

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 10 November 2004 in the Pencoed Miners' Welfare and Community Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor K.F. King [Mayor]

Councillors: Mrs. L. Davies, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, D. John, G. Oram,

In opening the meeting the Mayor expressed appreciation to all who assisted in ensuring the annual firework display was safe and successful. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 people attended. No problems were experienced and the crowd was to be commended on its exemplary behaviour. The Mayor also thanked the Police and St. John Ambulance for making themselves available for this event. He calculated that based on the electoral role the overall cost of the display was 0.37p per person. In the current climate, and given the new regulations concerning fireworks, this expressed real value for money.

#### POLICE PRESENCE

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Phillips and Constable Moffatt to the meeting. Crime figures for the last the month is as follows:

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	-	-	-
Theft	1	-	-
Theft of Motor Vehicles	1	-	-
Theft from Motor Vehicles	2	-	-
Burglary - dwellings	-	2	2
Burglary - other	3	-	1
Vehicle damage	-	2	4
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	2	1	1
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	2	-	-
Arson	-	-	1
Harassment	-	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	1	-	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	5	9

The Sergeant expressed concern in relation to the burglary of dwellings and emphasized again that householders should ensure their homes are secure without windows etc., being left open. Investigations are on-going. Apart from these offences the crime figures are much more satisfactory.

The question of dangerous parking in Penprysg Road was again raised. The Sergeant is requesting more information so that action may be taken if appropriate. The provision of the vehicle registration number would be most helpful. Additional to this the continued speeding along this road is also causing anxiety and again more information would be helpful in attempting to resolve this issue. The policy of speed detection was not covert which may

exacerbate the problem in that when the detection van is in place drivers do not exceed the speed limit.

Referring back to the under-age drinking raised in the last meeting Sergeant Phillips said that shops and off licenses will be targeted in early December and there will be higher Police intervention to control this problem.

In response to a further question the Sergeant said that no Anti Social Behaviour Orders [ASBO] had been made in the County as the Community Safety Partnership was working well in this particular area.

Referring to the culprits who were lighting fires in Coed Iestyn, Constable Moffatt indicated that criminal proceedings have been instigated.

The Clerk referred to a letter he has received from Mrs. L. Evans [a copy of which had also been sent to Pencoed Police Station] registering a complaint about parking on pavements throughout the Town. Sergeant Phillips said that he had not yet received that letter but it was the policy that all complaints were given prompt attention and dealt with appropriately.

The Mayor thanked Sergeant Phillips and Constable Moffatt for their presence and reports.

#### BRIDGEND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Mayor introduced Mr. John Davies the Community Safety Partnership Liaison Officer.

Mr. Davies first expressed pleasure in being invited to attend the meeting and also the fact that it is patently obvious by the presence of the Police Officers that there was a good relationship between the Town Council and the Police locally. This is a very important link that greatly assisted the work of the Partnership.

The following main areas were discussed:

- Mr. Peter Davies has been appointed as Anti Social Behaviour Officer and part of his brief is to review anti social behaviour problems throughout the area. He also collates information received and actions the systems that have been set up to deal with those problems particularly through prevention.
- The roles of both Officers has been set out and explained in the recently circulated BCBC Bulletin.
- The aim of the Partnership is not to criminalize those who are engaged in anti social behaviour but rather through early intervention divert from that lifestyle.
- Of the 800 referrals dealt with 85% have been resolved with no further referrals to the Partnership. This has been done in the main by involving the parents in the problems that have arisen. This has proved to be most successful.
- The imposition of an ASBO is seen as a failure to resolve a problem. However, this does not mean that none will be made as a very small number will inevitably filter through and these will be dealt with through an ASBO if necessary. It has been demonstrated that the wholesale imposition of ASBOs has not been particularly successful as they could not be effectively and properly supervised.
- Contact with schools is made through links with the School Liaison Officers. The schools are encouraged to use their own system of prevention. If these fail the Partnership becomes involved.
- Response times to complaints is critical so that behaviour does not become entrenched.

- An example of effective intervention in Pencoed is reflected in a substantial improvement in behaviour at a particular 'hot-spot' in the Town.
- The cost of anti social behaviour to the community taxpayer is increased by such anti social activities but the Partnership through early intervention and prevention makes for real cost effectiveness.
- Local Town and Community Councils are being encouraged to initiate small projects to support the local Police in an effort to involve young people in worthwhile activities. The Divisional Commander has a small amount of money available to set up such projects.
- The Mayor thanked Mr. Davies for his very helpful and enlightening contribution and wished him and the Partnership every success.

#### 5072 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: Mr. K. Watkins, E. Alford, M. Gregory, V.L. Thomas, R. Williams.

#### 5073 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 October 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2004 were confirmed and signed by the Major as a true and correct record.

#### 5074 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

A copy of a letter from Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development and Transport, Welsh Assembly Government, was received via our Constituency A.M. No offer of a meeting was made as had been requested. However the papers submitted had been forwarded to The Place Names Standardization Panel. This Council's proposal will be discussed at their next meeting. Members expressed serious reservations about this decision and after discussion: RESOLVED: That the Clerk write and enquire when the panel will be meeting to discuss this Council's submission and if members of the public are allowed to be present.

