

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 20 April 2005 in the Miners' Welfare & Community Hall, Pencoed at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor K.F. King [Mayor]

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

#### POLICE PRESENCE

Sergeant Hugh Phillips and Constable Matthew Lewis were welcomed by the Mayor. Crime figures for the last month are as follows:

	Felindre	Hendre	Penprysg
Assaults	3	3	0
Theft	8	3	0
Theft of Motor Vehicles	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicles	0	0	2
Burglary - dwellings	1	1	2
Burglary - other	4	1	0
Vehicle damage	1	1	1
Public Order Offences	1	1	1
Criminal damage	3	5	0
Driving whilst disqualified	0	0	0
Make off without payment	0	0	0
Illegal possession of drugs	0	2	0
Arson	0	0	0
Harassment	0	0	0
Drive with excess alcohol	1	0	0
Other	0	2	0
TOTAL	22	19	6

Sergeant Phillips reported there had been two arrests and convictions in relation to the burglaries that had immediately resulted in a reduction of this offence.

Councillor Mrs. Davies and Councillor John thanked Sergeant Phillips for the action taken that resulted in a big improvement regarding reduced parking problems at the top of Penprysg Road.

Councillor Oram reported that there had been a big clear-up of dumped cars and subsequent rubbish in the Dol Afon area and thanks were expressed again to the Police for their action. Reports had been received of two cats being shot in the Bryn Rhedyn area. Sergeant

Phillips said there had been an increase in the use of air rifles particularly in the vicinity of Pencoed College. This was being investigated and action would be taken.

There were no further questions and the Mayor thanked Sergeant Phillips and Constable Lewis for their attendance and reports.

Mr. Mark Sheppard, Assistant Director and Mr. Gareth Evans, Principal Officer, BCBC Education and Leisure Services presented further information concerning the refurbishment of play areas in the Town.

Mr. Sheppard stated, in response to a question, that the refurbishment schedule Borough wide was based on risk assessment and not just the availability of funding.

Consequently it could be the case that equipment would be removed and the area not refurbished for up to six months after removal.

Clarifying the funding for Pencoed the Mayor advised that £15,000 per annum over three years was being ring-fenced for refurbishment. The first amount had been included in this year's budget. Consequently should there be an earlier opportunity to refurbish one play area in Pencoed this year, funding would be available to cover it.

The issue of the Coed Bach area was raised as complaints had already been received from householders in that area subsequent to the removal of the equipment. Members reminded Mr. Sheppard that this Council had raised that particular issue at our last meeting with him. It is, in the view of this Council, unacceptable for that area to be left as an open space as had originally been intended and urgently request that the decision be reviewed. It was pointed out by Councillor D. R. Gregory that the footpaths through the area were designated only as accommodation paths and these should be closed to ensure the safety of property and people in the streets backing onto the now closed play area. Mr. Sheppard said this would be reviewed.

In response to other concerns it was acknowledged that removing equipment without immediately installing new could create greater problems of safety. Mr. Sheppard responded that there will be flexibility in the refurbishment programme particularly where funding provisions are in place. The new equipment would be modern, surfaces and fencing will be up-to-date and seating and litterbins are included in the refurbishment.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Evans for their attendance and presentation.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5117 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 9 March 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 April 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

#### 5118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: Mrs. K. Watkins, V.L. Thomas, R. Williams.

## 5119 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

Response received from the Welsh Language Board, Standardisation of Place-names Team [Circulated in full to Members] 'The team can only therefore recommend that in accordance with its guidelines, the standardised spelling of the locality in question should be Pencoed and that it should be known by this name only'

RESOLVED: That the Town Council -

- Expressed great satisfaction at this outcome;
- Through the Mayor, expressed warm thanks to Mrs. Janice Gregory AM for her intervention and support in achieving this result;
- To the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk for their successful submission to the WLB Team;
- The Mayor contact the Director of Environment and Planning, BCBC for a meeting to discuss future arrangements;
- That the Clerk acknowledge the letter from the WLB with appropriate comments.

