

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 16 June 2004 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: Councillor K.F. King [Mayor]

Councillors: Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. K. Watkins, E. Alford, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, M. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, D. John, G. Oram, V.L. Thomas, R. Williams

POLICE PRESENCE

Acting Sergeant Neal Jones and Constable Darren Bowen were in attendance. A/Sergeant Jones reaffirmed that there were four Community Police Officers based in Pencoed and supported by one PCSO. In addition Coychurch and Brackla were served by two Community Officers for each area who also worked out of Pencoed Police Station. Sergeant J. Winslade-Gregory had now returned to duty. The crime figures for May are as follows:

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

Detection rates showed an increase with 50% in Felindre, 50% in Hendre and 33% in Penprysg. Arrests had been made in relation to the burglaries. During the hot weather householders must ensure that they do not leave windows or patio doors open when they are not at home. The same applies to motor vehicles.

A/Sergeant Jones reported that Pencoed had been included in 'Operation Arrowhead'. Three houses had been searched and two drugs related offences had been detected and stolen property recovered in another instance. It is expected there will be further arrests in relation to this operation.

In response to a question concerning the distinction made by the Police in relation to petty and serious crimes A/Sergeant Jones there were such distinctions made e.g. house burglary was regarded as a serious crime and opposed to theft from motor vehicles acknowledging, however, that all victims of crime considered the offences as serious.

Monitoring of speeding vehicles in Glyn-y-Mel had not yet been undertaken.

Members raised the continued problem of parking in the Town particularly in relation to Penybont Road in and around the shopping area. The lay-by is a constant source of anxiety and the Officers were reminded that Sergeant Gregory was to discuss this matter with the Traffic Management Officers and report back to the Council. The Sergeant would be asked to pursue this issue.

The area around the traffic lights and shops continues to cause serious anxiety because of the dangerous parking of goods vehicles when unloading commodities for the shops. This will be monitored. The increased parking of vehicles on footpaths particularly along the main thoroughfares needs to be addressed.

The Mayor thanked the Officers for their attendance and report.

Declarations of Interest were declared as annotated below as appropriate.

5038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present.

5039 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 May 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record with the following correction:

Page 1936 – to read Councillor Glyn Jordan has served on the Council for the last five years and not four as recorded in the Minutes.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 June 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5040 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

The Clerk reported that he is in process of taking photographs of existing road signs to strengthen our submission for the Welsh Assembly and our Constituency A.M. NOTED

[Minute 5017 refers]

Delegate visit to Waldsassen 25 – 28 June 2004.

It was confirmed that Councillors J. Butcher, D.R. Gregory and D. John and the Clerk would

be traveling to Waldsassen for this visit. The itinerary was received today and circulated to the delegates. NOTED

[Minute 5026 refers]

Mr. Lewis Watkins – Deceased – Pencoed Swimming Pool

The response of the Assistant Director, Education, Leisure and Community Services, BCBC was attached. After discussion:

RESOLVED:

- That the Assistant Director be invited to attend an early meeting of this Council the date to be agreed between him and the Clerk. The preferred date is the July meeting.
- That Mr. Gerwyn Thomas, Trustee to the Estate be invited to that meeting.

Road Safety Improvements – Hendre Road

The response of BCBC was circulated. Members were unhappy that the issues raised by this Council had not been addressed in that response. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Mayor and Clerk prepare a further submission to BCBC requesting specific responses to the issues raised by this Council.

5041 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	12.49
Postage	18.28
Clerk's Mileage (62 miles)	30.94
Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	48.00
Zurich Insurance Company	125.78
BCBC Fuel (April 2004)	165.17
Riverside Hardware	31.49
PC of Mind Ltd.	68.00
Staples Ltd.	64.99
Inland Revenue [PAYE – 141.51 + NIC 178.37]	319.88
SLCC (The Clerk's Manual 2004)	24.00
Glamorgan Farm Supplies	102.75
Bridgend College	55.12
British Airways [Page & Moy]	1,035.20
Boverton Nurseries	493.50

Other Matter

The continued production of 'The Hyphen' was discussed.

RESOLVED: That this Council continue to fund the production of 'The Hyphen.'

