

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 9 November 2005 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D.R. Gregory [Mayor]
Councillors: Mrs. L. Davies, J. Butcher, C.J. Davies, M. Gregory, D.J. John, K.F. King, G. Oram, R. Williams.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Colin Allen and Mr. David Coldrick of the Gideon Society. Mr Allen presented a Gideon Bible to the Mayor and copies of the Gideon New Testament and Psalms to all Members present. The Mayor thanked the gentlemen for their kind presentation stating this was much valued. Mr. Coldrick offered prayer for the work of the Council. This annual gesture by the members of the Gideon Society is always much appreciated.

POLICE PRESENCE

There was no Police presence. Sergeant Uprichard sent apologies for the absence of a Police representative but reported as follows:

	<u>Felindre</u>	<u>Hendre</u>	<u>Penprysg</u>
Assaults	5	-	2
Theft	5	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicles	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Vehicles	2	1	8
Burglary – dwellings	1	-	1
Burglary – other	2	1	-
Vehicle damage	-	-	-
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	3	1	1
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	-	-	-
Arson	-	-	-
Harassment	-	-	-
Drive with excess alcohol	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL	18	4	13
Arrests	4	1	6

Members expressed concern at the increase of crime in the Penprysg Ward.

Untaxed cars. The PCSOs had dealt with these.

Dangerous parking Penprysg Road. Traffic Wardens had been out and issued parking tickets.

Riding of motor cycles in the lane at the rear of Woodland Avenue. PCSOs are following up this matter.

A new PCSO is currently being trained in Pencoed and will be fully operational shortly.

There were no declarations of interest.

5174 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 October 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 26 October 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5175 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillors: E. Alford, C.F. Hewlett.

5176 CLERK'S REPORT

[Minute 4995 refers]

Road Signs at the Entrances of the Town

Response awaited from and RCT Council.

NOTED

[Minute 5066 and 5171 refer]

Poor condition of Coychurch Road to the Square and other related matters

Response received from BCBC as follows: 'This matter has been passed to the appropriate section for investigation and will be dealt with as soon as resources permit. I will write you again indicating my views and any actions to be taken in this matter.' After further discussion:

RESOLVED:

- It was reported that an elderly lady had tripped and fallen because of a ragged edge to the footpath at The Square. She needed hospital treatment. This matter to be reported to BCBC.
- Any accidents that occur at or near highways need to be reported to the Town Council with specific details so that representations can be made to BCBC.

[Minute 5121 refers]

Information Pack

This had been received, and distribution had already begun. The delivery cost negotiated was 0.5p per copy. Members expressed much satisfaction with the publication and the Clerk was instructed to express their sentiments to Plus Publishing for their commitment to this project.

[Minute 5149 refers]

Right of Way Access – Coed y Graig to the Relief Road

Response awaited BCBC.

NOTED

[Minute 5165 refers]

Town and Community Councils' Forum

Response from the Chief Executive Officer, BCBC received. After discussion;

RESOLVED:

- That all correspondence relating to this issue be circulated to all Town and Community Councils in the Borough.
- That this Council continue to press for the issue to be placed on an Agenda for the Town and Community Council Forum meeting.

Collier's Path damage

This matter was further discussed as no action had been forthcoming from the Rights of Way section despite attempts by the Clerk to press this issue.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send copies of correspondence to Councillor Richard Granville, Chair of the Rights of Way Committee, BCBC expressing this Council's concern at lack of action with regard to the substantial damage to this right of way.

5177 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:

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Internet Monthly Payment	14.49
Postage	22.50
Clerk's Mileage	105.04
Telephone	45.63
Inland Revenue (October)	268.61
BCBC Vehicle Leasing (August/September)	787.41
BCBC Fuel (September)	105.43
Petty Cash	100.00
Plus Publishing Services	1762.50

L. Brophy (Hyphen distribution)	59.55
Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall	58.00
Salem Chapel (Civic Service)	25.00
P.C. of Mind	289.00

5178 CORRESPONDENCE**Bridgend County Borough Council**

Hendre Gardens, Hendre Road. The response received by this Council did not answer the questions raised by the Clerk's earlier correspondence in relation to the issue of overgrowth between the footpath and the wall the developers had built on this site. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk press BCBC to take immediate action with the developers to clear away the unsightly vegetation.

Bridgend Library and Information Service. Invitation to join the free service to add this Council's Web Site to Cobwebs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk register our Web Site with the Cobwebs Network.

