

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 8 September 2004 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor K.F. King [Mayor]

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

#### POLICE PRESENCE

In attendance was Sue Williams the Police Community Support Officer, who presented the following report for the period mid-July to mid-September.

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	6	1	1
Theft	7	2	2
Theft of Motor Vehicles			
Theft from Motor Vehicles	9	4	5
Burglary – dwellings	-	2	-
Burglary – other	3	2	1
Vehicle damage	-	-	-
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	5	4	2
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	2	-	-
Arson	-	-	-
Harassment	-	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	-	-	-
Other	8	4	2
Detection Rate	55%	26%	46%

An offender had been detected in relation to the criminal damage to a shop window.

It was reported that the abandoned cars at the rear of the Trinity Chapel had been removed.

Acting Sergeant Neal Jones had now been confirmed at Pencoed together with four Constables and a second PCSO who had been recruited and their arrival was still awaited.

Concern was expressed in relation to the continue car-parking at the brow of the hill in Penprysg Road as Members still considered this constituted a potential serious accident area.

The speed reduction officer had been consulted and the traffic management unit in Cardiff were considering the overall position.

Discussion took place concerning parking of Police vehicles outside the Police Station. There is a plan to create parking spaces at the rear of the Station as soon as possible.

The Mayor thanked the Officer for her comprehensive report.

Mr. Mike Payne, BCBC Leisure Services Department

Mr. Payne outlined the present consultations taking place within the Borough in relation to the Late Lewis Watkins Legacy. The general conclusions were that a glass conservatory would not be appropriate on this site especially in view of the high incidence of vandalism on Leisure Services property. In discussion with their Buildings Consultant it was felt that an extension of the fitness suite and re-location of the refreshment area would be more beneficial and secure. There was an agreement that a commemorative plaque would be erected as part of the refurbishment. It was also agreed that when drawings were prepared they would be shared with this Council for further consultation.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Payne for his comprehensive report and looked forward to further discussion on this very important matter.

There were no declarations of interest.

5056 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors: J. Butcher, M. Gregory, V.L. Thomas.

5057 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 July 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record with the following amendment:

Minute No. 5050 – Valleys to Coast. The first sentence should read "...overgrown hedgerows and footpaths leading from Heol-y-Groes to Dol Afon."

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 July 2004 and 1 September 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 8 September 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5058 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

The Constituency A.M. had now received this Council's submission to the Welsh Assembly and a reply is awaited

[Minute 5026 refers]

Road Safety Improvements – Hendre Road

A response was received from BCBC and circulated to all Members. NOTED

[Minute 5044 refers]

Future development of Civic Offices

A response was received from BCBC and circulated to all Members.

A response was received from the Charity Commission.  
RESOLVED: That these responses be referred to the Working Party for determination.

[Minute 5050 refers]

One Voice Wales

It was confirmed that Cllr. David Street J.P; the Chairman of the Steering Committee will attend this Council's meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2004. NOTED

Agenda item – Town and Community Councils' Forum

The item submitted by this Council was not included in the Agenda for the recently held Forum. An explanatory letter had been received from BCBC and was circulated to all Members. After a full discussion:

RESOLVED: That this Council still require this item to be placed on the Agenda for the next Forum Meeting.

[Minute 5054 refers]

Road markings at Coychurch Road.

A further response was received from BCBC and circulated to all Members. NOTED

#### 5059 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	12.49
Postage	39.48
Clerk's Mileage (38 miles)	19.19
Telephone	58.10
Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall	132.00
BCBC (Printing 'The Hyphen'- July)	464.51
BCBC Vehicle leasing (April/May)	531.14
BCBC Fuel (May/June)	286.73
BCBC Vehicle repair.	43.31
Inland Revenue - July [PAYE – 112.47 + NIC 142.32]	254.79
Inland Revenue - August [PAYE – 140.80 + NIC 177.90]	318.70
County Supplies.	20.06
Dixons (Inkjet)	21.99
Mr. David Prosser – Internal Auditor	45.00
Electronic Imaging Solutions	15.86

Salary settlement 2004/05 and 2005/06:

The Nationally agreed salary settlement for Council Clerks has been set at 2.76% for 2004/05 and 2.95% for 2005/06 operative from 1<sup>st</sup>. April 2004. The Council is requested to apply this settlement.

