

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 9 February 2005 in the Miners' Welfare & Community Hall, Pencoed at 7pm.

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, G. Oram, R. Williams

POLICE PRESENCE

Constable Andy Moffatt was welcomed by the Mayor. Crime figures for the last month are as follows:

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	2	6	-
Theft	3	2	1
Theft of Motor Vehicles	1	-	-
Theft from Motor Vehicles	-	-	-
Burglary – dwellings	3	1	1
Burglary – other	1	1	2
Vehicle damage	3	-	1
Public Order Offences	1	-	1
Criminal damage	3	3	1
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	3	-	1
Illegal possession of drugs	2	-	-
Arson	-	-	-
Harassment	2	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	-	-	-
Other	1	-	1
TOTAL	25	13	9

Detections [11] [5]

Constable Moffatt said that the house burglaries were distraction burglaries and there were three people in custody. This reflected similar crimes in the Barry and Cardiff areas.

Entrance into property was made either by insecure patio or kitchen doors. The Police plea is 'don't make it easy for burglars'.

A youth was sentenced to custody for offences of youth annoyance.

In response to a question the Constable said that there was a reduction in drugs crimes and this was appreciated but close monitoring was still being undertaken.

Concern was expressed that when it was apparent that a crime was in process of being committed in the Tonteg/St. John's Drive area, a telephone call was made but there was a nil response from the Police. It was then discovered next morning that a motorcycle had been stolen. Constable Moffatt said he would check out the information.

Concern was expressed that a number of car owners had received spot fines for parking on the footpaths on the Maerdy estate. The householders complained that the roads on that estate are so narrow that they had no alternative but to encroach on the footpaths. Constable Moffatt replied that the Police were only responding to complaints about such parking. This is a road traffic offence and Officers had to act accordingly.

The Mayor thanked the Constable for his attendance and report.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Jim Hancock OBE, and his wife, to the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Hancock on the recognition he had received. The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, then presented Mr. Hancock with a Certificate to mark the Award of the Order of the British Empire given for his contribution to Public Service. Mr. Hancock responded thanking the Mayor and Members for this singular honour.

5099 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12 January 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Projects Management Committee held on 25 January 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5100 APOLOGIES Councillors: D. John, V.L. Thomas.

5101 THE LATE LEWIS WATKINS' BEQUEST

The Mayor invited Mr. Mike Payne, BCBC [Leisure Services] to present the proposals being made by the department for the dispersal of the bequest of the late Mr. Lewis Watkins in relation to the swimming pool at Felindre Road. Plans were presented and discussed and the views of Mr. Gerwyn Thomas, Trustee of the Estate, were requested. Mr. Thomas was completely satisfied with the proposals and felt they would have met with the approval of the Late Lewis Watkins. After further discussion:

RESOLVED: That this Council accept the proposals of BCBC and with the agreement of the Trustee, approve the plans.

5102 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

A copy of a further letter between Mrs. Janice Gregory A.M and the appropriate Welsh Assembly Government Minister was received.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Clerk attend the proposed meeting of the Place Name Standardization Panel to be held at Llandrindod Wells on the 14th or 16th of March 2005 representing this Council.

[Minute 5066 refers]

Monitoring of CCTV Cameras, The Square, Pencoed
Councillor C.J. Davies and the Clerk gave a brief report of their visit to the Control Centre.
NOTED

Poor condition of Coychurch Road to the Square

Response still awaited from BCBC Highways Department.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write again to the Highways Department, BCBC requesting a response.

[Minute 5076 refers]

Development Control Procedures

This matter is on the Agenda for the next meeting of the SLCC South Wales branch which will be held in March. NOTED

Damaged trees, Brickyard Way

Further response awaited from BCBC. NOTED

[Minute 5088 refers]

Refurbishment of Children's Play Areas

Further information received from the appropriate Assistant Director.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk invite the Assistant Director, Education, Leisure and Community Services, BCBC, to attend the next meeting of this Council to answer questions in relation to their proposals.

