

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 16 June 2004 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L. Davies [Mayor];

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

The Clerk, on behalf of the Members, expressed condolences to Councillor C.J. Davies and the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lillian Davies, on their recent bereavement.

Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillors: Mrs. K. Watkins, M. Gregory and R. Williams signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Pencoed Town Council's Code of Conduct.

#### 5027 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 May 2003 be received. [These had already been presented for approval at a previous meeting]

#### 5028 MAYOR'S REVIEW

Fellow Councillors, Mr. Clerk

As my term of office ends, it is the appropriate time to briefly review the previous 13 months and reflect on the Council's continuing programme of commitment and improvement.

It is the custom and practice of this Council to acknowledge and pay tribute, with a visit from the Mayor, to all residents who are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. This year has been no exception, and I have been privileged to carry your good wishes to a number of people in our community celebrating this remarkable event and also extended good wishes to a lady who had reached her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pencoed has more than its fair share of selfless and dedicated people supporting the various clubs and associations in the Town. Through my various invitations and attendance at many events during the past year I have been able to witness at first hand the commitment of these wonderful people. For example, Leaders of the Scout and Guide movements, St. John's Ambulance, Youth Rugby and Youth Soccer, Schools Parent Associations and 'helping hands' at our schools, the Town Twinning Association and Members and Leaders of our Choirs and our Silver Band, who raise money for Charity and enhance our community. I pay tribute to them all.

It was pleasing to note that for the first time the venue for Bridgend Show moved to Pencoed College, and I was privileged to attend on your behalf. School speech days, concerts and Christmas concerts have played a prominent part in the calendar of events and it is also pleasing to note that the long-awaited Nursery provision at Pencoed Infant's School is now in place.

The Town Twinning Association continues to flourish, with links between the Breton Town of Plouzané and the Bavarian Town of Waldsassen being well maintained. Lately I have had considerable pleasure in welcoming the group of visitors from Plouzané, which included their Mayor, [albeit on a 'private' visit] and just last week a group of visitors from Waldsassen.

I have attended many Civic events in neighbouring communities. May I thank the Town Clerk, the Reverend Nicholas Jones and Members of the Pencoed Ladies Group for their help in making our own Civic event a success.

May I thank everyone who took part and attended the Armistice Day service and parade and all Civic events.

The business of the Town Council has been effectively carried out and progress on various projects has been carried forward.

Our newsletter, 'The Hyphen' continues to be well received and I must extend my gratitude to the Editor and contributors. We have built the bridge at Coed Iestyn, thus linking the paths and made various other improvements to this project. The Millennium Wood is growing apace and my gratitude is extended to the Councillors who led, improved and initiated these two projects, establishing countryside venues for generations to come.

The new Christmas lights throughout the main thoroughfare were well received, and I trust that in future they will be extended to other parts of the Town and this year we have appointed a full-time Countryside and Community person to improve and care for our environment.

I will, as a Town Councillor, continue to work for my community and will give my full support to the incoming Mayor and the rest of my fellow Councillors.

I thank everyone who has given me support and encouragement and given me the opportunity to serve as Mayor and I extend my gratitude to the Town Clerk, Mr. Norman Davies, for his unfailing support and last, but no means least, my thanks to my long-suffering and supportive husband, Clayton.

#### 5029 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2004/2005

The following were nominated:

Mayor - Councillor K.F. King

Deputy Mayor - Councillor D.R. Gregory

#### 5030 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR 2004/2005

It was moved, seconded and unanimously –

RESOLVED: That Councillor K.F. King be appointed as Mayor of Pencoed for the ensuing year. After Councillor King had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Councillor Mrs. Davies invested the newly appointed Mayor with the Chain of Office.

Councillor K.F. King thanked Councillor Mrs. Davies for the effective way in which she had fulfilled her duties being supported by her consort, Councillor C.J. Davies.

He thanked the Members for their vote of confidence in appointing him Mayor and looked forward to a progressive and happy year in Office. This is the fourth occasion he has been privileged to serve as Mayor of Pencoed.

#### 5031 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor D.R. Gregory be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor D.R. Gregory be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

#### 5032 MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE 2004/2005

After discussion it was proposed that the Mayor's allowance be increased by £25.00.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's allowance for the ensuing year be increased to £775.00.

#### 5033 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GOVERNING BODIES

After discussion:

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council in September 2004.

#### 5034 COMMITTEES

To appoint Members to the following Committees:

- Planning - Full Council
- Finance - Full Council
- Projects Management Committee -

RESOLVED: Membership for the ensuing year will be - Councillors: E. Alford, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, M. Gregory, G. Oram, R. Williams

- The General Policy Working Party

RESOLVED: Membership of this Working Party be appointed as appropriate.

#### 5035 TO APPOINT DELEGATES TO THE FOLLOWING

- Coity Wallia - Councillors: C.J. Davies, K.F. King
- Town Twinning - Councillors: C.J. Davies, G. Oram
- Town & Community - Councillor D.R. Gregory
- Town & Community Councils Standing Co-ordination Committee-Councillors: D. John, R. Williams - Substitute: Councillor J. Butcher

#### 5036 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Short verbal reports were received from the following:

- Coity Wallia - Councillor C.J. Davies
- Town & Community Councils Forum - Councillor G. Oram
- Town Twinning - Councillor C.J. Davies

RESOLVED: That a report from the delegates should be made at each Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council if appropriate.

5037 DATES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2004/2005

RESOLVED: That the Ordinary Council meetings for 2004/2005 be held as follows:

2004

- Wednesday 14 July
- Wednesday 8 September
- Wednesday 13 October [change of venue]
- Wednesday 10 November
- Wednesday 8 December

2005

- Wednesday 12 January
- Wednesday 9 February
- Wednesday 9 March [change of venue]
- Wednesday 20 April \* please note
- Wednesday 11 May

RESOLVED: That there will be no meeting in August 2004 but Plenary Powers be given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in consultation with the Clerk.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.