RESOLVED: That this Council accept the annual salary settlement for Clerks and this is applied from 1 April 2004.

## 5060 CORRESPONDENCE

### Bridgend County Borough Council

#### Appointment of Town or Community Councillors to the Standards Committee and the Town and Community Councils Standards Sub-Committee

Request received for the Nomination of a Town Councillor who is not also a Borough Councillor to serve on the Standards Sub-Committee. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That Councillor D.R. Gregory be nominated from this Council.

#### Town and Community Council Representation on the Local Strategic Partnership

Request received for the nomination of a Member for the above partnership. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That Councillor D.R. Gregory be nominated from this Council.

#### Children's Play Areas

Request received from the Leisure Department seeking immediate assistance with funding for refurbishment of play areas and a commitment for funding in the next financial year. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That this letter be circulated to Members for further discussion at the next meeting. No immediate funding is available.

#### Renewal of Photocopying Machine

Information received offering a renewal of contract for the existing photocopier. After discussion and on the advice of the Clerk that the present contract be renewed for the existing copier:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Clerk to renew the present contract be accepted.

#### Objective One News

The July / August edition has been received. NOTED

#### Glamorgan and Gwent Network of Community and Town Councils

An invitation has been received to affiliate with this new organization. After discussion:

RESOLVED: This Council declines the invitation to affiliate with this new organization.

#### Laleston Community Council – Community Support Officers

This Council is seeking information as to Pencoed Town Council's response of the Chief Constable, South Wales Police request to provide funding to support a bid for provision of CSOs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk formulates an appropriate response.

#### Huw Irranca-Davies MP – Cleaner, Safer Streets Campaign

Notice of a coffee morning to be held in Pencoed on 2 October received. NOTED

#### Applications for Grants

The following have been received:

- Vision Foundation
- Bobath Cymru
- Matthew Rees Butler - Athletics Association of Wales

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

Cardiff International Airport

Questionnaire received in relation to proposed changes affecting airports air space.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk responds appropriately.

Welsh Assembly Government

The following have been received –

- The Conduct of Members [Model Code of Conduct] [Wales] [Amendment] [No.2] Order 2004 [SI 2004/1510 [W.159]]
- The Local Elections [Declaration of Acceptance of Office] [Wales] Order 2004 [SI 2004/1508 [W.157]]
- The Revised Local Partnership Scheme and the Local Partnership Scheme Report 2002-2003
- Council Tax Re-Valuation and Re-Banding 2005.
- Research Study into the role, functions and future potential of Town and Community Councils in Wales.

Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Phillips – Motor Bike Nuisance, Pencoed College

Copy of a letter to the Dean, Pencoed College, received in relation to the above and seeking this Council's support.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Dean supporting the complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Phillips.

#### 5061 DISTRIBUTION OF 'THE HYPHEN'

A discussion ensued in relation to the distribution of the Spring Edition of 'The Hyphen'. The general view expressed was that this distribution proved to be much more satisfactory than other arrangements. The Clerk reported that he would be taking delivery of the next issue on 28 September 2004.

RESOLVED: That Members will undertake distribution of the next edition for areas not covered by the Countryside Maintenance Officer.

#### 5061 FORMAL PRESENTATION TO MRS KATHLEEN MURPHY-BUCK, U.S.A.

The Mayor introduced Mrs. Buck, together with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Shogan. Mrs. Buck had worked in the armament factory in Bridgend from 1943 to 1945 being housed at MOD hostel in Pencoed. They had contacted the Council indicating that they were here for two days to revisit these sites. Mrs. Buck was a G.I. Bride and this was a "memory lane" visit. The Mayor expressed a warm welcome and a short programme was agreed to enable our visitors to gain optimum benefit from their short stay in Pencoed.

RESOLVED: That a plaque of the Pencoed Coat of Arms be presented to Mrs. Buck by the Mayor.

#### 5062 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councillor Mrs. L. Davies requested that her proposal in relation to the presentation of Certificates of Merit be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting.

RESOLVED: That this item be placed on the Agenda for the meeting to be held on 13 October 2004.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.