South Wales Police Authority

Invitations received to attend the following meetings:

- Restructuring of Police Consultation with the Public, County Hall, Cardiff, 24 November 2005 at 6.30 p.m.
- Spotlight on Police 18 January 2006 at Police Headquarters, Bridgend 2 – 4.30 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and the Clerk attend these meetings.

Welsh Assembly Government

Review of Local Service Delivery in Wales – opportunity to contribute. Notice of this review received. NOTED

Public Service Ombudsman for Wales

Annual report for 2004 / 05 received. NOTED

SEWTA

Business Plan for 2005 /06 received. NOTED

Sportlot Community Cheat

Notice of the availability of Sports Lottery grant funding received.

RESOLVED: That this be passed to the Secretary of the Pencoed Welfare Hall.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Phillips

A further letter received in relation to the motor bike nuisance at the rear of Penybont Road. Mr. & Mrs. Phillips were present at the meeting and the Mayor allowed them to address Members. This is a serious issue and after a full discussion:

RESOLVED: That representatives of this Council [the Mayor and two others] request a meeting with the Principal of Pencoed College to press for a resolution to this problem.

Mr. Geraint Hopkins

Further correspondence received concerning the parking problems in Glossop Terrace. Mr. Hopkins requested that the residents be allowed to place a notice in their cars 'Resident Parking' backed with the Pencoed Town Coat of Arms. This would enable the Police to identify ownership of vehicles parked in that road. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise Mr. Hopkins that the use of the Pencoed Coat of Arms by the residents would not be possible.

Mrs. K. Phillips

Felindre Road Children's Play area. A complaint received about the vandalism and litter, including broken glass, which is making this area hazardous. The Clerk indicated that he had sent a copy of this letter to the relevant Officer at BCBC for action to be taken to clear this up.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's action be endorsed and that he reply to Mrs. Phillips accordingly.

Mr. I.G. Griffin

The correspondence concerning trespass and criminal damage on Mr. Griffin's land was further discussed. The Clerk advised Members that the Police had visited Mr. Griffin on 13 October 2005 subsequent to the last meeting of this Council's discussion of the problems. No further response of any nuisance had been reported to the local Police Station. No response had been received from the Clerk's reply to Mr. Griffin's letter of 7 October 2005. The Countryside Maintenance Officer had reinforced the fence at Coed Iestyn and no further damage to that fence had been reported. This Council could not be held responsible for the trespass or criminal damage that occurred on Mr. Griffin's property and this was now in the hands of the Police.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Mr. Griffin's letter in the above terms.

Mrs. Ann Penman

A letter of complaint received to the effect that there are no direct bus services from Pencoed to Cardiff. Members pointed out that Shamrock Coaches run an hourly service from Pencoed to Cardiff at 15 minutes past the hour. In addition buses from Pencoed to Bridgend connect with a direct service to Cardiff.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise Mrs. Penman accordingly.

Councillor C.F. Hewlett

A letter of thanks received on behalf of his wife Shirley and himself for the good wishes expressed by Members during this period of his wife's ill health. Although still in hospital she is improving slowly. The Mayor expressed the Council's hope that Mrs. Hewlett will continue to improve.

NOTED

Society of Local Council Clerks

Notice of a regional one-day conference to be held at Aberafon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot on 5 December 2005. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be sponsored to attend this Conference.

5179 CO-OPTION FOR THE CASUAL VACANCY IN PENPRYSG WARD

Nominations for the appointment to the casual vacancy were requested. The only nomination received was that of Mrs. Mair Jones, 31 Heol Las, Pencoed.

RESOLVED:

- That this nomination was accepted
- That the Clerk write to Mrs. Jones informing her of the decision and enquiring whether she wishes to accept this nomination.

5180 ADOPTION OF THE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES OF PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL

This document had been circulated by the Clerk. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Discipline and Grievance Procedures for Pencoed Town Council be confirmed.

5181 TIME LIMITS FOR VISITING SPEAKERS

Councillor K.F. King introduced this item in the light of the problems that occurred at the last Council Meeting. After a full discussion:

RESOLVED:

- That each request for an outside speaker be discussed on its particular merits at a Council meeting for a decision.
- If appropriate 30 minutes be allocated at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council if this is deemed reasonable and appropriate, if not
- A special meeting be called to deal with any such topic that a speaker wishes to bring to Council.

5182 DELEGATION VISIT FROM PLOUZANÉ 2 – 9th JUNE 2006

To mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Town Twinning Charter, a group of visitors from Plouzané, which includes the Mayor, are due to visit Pencoed on the above dates. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That this Council make a formal invitation to the Mayor of Plouzané to mark this event.

5183 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

SIGNED
MAYOR

DATE