

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2004 in the Miners' Welfare and Community Hall, Pencoed at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L. Davies [Mayor]; Councillors: Mrs. S. Jewell, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, G.I. Jordan, K. F. King, G. Oram

POLICE PRESENCE

Sergeant J. Winslade-Gregory and Constable A Moffatt were in attendance. Crime figures for the previous 4 weeks are as follows:-

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	3	1	1
Theft	1	4	-
Theft of Motor Vehicles	1	-	1
Theft from Motor Vehicles	2	-	-
Burglary – dwellings	1	-	-
Burglary – other	1	1	-
Vehicle damage	1	4	-
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	1	2	-
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	-	-	-
Arson	-	-	-
Harassment	-	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	-	-	-
Other	-	-	1
Indecent exposure	-	2	-

This represented a total of 28 reported crimes reflecting a substantial decrease over the previous four weeks.

Sergeant Gregory reported back the monitoring exercise in relation to speeding vehicles in Penprysg Road and Coychurch Road.

Penprysg Road

The speed reduction vehicle had attended late at night but no excessive speeds had been recorded. However, the Officers noted that in their view speeds were excessive at the bend opposite Islawen Meadows Estate. Speed reduction resolutions are being explored and the Council will be advised what action could be taken.

Coychurch Road

Again the speed reduction vehicle had monitored traffic in this area, a number of prosecutions were pending and further speed reduction resolutions are being explored. The same applies in the vicinity of Felindre Road.

Bus Stop – The Square

The public's response indicated they wished the bus stop to remain in its present form but there should be a concentration on the removal of youth annoyance in this vicinity.

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders

The Division will be placing substantial emphasis on the implementation of these Orders. Youth annoyance and anti-social behaviour throughout the Division will be co-ordinated through a central referral system and follow-up action will be taken. Constable Moffatt commented that action under this Order had already been taken in relation to four youths who were playing football in a public place, causing danger to both themselves and the public.

Graffiti

In partnership with the Youth Offending Team people responsible for graffiti will be required to make good any damage that occurs as a result of graffiti. A report will be made to a future Council meeting.

The following issues were raised by Members.

1. The play area at Felindre Road had again been set on fire and this area needs to be monitored.
2. It had been reported that black rubbish bags that had been put out for collection had been stolen by strangers. This was a serious issue which will be followed up.
3. Ball games in the play area at the rear of Coed Bach are causing problems to the householders whose property backs on to the play area. There is a bye-law prohibiting such games and consequently it is an offence. This will be monitored.
4. Excessive speeds at the higher end of Hendre Road. The action in relation to the other areas mentioned above will be repeated in this area.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Members, congratulated the Sergeant and his Team for the significant improvement that was now being experienced in the Town. Sergeant Gregory thanked the Mayor for her comments and stressed that the Team appreciated the continuing response of the public, together with their support. He stressed, however, that the public should still continue to report crime.

Declarations of interest were declared as annotated below as appropriate.

The Mayor welcomed the two members of the public who were at the meeting.

5004 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: E. Alford, D. John, V.L. Thomas, T. Williams

5005 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 February 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 25 February 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record with the following amendment:

Item 2 – Pencoed Junior School

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. L. Davies and Councillor G. Oram had Declared an Interest on the grounds that the Mayor was Chair of the Pencoed Infants School Board of Governors and Councillor Oram was a Member of Pencoed Junior School Board of Governors.

5006 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4044 refers]

Regeneration of Pencoed.

Further response still awaited from Mr. Martin Hooker, Assistant Director, Planning, BCBC.

NOTED

[Minute 4995 refers]

BCBC Rights of Way Agreement

This Council's copy of the Signed Agreement from BCBC had been received and safely filed.

NOTED

Floral Displays for Summer 2004

The baskets had been retrieved from Gentle Touch, cleaned, prepared and delivered to Boverton Nurseries for planting. NOTED

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

Proposals had been made to BCBC and a response is awaited. NOTED

Alternative Accommodation – Council Chamber and Office facilities

The appointed Working Party had its first meeting and was examining potential sites in the context of what facilities were considered appropriate and necessary. NOTED

[Minute 4999 refers]

Return of Annual Accounts 2002/2003

This Return had now been submitted to the District Auditor by the required due date. NOTED

5007 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	13.49
Postage	20.70
Clerk's Mileage (32 miles)	14.96
Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	48.00
County Borough Supplies [Stationery]	83.98
PCofMind Ltd.	80.00
SLCC [Annual Subscription]	72.00
Riverside Hardware	157.66

Birds Cowbridge Ltd. [New Brush Cutter]	459.95
Riverside Hardware [Protective Clothing & Hand equipment]	239.02
Toye Kenning	417.83
Zurich Insurance Co. [January – Contract Vehicle]	131.25
Zurich Insurance Co. [February]	131.25
J.A. Davey	38.96
A. Butler [Cleaner – half year payment]	60.00
Salem Chapel [half year rental – store room]	125.00
Inland Revenue	158.85

Woodland Projects Budget	£
Glamorgan Farm Supplies	150.40
M.S. Alderman	705.00

5008 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

RESOLVED: That these late applications be discussed as the Finance Committee meeting that discussed other applications was only held in the previous week.

Pencoed Guides: £200.00

Pencoed Bowls Club [The Mayor Declared an Interest]: £50.00

International Eisteddfod: £50.00

Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall: £3000.00

- Councillors D.R. Gregory, C.J. Davies, G. Oram Declared an Interest by virtue of being Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the Management Committee.

Salem Chapel - This application be deferred for future discussion.

The Bridge – This application be deferred to enable the Clerk to seek further information.

5009 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Roger Carter

Letter of thanks received from Mr. Carter for the honour bestowed on him by the Mayor in presenting him with the Town Council Plaque to mark his contribution to Pencoed over many years.

NOTED

Bridgend County Borough Council

- Summer holiday Playschemes 2004 – Request received for financial support.
RESOLVED: That this Council contribute £1340.00 to the above scheme.
- Bridgend Objective 1 – Annual Review Supplement received.
NOTED
- Objective 1 News, January – February 2004 received.
NOTED

Peter Black AM – Welsh Liberal Democrat
Posters advertising venues of Advice Surgeries received. NOTED

Huw Irranca-Davies MP
Copy of MPs Newsletter received. NOTED

Hywel Williams MP
Letter received concerning the Chancellor's proposal on Tax Relief to people investing Pension money in second homes – this had been circulated. NOTED

Glamorgan Area of Ramblers
Letter received requesting display of recruitment notice. NOTED

The Peace and Justice Centre
Letter received seeking support for a resolution on the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons.
RESOLVED: This information be circulated and the matter placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association
Information received concerning the arranged visit of members of the Plouzané Association together with the agreed programme. A short courtesy visit from a group from Waldsassen at the end of their holiday in the country had also been arranged. The Mayor of Plouzané would be among the visitors and the Mayor of Pencoed was invited to greet the party on 28 May 2004 and be present at the social evening on 29 May 2004. A grant was also requested to help fund the activities.
RESOLVED:

- That the Mayor and Consort represent the Town Council at both the welcome and social events on 28/29 May 2004.
- That a grant of £50.00 be given to the Town Twinning Association to assist with the funding of the activities.

5010 SAFER BRIDGEND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

After a brief discussion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk invite Mr. Martin Jones, Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinator to attend a Council Meeting to inform and advise Members how this could be advanced in Pencoed.

5011 ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

One Voice Wales [Information to be circulated]

The Meeting closed at 9 p.m.