[Minute 5078 refers]

Creation of an Information Pack 'Welcome to Pencoed'

The Clerk is continuing his enquiries with the Estate Agents in Bridgend. NOTED

TCCSCC

Councillor R. Williams gave a verbal report of the meeting of the above that had taken place on 3 February 2005. He announced that a Training Session had been arranged for the 19th March 2005 to be held in Pencoed Miners' & Community Welfare Hall. This was intended for Councillors and Clerks, and he hoped Members would support this event. The Clerk reminded Members that they had agree to sponsor the cost of this seminar. NOTED

5103 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment.	£
Internet Monthly Payment	12.49
Postage	59.36
Clerk's Mileage	22.22
Telephone	39.17
BCBC [Vehicle Leasing – November]	349.96
BCBC [Vehicle leasing – December]	437.45
BCBC [Fuel – November]	114.70
Pencoed Welfare Hall	72.00
SWALEC (Electricity charge – Christmas lights)	346.28

Electronic Imaging Solutions	55.10
Glamorgan Farm Supplies	28.39
Salem Chapel (Half yearly rental for store room)	125.00
Petty Cash	100.00
Comet [Stationery]	23.99

OTHER MATTER

The Clerk sought permission for the purchase and installation of a CD Writer for the Computer. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That a CD Writer be purchased and installed by PC of Mind, Pencoed at a total cost of £45.00.

5104 CORRESPONDENCE

The following have been received:

The Local Channel – Freedom of Information Act – Web site.

Councillor D.R. Gregory had examined this document and recommended it should be noted.

RESOLVED: That this Council accept the recommendation of Councillor D.R. Gregory.

Bridgend County Borough Council

- Summer Holiday Play Scheme 2005 - A request for funding for this event indicated an increase of 2.5% on the 2004 figure. The Clerk calculated that this would be in the region of a total of £1,350.00.
RESOLVED: That the revised contribution to this scheme is agreed.
- Citizenship Awards – Response is required by 8 March 2005. The Clerk indicated it would not be possible for him to interview any proposed referrals from this Council by that date. He recommended that he place this item on the next agenda of this Council so that Members could make proposals in advance to give the Clerk sufficient time to prepare submissions.
RESOLVED: That the subject of Citizenship Awards be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting for action.
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan – The Clerk had received a questionnaire for completion. NOTED

Samaritans – Bridgend Branch

An information booklet on the work of the Samaritans received. This will be placed in the Pencoed Miners' Welfare and Community Hall for information. NOTED

Welsh Assembly Government

- Information and leaflets concerning invitation for visits to the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay.
- Notice of increase of grants under Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972.
- Account and Audit Regulations to be implemented from 1 April 2005. This refers to Audited Accounts for the Financial Years commencing 2006 onward.
- Borrowing by Town and Community Councils, Loan Sanction for 2005/2006.

All these were NOTED.

Red Nose Day – Information concerning Comic Relief. NOTED

Kruf Walk for Life – Information received concerning this year's event. NOTED

Application for Grants

- Air Ambulance Wales

RESOLVED: This be referred to the Finance Committee.

Bridgend & District Citizen's Advice Bureau

Invitation received to attend the Annual General Meeting on 16 February 2005. NOTED

Local Council Update

The February 2005 issue received. NOTED

5105 INTERIM REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY RE NEW CIVIC OFFICES

This report was discussed at length by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Working Party continue to explore options.

5106 APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that he had received 13 applications for the Countryside Maintenance Officer vacancy. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Employment Sub-Committee would consist of –

- The Mayor
- Deputy Mayor,
- Councillors: Mrs. K. Watkins, J. Butcher, R. Williams

This Sub-Committee will be advised by the Clerk.

5107 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Provision of skips [Councillor C.J. Davies]

N.B. Before the meeting was closed the Clerk reminded Members of their commitment to the Mayor's Civic Service on 20 February 2005 at Salem Chapel. He also requested that assistance be given to the Mayor to set out the Welfare Hall at 10 a.m. in preparation for refreshments following the Service.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.