[Minute 5060 refers]

Appointment of a Representative to the Local Strategic Partnership.

This matter will be dealt with at the Town and Community Council Forum on 15 November 2004. NOTED

[Minute 5066 refers]

Monitoring of CCTV Cameras, The Square, Pencoed

Arrangements have been made for Councillor C.J. Davies and the Clerk to visit the Operations Room had to be postponed and a new date is being arranged. NOTED

[Minute 5068 refers]

Britannia Inn

An E-mail response received from the P.R. Officer 'the matter is being investigated'. NOTED

Poor condition of Coychurch Road to the Square

Response awaited from BCBC Highways Department. NOTED

[Minute 5070 refers  
Children's Play Areas

Response received from BCBC to the effect that the Assistant Director, Education, Leisure and Community Services will present a costings breakdown at the Forum Meeting on 15 November. A telephone discussion between the Clerk and Mr. Gareth Evans, Principle Officer in the Department, indicated that three play areas were scheduled for refurbishment in Pencoed, namely, South View, Wimbourne Road and Cae Talcen at a total cost of £90,000. BCBC are hoping that this Council would contribute up to 50% of that cost over the period of three years.

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

#### 5075 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	12.49
Postage	13.44
Clerk's Mileage	25.75
Telephone	61.61
BCBC 'The Hyphen'	415.26
Inland Revenue - [PAYE - 168.53 + NIC 207.33]	375.86
Ford Motor Company [VAT element for accident repair]	549.23
J. Watkins [re-imburement of Insurance claim]	100.00
Zurich Insurance Company	42.00
Salem Chapel (half-yearly rent for store room)	125.00
Cleaner's half-yearly fee	60.00
Bridgend College [Flowers for boxes and Monument]	18.23
Pencoed Miners' Welfare and Community Hall	48.00
Vehicle Leasing [September]	437.45
Fuel	135.78
Cracker Jack Fireworks	2,937.50

#### 5076 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridgend County Borough Council

- Minutes of the Town and Community Council Forum held on 16 August 2004.
- Erection of Christmas Illuminations 2004 - Confirmation that the License Fee is waived.
- Firework Display - Completion of questionnaire submitted by the Clerk.
- Strategy for Older People in Wales Development Plan 2004/05.
- Regeneration Round-up September/October 2004.

All the above were NOTED.

#### Summer Play Scheme

Report of the 2004 Summer Play Scheme received with request for financial support for 2005.  
RESOLVED: That this be referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Mrs. L. Davies declared an interest.

#### Development Control Procedures

Removal of Town and Community Council representation at site inspections. This was discussed at length and Members expressed strong views concerning this decision. Members took the view that on the one hand BCBC are pushing hard for partnerships with Town and Community Councils but on the other hand were taking every opportunity to devalue the contribution of those Councils in some areas of responsibility. This reflected an erosion of joint consultation opportunities.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to this letter in the terms expressed above.

#### Welsh Assembly Government

The following documents have been received -

- Making the Connections: The Welsh Assembly Government provision for Public Services.
- Making the Connections: Delivering better Services in Wales.
- Learning for Public Service Excellence.

RESOLVED: That these documents be passed to Councillor V.L. Thomas for review.

The Good Councillor's Guide - For Community and Town Councillors  
A copy was distributed to each Councillor.

Councillor C.F. Hewlett declared an interest

#### Mr. & Mrs. C.F. Hewlett

A letter of complaint received concerning the condition of some of the trees along Brickyard Way. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk register this complaint with BCBC together with the photographs provided and request that remedial action be taken.

#### SHOUT - The Voice of the Older Community

Information received concerning this newly established organization. There could be some financial implications. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be referred to the Finance Committee.

#### Medeon Ltd.

Information received concerning the creation of 'The Blue Map'.

RESOLVED: That this correspondence be referred to Councillor D.R. Gregory who will report back in due course.

#### Rail Passengers Committee

Notice received of a Conference to be held on 26 January 2005 - Railways in Wales.

After discussion:

RESOLVED: That places be reserved for Councillors Mrs. L. Davies and D. John.

Local Councils UPDATE

The November 2004 issue received. NOTED

Music in Hospitals

The Annual Christmas Concert for Glanffrwd Nursing Home will be held on 17 December 2004 at 11 a.m. The Mayor will be in attendance.

RESOLVED: That this Council meet the cost of that event.

5077 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for 20 minutes.

5078 THE CREATION OF AN INFORMATION PACK 'WELCOME TO PENCOED'

Members discussed the feasibility of creating an information pack to be distributed to new residents coming to the Town. After discussion and as an initial investigation into the creation of such a pack the Clerk discuss this possibility with the Estate Agents in the Town and report back in due course.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk have discussions with Estate Agents in Pencoed as an initial investigation into the creation of an information pack 'Welcome to Pencoed' and report back in due course.

5079 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

5080 REDROW HOUSING ESTATE

The Mayor gave leave for Councillor D. John to raise an urgent issue concerning the creation of a 'no man's land' on this estate between the fences that have been erected and the hedgerow line. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Ward Councillors together with the Ward Borough Councillors, with the Clerk in attendance, visit the site so that an appropriate representation may be made to BCBC and the developers.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.