

MINUTES of a Special Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday, 16 July 2003 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed at 7.00p.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.

4049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

There were no declarations of interest.

4050 THE REGENERATION OF PENCOED

Members discussed the report of the Clerk subsequent to his meeting with the Assistant Director, Environment & Planning Department, BCBC.

The areas covered were:

- The infrastructure of the Town [roads, pavements etc.]
- The Town Centre [formal gardens]
- Possible pedestrianised area [leading to a one-way traffic system]
- Traffic flows [the conflict between traffic and pedestrians in a small area – Pen-y-bont Road]
- Second crossing of the railway [if the present crossing is closed off the necessity of providing controlled pedestrian access for the disabled, prams and the elderly or provide a short pedestrian under-pass at this point]
- Enhancement of the Relief Road
- The preparation and circulation of a questionnaire to the citizens of the Town
- A Second stage questionnaire to the commercial sector with a view to commercial regeneration

Subsidiary but crucial matters :

- Improve the car park at the rear of Heol-y-Groes
- Enlarge the car park off Penprysg Road and provide pedestrian access
- Enforce 'no parking' between the Monument and the traffic lights in Pen-y-bont Road.

It was agreed that a 'shopping list' be drawn up so that further discussions could take place with BCBC. It was reinforced that BCBC were essential partners in any regeneration programme.

The Shopping List

1. The major issue of traffic flow needs to be resolved
2. Urgent need for the second crossing of the railway
3. Up-grading the car parks

4. Pedestrianise the area from the Monument to the traffic lights in Pen-y-bont Road
5. Create a short pedestrian under-pass at the railway crossing gates
6. Create formal gardens on the green areas at The Square
7. Improve signage in the Town generally
8. Urgent modernisation of the public conveniences at The Square
9. Have controlled designated times for delivery of goods to shops
10. Create a lay-by at Hendre Road between Heol Wastadwaun and the Relief Road junction with Hendre Road. Because of the changed traffic patterns it has become increasingly obvious that the traffic signals should be replaced with a roundabout at this junction
11. The enforcement of 'No Parking' in Pen-y-bont Road between the Monument and the traffic lights at its junction with Penprysg Road [this is an interim measure that could be implemented quickly to reduce the severe congestion that is becoming a serious problem along this stretch of road]

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submit this 'shopping list' to the Assistant Director, Environment & Planning Department, BCBC to assist in moving this matter forward.

4051 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders was suspended for 10 minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.