

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 9 July 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, G. Jordan, G. Oram

#### POLICE PRESENCE

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Hillman to his first meeting. Sergeant Hillman is the Sector Sergeant covering Pencoed.

The Sergeant was pleased to announce that a third Officer, Constable Matthew Lewis had been appointed to Pencoed as from today. The full compliment of four Officers will be in place by October and it is anticipated that by the turn of the year two additional Community Support Officers will be in place. This news was accepted with enthusiasm by Members.

The crime figures for the last year were as follows:

Hendre – 194

Penprysg – 146

Felindre – 292

The crime figures for the first quarter of this year were as follows:

Hendre – 33

Penprysg – 27

Felindre – 72

In discussing these figures it was accepted that a substantial number were of vandalism and motoring offences of various kinds.

Concern was expressed about the continuing problem of youth annoyance around the Town particularly in the region of the New Surgery at The Square and the children's play area in Felindre Road. These areas will be monitored.

Speeding by motor vehicles was becoming a serious problem particularly in Hendre Road. When Penybont and Felindre Roads were taken into account this would suggest that speed cameras need to be employed in these areas to reduce what is potentially a dangerous development. Car users are causing a nuisance in the car park off Penprysg Road in the early hours of the morning through various noisy manoeuvres. These matters will be monitored.

There is still a continuing problem with illegal parking in Penybont Road that often causes serious congestion at the traffic lights.

Sergeant Hillman acknowledged that youth annoyance had become a major issue for the people of Pencoed as in a number of other areas in the Borough. It is hoped that the increase manpower allocated to the Town would effectively diminish this problem.

The Mayor thanked Sergeant Hillman for his attendance and expressed the hope that he would be able to come at regular intervals in the future.

#### 4040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: D. John, K.F. King, V.L. Thomas, T. Williams

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4041 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pencoed Town Council held On 10 June 2003 be confirmed and signed by The Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 July 2003 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

#### 4042 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 3735 refers]

Vehicular Access to No.46 Heol-y-Geifr, Pencoed

Response still awaited from Gaskell & Walker.

Feed-back from discussions with BCBC awaited from the Borough Council Members.

NOTED

[Minute 3958 refers]

New Surgery - Pencoed

A meeting with the Local Health Board has been arranged for 11 July at 10.00a.m.

NOTED

[Minute 3967 refers]

The 1998 National Eisteddfod – Erection of a Plaque on the Gorsedd Stones

A further response is awaited from Bridgend Town Council.

NOTED

[Minute 4038 refers]

Local Authority Housing Estates in Pencoed

Inspection of these estates will take place on 10 July 2003. The Ward Members will be attendance together with Officers from the Housing Department, BCBC.

#### 4043 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:

Internet Monthly Payment

Postage

£

13.49

17.55

Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	60.00
Gentle Touch Gardening Service	782.00
Sarah Sedgebere Distribution (The Hyphen)	250.00
Quarterly Maintenance –Millennium Garden (8 hrs.+fuel)	55.63
Gentle Touch - Monthly Maintenance	253.60

4044 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridgend County Borough Council

Acknowledgement and thanks for this Council's contribution to the Summer Holiday Play Schemes 2003 received.  
NOTED

Corporate Improvement Plan 2003/04 received and comments requested if appropriate.  
RESOLVED: Councillor C.F. Hewlett will review the document and give a report to the Clerk for onward transmission.

Town & Community Council Forum – Notice of the next meeting to be held on 18 August 2003 at 4 p.m. received with a request for any item to be included in the Agenda. After discussion:  
RESOLVED: That the following item be submitted for the Agenda.  
“What are the criteria used by Bridgend County Borough Council for the provision of support funding in relation to Community Halls / Centres in the Borough”.

Closure of Level Crossing, Hendre Road – Notice received of temporary closure on 16/17 July 2003.  
NOTED

Crucial Crew – Acknowledgement with thanks from the Director of Education, Leisure & Community Services for this Council's financial contribution to this annual event.

NOTED

Site Inspections – Planning & Development Committee Site Visits  
Clarification received that no more than three Town/Community Councils should be invited to these site meetings.  
NOTED

Site Inspection – Caer Berllan – The notice of the site meeting scheduled for 24 June 2003 arrived during the Clerk's absence on holiday. No Member of this Council was in attendance.  
RESOLVED: That the Clerk write an explanatory letter to the Chair of the Planning Development Committee explaining the reason non- representation from this Council.

Bridgend Local Access Forum – Response to our previous correspondence on this matter received from A.L. Green.  
NOTED

Land at Hendre Road – Response received in relation to the progress of the traffic calming measures received.

NOTED

Local Authorities [Referendums][Petitions and Directions][Wales] Regulations 2001 [As amended] – PUBLICATION OF VERIFICATION NOTICE – Copy of this notice received.

NOTED

Agency Agreement for Rights-of-Way

RESOLVED: That this Agreement be added to the Agenda for the General Policy Committee who are meeting on 16 July 2003

Welsh Assembly Government

Disposal of Land at less than best price – Local Government Act 1972: Draft General Disposal Consent [Wales] 2003 – The Draft revised general disposal consent and covering circular received and feedback sought.

RESOLVED: Councillor C.F. Hewlett to review the draft document and submit report to the Town Clerk for onward transmission.

Partnership Council for Wales

The list of the newly appointed Members for the Partnership Council received. Councillor Mrs. Lillian Davies had not been appointed.

NOTED

One Voice Wales

The protocol for the formation of a single organisation representing Town & Community Councils received.

NOTED

Janice Gregory AM

Apology received for her absence from the LHB meeting arranged for 11 July 2003 due to her necessary attendance at the South East Wales Regional Committee on that day.

NOTED

Wales Association of Community & Town Councils

Acknowledgement of our two representatives received from the Secretary. He also informs this Council that the Clerk becomes an ex officio member.

NOTED

Annual Conference to be held in Aberystwyth on 11 October 2003.

RESOLVED: That our two representatives be delegated to attend.

Bobath Cymru

Application for grant received.

RESOLVED: That this be referred to the Finance Committee.

District Audit

Notice received of the completion of the Annual Audit for year ending 2002.

NOTED

Pencoed Athletic AFC

Copy of a letter of complaint to Pencoed RFC received for information.

NOTED

Hafod Housing Association

Copy of a letter received from Mr. Keith Gregory of 10 Glyn-y-Mel concerning various nuisance issues at the Housing Association accommodation.

RESOLVED: That a copy of this letter be sent to the Environmental Officer, BCBC.

Derelict Church, Wimborne Road

Letter received from Mrs. G. Dance concerning the problems emanating from this site.

RESOLVED: That information concerning ownership of this property be sought.

O2 Airway Service

Information received concerning the new Tetra Mobile Communications Technology Systems to be provided for all Police Forces.

NOTED

Hugh Irranca-Davies MP

Copy of the quarterly newsletter received.

NOTED

Richard Commission

Notice received of a public meeting to be held on 10 July 2003 at the City Hall, Cardiff.

NOTED

4045 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for 10 minutes.

4046 MEETING WITH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

A discussion ensued to set out the strategy that this Council's delegates would adopt for this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following questions be put to the LHB:

- To receive an update from the LHB representatives
- To tease out what options are available
- To seek information as to what funding is available
- What discussions have there been with the owners of the present site
- Other possible points to be raised
  - The potential dangers of crossing Penybont Road at the present site
  - General neglect and deterioration of the present site.

4047 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To discuss the provision of additional seating in the Town.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.