

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 12 May 2004 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L. Davies [Mayor]

Councillors: E. Alford, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, D. John, G.I. Jordan, K. F. King.

POLICE PRESENCE

Constable Any Moffatt was in attendance. The crime figures for the previous four weeks are as follows:

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

Constable Moffatt impressed again the necessity for not leaving valuables on view in vehicles and to ensure that vehicles are locked at all times.

Members requested information as to policy of vehicle parking near to junctions. This was becoming a serious problem and is potentially dangerous. This will be monitored.

Survey of traffic speeds at the top of Hendre Road. The results have not yet been received and Constable Moffatt said he would make enquiries as to its whereabouts. He added that BCBC had monitored the area and average speeds had been registered at 27.5 mph.

The parking of vehicles at the bends in Penprysg Road was causing concern as these were potential danger spots. This would be monitored further.

Concern was also expressed in relation to speeding vehicles in Glyn-y-Mel. This will be monitored.

There is continued anxiety in relation to illegal parking in the vicinity of the traffic lights in Pen-y-bont Road. This is exacerbated when lorries are unloading goods at the shops as they obscure the traffic lights. There is an urgent need to resolve this ongoing issue, as these concerns are fuelled by the potential danger of a serious accident happening in this particular vicinity.

Constable Moffatt indicated that recruiting for the replacement of our male PCSO will be undertaken in June.

The Mayor thanked Constable Moffatt for his attendance and his report.

5022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: Mrs. S. Jewell, J. Butcher, G. Oram and T. Williams who is still indisposed.

5023 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 April 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 April 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5024 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 3958 refers]

New Surgery – Pencoed

A meeting with the Executive Officers of the Local Health Board was held on 28 April 2004 and the Clerk's report of this meeting was discussed in Committee. RESOLVED: That these developments be monitored by this Council.

[Minute 4044 refers]

Regeneration of Pencoed.

Further response still awaited from Mr. Martin Hooker, Assistant Director, Planning, BCBC. RESOLVED: That this item be removed from the Clerk's Report and reintroduced in six months.

[Minute 4981 refers]

Maintenance of Roundabouts

A training day has now been arranged for 19 May which then enable our Countryside Maintenance Officer to commence his work on the two identified roundabouts. NOTED

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

The Clerk is progressing this issue.

[Minute 5015 refers]

Late submission of Invoices from BCBC

Responses were received from the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate Services. NOTED

[Minute 5016 refers]

Mr. Michael Hurst

Confirmation received from the Valley Young Bowlers Club that Mr. Hurst has been selected to represent Wales at the Junior Commonwealth Games in Australia in December 2004 and the Club is requesting a grant for sponsorship. After discussion: RESOLVED: That a grant of £300 be made towards sponsorship and that Mr. Hurst be congratulated on his selection.

[Minute 5017 refers]

Town Twinning Visit – Waldsassen

The Clerk's report concerning traveling arrangements for this delegate visit was discussed in Committee. The following was agreed:

RESOLVED:

- That the following Members would represent Pencoed Town Council for this visit – Councillors E. Alford, J. Butcher, D.R. Gregory, D. John together with the Clerk, Mr. Norman J. Davies.
- That the delegation travel by air from Bristol Airport.

5025 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment.	£
Internet Monthly Payment	13.49
Postage	14.18
Telephone	62.92
Clerk's Mileage (52 miles)	25.94
Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	36.00
BCBC – Contract Leasing [March 2004]	394.57
Electronic Imaging Solutions [Photocopier]	106.42
County Borough Supplies [Stationery]	45.98
Inland Revenue [PAYE – 113.02 + NIC 142.32]	255.34
J.A. Davey	86.82
Woodland Project Budget	
Anstee Landscapes Ltd., [erection of Plinth and securing seating in Coed lestyn]	3093.78

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTER

The Clerk report receipt of VAT repayments of £3,862.50

The Clerk also expressed concern at the late receipt of the Annual Precept. On enquiring from BCBC he had been informed that an administrative problem had occurred which did not

allow electronic transfer as had been agreed. Consequently, the Precept for all the Community Councils in the BCBC area had to be paid by cheque. This Council was not in the first tranche and was not received until 12 May 2004. Fortunately this Council was carrying over a balance from the last financial year otherwise it would have caused serious embarrassment as the April expenditure was unusually high. Members expressed a great deal of concern and after further discussion.

RESOLVED: That the issue of late receipt of invoices and now the late receipt of the Precept should be a matter for discussion at the Town and Community Forum.

5026 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Lewis Watkins – Deceased – Pencoed Swimming Pool

Correspondence from the Assistant Director, Education, Leisure and Community Services received in relation the Estate of the late Mr. Lewis Watkins. Mr. Gerwyn Thomas, a Trustee, was present and the Mayor invited to address the Members. A sum of £14,666.00 was available to invest in the Pencoed Swimming Pool in commemoration of the late Mr. Watkins. A full discussion ensued:

RESOLVED: That Option 1 be supported with the following suggested addition:

- There should be a covered seating area attached to the entrance of the building but inside the Memorial Gates.
- That BCBC be requested to provide sketches to this Council for further discussion.
- That BCBC provide match funding with the Trustees to enable this additional facility to be built.

Road Safety Improvements – Hendre Road

Copies of correspondence between the residents of Coed-y-Graig and BCBC Transportation and Engineering Department received. This relates to the provision of hatched box on the junction of Coed-y-Graig and Hendre Road. The Clerk reported that he had discussed the current position with an Officer of BCBC who indicated that it was still contained in the Safety Audit and that discussions with REDROW were continuing. Members also expressed concern that the same facility should be provided at the junction of Woodland Avenue and Hendre Road.

RESOLVED: That –

- The Clerk inform BCBC that this Council supports the submission of the Coed-y-Graig residents.
- This Council strongly urges BCBC to install a similar hatched box at the Woodland Avenue/Hendre Road junction.

Home Office

Notes of guidance received in relation to the changes to the Law on preventing illegal working.

NOTED

Miss S. Walters – Street Naming

Letter received requesting that the following street names be considered on the new building developments.

- Heol David Howell
- Clos Vivian Morgan

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Miss Walters explaining that this is a matter for BCBC who only consult Pencoed Town Council on street naming.

Applications for Grants

- Shelter Cymru
- The Gentle Giant Trust

RESOLVED: That these applications be referred to the Finance Committee.

BCBC – Proposed Temporary Closure of Level Crossing

Information received of the application to close that part of the Hendre Road in the vicinity of the level crossing from 5 – 7 June 2004.

NOTED

BCBC and Bridgend Local Health Board – Assessment of Needs Document

Councillor V.L. Thomas' summary of this document was received on 12 May 2004.

RESOLVED: That this be circulated for discussion at the next Town Council meeting.

At the close of the meeting the Mayor paid tribute to three Councillors who were not seeking re-election.

- Councillor Trevor Williams has served for 36 years and his continued ill-health meant he could not continue. His contribution to the work of the Council and to the Town has been invaluable over this long and distinguished period of time.
- Councillor Glyn Jordan has served on the Council for the last four years and his contributions to the debates and business of the Council have been most helpful.
- Councillor Mrs. Sheila Jewell has made an immense contribution over a number of years and in particular in the last five driving through the Woodlands Development Project both for the Millennium Wood and Coed Iestyn. The legacy this leaves to the Town will be appreciated for many many years to come.

The Mayor also thanked all the Members for their support and encouragement during her term of office.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.