4004 refers]

Welsh Association of Community & Town Councils

Acknowledgement of our membership to this Association has been received. It also requested that two delegates be appointed to the Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee from this Council, the Clerk being regarded as an ex officio member.

RESOLVED: That Councillors J. Butcher and C.F. Hewlett represent Pencoed Town Council on this Association.

[Minute 4032 refers]

Welsh Assembly Government

This Council's nomination of Councillor Mrs. L. Davies as a representative to the Partnership Council, has been acknowledged.

NOTED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment	£
Internet Monthly Payment	13.49
Postage	15.12
Clerk's Mileage	11.98
Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	60.00
Petty Cash	100.00
J.A. Davey	21.46

4037 CORRESPONDENCE

Trade Justice Highlight 2003

Information received from Mrs, D. Leyshon concerning this matter-
NOTED

John Lawson Circus

Information received from this Company requesting a possible site for a circus to be held in Pencoed in 2004.

RESOLVED: That this correspondence be referred to Pencoed College.

Shelter Cymru

Request for a grant.

RESOLVED: That this be referred to the Finance Committee.

Town & Community Councils Standing Coordination Committee

Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 17 June 2003.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk circulate this information to this Council's two representatives.

The Celtic Festival 2003

Notice of events in relation to this Festival received.

NOTED

Agency Agreement - Rights-of-Way - BCBC

A copy of this Agreement has been received.

RESOLVED: That this be circulated to all Members and discussed at a future meeting.

BCBC - Local Authorities [Referendums]

Publication of Verification Notice

This Notice has been received from the Chief Executive's Office with a note that it be displayed appropriately.

NOTED

4038 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING ESTATES IN PENCOED

Councillor E. Alford led the discussion on this item. Reference was made to the general deterioration in the management of the estates particularly in relation to the Morgan Richards area. The following points were emphasised:

- inadequate grass cutting
- Overgrown hedging and substantial overgrowth of brambles etc. which represented potential danger to pedestrians using the footpaths
- Demolished walls
- Litter, not only on the open spaces but trapped in the overgrowth and hedging giving an overall impression of neglect, disinterest and discouragement
- Most of the above does also apply to the Groes Farm Housing Estate. It was suggested that a site meeting should be proposed to the Director of Housing, BCBC.

An additional issue raised as a result of this discussion concerned the question of future responsibility for the infrastructure and estate management of these areas when they are handed over to the Valley to Coast Organisation

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Director of Housing in relation to the above matters and request site meetings.

4039 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- To discuss progress in relation to work undertaken by The Lawn Ranger General Maintenance. [All Councillors]
- To discuss the need for, and possible appointment of, a full time Countryside Maintenance Person. [Councillor CJ Davies]

The meeting closed at 8.45 a.m.