[Minute 5066 refers]

Poor condition of Coychurch Road to the Square

Response still awaited from BCBC Highways Department

RESOLVED: That the Clerk press for a response from the Department.

[Minute 5076 refers]

Damaged trees, Brickyard Way

Further response awaited from BCBC NOTED

[Minute 5078 refers]

Creation of an Information Pack 'Welcome to Pencoed'

The response from Estate Agents to this suggestion has been positive to this suggestion. It is recommended that a Working Group be set up to prepare a draft 'Pack' for approval.

RESOLVED: That this matter be held over pending the follow-up of information received from Plus Publishing Ltd.

[Minute 5110 refers]

Coed Iestyn Visit - Pencoed Infants School.

The conducted tour arranged for the 22 March went ahead as planned. Approximately 150 children made the visit, and this proved very informative. It is hoped that a further visit can be arranged during the Summer Term. NOTED

[Minute 5111 refers]

Christmas Illuminations - Invoice

A response was finally received from the Treasurer's Department BCBC, the Clerk having sent three copies of his original letter to the Officer concerned. It was claimed the first two had not been received. No action will be taken against this Council until the issue has been resolved. NOTED

[Minute 5112 refers]

Welsh Assembly - South East Wales Regional Committee Dates of Meetings

Response awaited from the Secretariat. NOTED

[Minute 5102 refers]

Development Control Procedures

This had now been discussed at the SLCC Branch meeting on 16 April 2005. No other Authority allows attendance of Town and Community Council Members at site inspections with the exception of the Vale of Glamorgan who do have representation from Barry Town Council. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That -

- This Council does still not accept the interpretation of the Monitoring Officer and subsequent decision by BCBC to exclude Town and Community Council representatives at site meetings;
- That the Clerk write to Mrs. Janice Gregory AM requesting that she ascertain from the relevant Welsh Assembly Government Minister what their interpretation of the Regulations are.

#### 5120 FINANCIAL MATTERS

To approve the following for payment:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	12.49
Postage	20.86
Clerk's Mileage	128.27
Pencoed Welfare Hall	102.00
Staples (Shredder)	69.98
Printall Ltd (The Hyphen)	389.88
BCBC - Vehicle Leasing (Jan/Feb 2005)	1137.37
TCCSCC Seminar	30.00
L. Brophy (Hyphen distribution)	37.45
Audit Commission (Annual Audit 2003/04)	411.25
Electronic Imaging Solutions	58.54
Telephone Charges	47.10
M. Walters [Hyphen distribution]	37.73

#### 5121 CORRESPONDENCE

The following have been received:

Bridgend County Borough Council

- Crow Act 2005 - Introduction of Access Land and Public Rights Spring 2005. A presentation to be made on 6 May 2005 at 9.15 a.m.  
RESOLVED: That Councillors D.R. Gregory, D. John and the Clerk will represent this Council
- 2004 Combined Elections - Notice received that charges in connection with the Elections have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. It is suggested that approximately £3,500 be set aside to meet this cost which will be levied in due course. NOTED

- Agency Agreement for Rights of Way - Information received that there will be an increase of 3.1% on last year's payments NOTED
- Notice of Over 50s Conference 'Never Too Old' - to be held in the Bridgend Recreation Centre on 22 April 2005. NOTED
- Town and Community Council Forum - to be held on 9 May 2005. Items for consideration to be submitted no later than 18 April 2005. NOTED
- Involvement of County Borough Councillors in the discussion of Planning Matters at Town or Community Council meetings - clarification received from Mr. Stephen Daniel, Monitoring Officer.  
RESOLVED: That this be circulated to all Members.
- Bridgend Unitary Development Plan - notice of intention to adopt the plan. Copies received with this notice. NOTED
- Code of Conduct for Members - Town and Community Councillors appointed to School Governing Bodies by Local Education Authorities. Clarification from the Monitoring Officer concerning Councillor's necessity to register a personal interest.  
RESOLVED: That this be circulated to all Members.
- Regeneration Round-up January - February 2005 - Objective 1 funding. NOTED
- Proposed temporary closure of Hendre Road Level Crossing from 22.30 hrs on 29 May 2005 to 6.00 hrs on 30 May 2005. NOTED

Bridgend County Victim Support Scheme  
Acknowledgement of grant.  
NOTED

Marie Curie Cancer Care in Wales  
Application for Grant.  
RESOLVED: That this be referred to the Finance Committee.