5042 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridgend County Borough Council

- The Bridgend Unitary Development Plan [UDP] – Proposed Modification.
A copy of this has been received. Representations must be made no later than 16 July 2004.
NOTED
- Bridgend County Borough Draft Community Strategy. Copies tabled for all Members.
Responses required by 31 October 2004.
RESOLVED: That Members give their comments to the Clerk who will collate such information for any response.
- Office Paper Re-cycling Scheme. Details received of this new scheme. After discussion:
RESOLVED: The scheme is not appropriate for this Council.
- 2004 Combined Elections – Information booklet entitled 'Local Champion' received.

NOTED
- Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984
– Temporary closure of Level Crossing, Hendre Road 5 – 7 June 2004.
NOTED
- Temporary closure of a section Minffrwd Road from 5 July for approximately four weeks.
NOTED
- Diversion of Footpath No. 38. Copy of diversion order received.
NOTED
- Maintenance Status of Highways. Copy of a plan showing maintenance status of highways in Pencoed.
NOTED
- Audit of all community facilities within the County Borough.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk completes this as appropriate.
- Community Safety Partnership. The appointment of Co-ordinator is being processed.
A response to our request for that person's attendance at a Town council meeting will be followed up in due course.
NOTED
- objective 1 News. Copy of March/April Bulletin received.
NOTED

Welsh Assembly Government

- Declaration and Registration of Interest and National Code of Local Government Conduct – Declaration of Acceptance of Office. After consultation a new form of declaration will come into force on 1 September 2004. In the meantime the current forms of declaration should be used.
NOTED
- South East Wales Regional Committee. Notice received of the next meeting to be held on Friday 18 June 2004.
NOTED
- Local Government and Public Services Committee – A Committee enquiry into Public Services Regulation and Inspections regime is to be undertaken. Submissions required by 27 August 2004.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk circulate this document for discussion at the next meeting.

Applications for Grants

- Pencoed Amateur Radio Club
- Fforest Uchaf Horse and Pony Centre and Pit pony Sanctuary

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

Pencoed Junior School

Members were reminded that this Council had agreed in principle to make a grant of £1000 for the installation of CCTV cameras. Because of the excessive cost of installation it had been decided that staff and pupils could best be protected by the supply of mobile telephones to all staff members. This would allow contact in any emergency both within and outside the school. The year-on cost of 15 mobile phones was £750. The school requested that the Town Council consider this change of use of the agreed grant as it was thought to be more cost effective.

After discussion:

RESOLVED: That this Council make a grant of £750 to defray the cost of the first years provision of mobile phones.

- Councillors D. John and G. Oram declared an interest by virtue of being Chair and Member of the School Governing Body.

Local Government International Bureau

Information and leaflets received concerning creating partnerships and project EU Mayors UK Seminar 15 July 2004 at the University of Warwick. NOTED

Town and Community Councils Standing Co-ordination Committee

The following were received:

- Procedure for the adoption of highways [copy of response from BCBC]
- Response to Welsh Assembly Document on 1996 Audit and Account Regulations.
- Notice of the next Annual General Meeting which is to be held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg on 1 July 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk take appropriate action.

Parliament for Wales Campaign

Notice received of a meeting to be held at Llandindrod Wells on 3 July 2004 to discuss the Richard Commission report – Towards a Parliament. NOTED

Local Councils Update

The May Edition received. NOTED

Mrs. Grace Phillips

Trees in wooded area at the Millennium Garden, Coychurch Road. Request received to deal with the problem of overhanging trees.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seek estimates for the reduction of the trees if appropriate.

5043 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for 15 minutes.

5044 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC OFFICES

RESOLVED: That this item be discussed in Committee.

A brief report was given on the progress of the Working Party who are examining this possible development. Various options were addressed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk continues to make enquiries as to the ownership of the land being earmarked for the possible development of Civic Offices.

5045 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- BCBC and Bridgend Local Health Board – Assessment of Needs document. The summary prepared by Councillor V.L. Thomas, which had been circulated and placed on the Agenda for this meeting, be discussed at the meeting to be held in July.
- Road markings in Coychurch Road.
- Distribution of 'The Hyphen'.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.