Plus Publishing Services  
Samples of Town Guides and an offer for the Managing Director to visit and address the Town Council.  
RESOLVED: That Mr. Paul Smith, Managing Director, be invited to address this Council at its June 2005 meeting.

One Voice Wales  
Invitation to join 'One Voice Wales' with a membership fee fixed at £748. After discussion:  
RESOLVED: That this Council subscribe to 'One Voice Wales'.

Mr. Julian Hall, Coychurch Road, Pencoed  
Letter of complaint concerning his treatment by the Treasurer's Department, BCBC. Councillor M. Gregory advised the Town Council that he was dealing with this issue and after discussion:  
RESOLVED: That this matter be left in the hands of the County Borough Member.

Senedd 04  
A request to support proposals concerning a Machynlleth Parliament. NOTED

Mr. S. Lewis  
A copy of a letter to BCBC Planning Department concerning an unauthorised development on the B4280 [Penprysg Bypass]. After discussion:  
RESOLVED: That this matter be left to Councillor Mrs. L. Davies who is the County Borough Member.

Mrs. G. Morgan

A submission on behalf of residents in Hendre Road at its junction with the new Relief Road requesting support for a claim for compensation from BCBC. The Mayor invited Members of the public who were present to address the Town Council. After discussion:  
RESOLVED: That the Clerk ascertain from BCBC their interpretation of 'compensation'.

Pencoed Town Twinning Association

- Information concerning a visit to Plouzané from 24 - 28 August 2005.
- Mayor of Plouzané writes to invite an official delegation from Pencoed Town Council to visit on the above dates.

After discussion:

RESOLVED: That this matter be raised at the Town Council's meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting to be held on 11 May 2005.

Valley and Vale Community Arts

Minutes of the recent Management Committee meeting of this Organisation and an invitation to attend the next meeting on 15 April 2005. NOTED

The Audit Commission

- Notice of the separation of its business in Wales to the 'Wales Audit Office' including future invoicing arrangements.
- Notice making the Auditor Appointment for Wales confirming future arrangements.

NOTED

Welsh Assembly Government

- Information concerning Account and Audit Regulations together with the Statutory Instrument [The Accounts and Audit Wales Regulations 2005 and Notes of Guidance on the Accounts and Audit Wales Regulations 2005]
- The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2003/04.
- A copy of the Draft Bill for the Commissioner for Older People [Wales] seeking views.

NOTED

NACRO Cymru - Crime and Disorder Reduction

Copies of a practical guide for Town and Community Councils. NOTED

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Information concerning the 2005 Eisteddfod to be held from 5 - 10 July 2005 together with an offer of two complimentary tickets.

RESOLVED: That this invitation be held over for a decision by the incoming Mayor.

Trafalgar Weekend - 21/23 October 2005

Information and brochure received. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the information be passed to Councillor C.F. Hewlett for raising at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

5122 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2005/2006

The following nominations were received:

- Mayor - Councillor D.R. Gregory
- Deputy Mayor - Councillor C.J. Davies

#### 5123 BCBC REPORT - REGISTRATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

This Report had been previously circulated. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That its contents be noted and the recommendations accepted.

#### 5124 PLUS PUBLISHING SERVICES - TOWN GUIDE SAMPLES

These have been received and an invitation extended to the Managing Director to address the Town Council at its June meeting [see Minute 5121]

#### 5125 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDASITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- To discuss and Official Right of Way access from Coed y Graig to the Relief Road [Councillor D.J. John]
- To discuss the deteriorating conditions on the Morgan Richards Estate. [Councillor E. Alford]
- To discuss the Centre of Pencoed. [Councillor Mrs. L. Davies]

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.