

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 13 September 2006 in the Council Chamber, Felindre Road, Pencoed commencing at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor C.J. Davies [Mayor]
Councillors: Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. K. Watkins, E. Alford, M. Gregory, D.J. John, K.F. King, R. Williams.

POLICE PRESENCE

There was no Police Presence. The Clerk circulated his note of the first Partnership and Communities Together [PACT] meeting held in Pencoed Welfare Hall on 8 September 2006. Members expressed their disappointment that the event had not been advertised in the press. It was felt that the launch was low key and would have been much better supported had their been proper publicity and notice given. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the Divisional Commander of their comments.

Declarations of Interest as shown.

5255 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors: J. Butcher, D.R. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, G. Oram.

The Clerk read a communication he had received from Councillor Gregory apologising for his absence and informing Members that on the advice of his Doctor he was having to resign from many of his commitments because of his continued ill health. These included One Voice Wales, the Town & Community Council Forum, the Local Strategic Partnership and the Open Access Forum.

The Mayor expressed the concern of all the Members in relation to Councillor Gregory's ill health and hoped that his condition will improve, thereby enabling him to return to Council duties.

RESOLVED: That Councillor R. Williams represent this Council on One Voice Wales and that the representation on the Town & Community Council Forum be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

5256 **MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 July 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 July 2006 and 30 August 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

That the Minutes of the Special meeting held on 2 August 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5257 **CLERK'S REPORT**

(Minute 5149 refers)

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

A response is still awaited from BCBC. Members expressed their displeasure that this request to date had been ignored. There were serious public safety issues involved. In addition failure to even acknowledge the correspondence reflected badly on BCBC's performance indicators.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the relevant Officer expressing this Council's views concerning this matter.

(Minute 5165 refers)

Town and Community Councils' Forum

The response received from BCBC had been circulated and was discussed. Dissatisfaction was still expressed by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the new Monitoring Officer, Mr. Andrew Jolley, expressing their views and requesting further clarification regarding this decision.

Councillors Mrs. L. Davies and Mrs. M. Watkins declared an interest and left the meeting for the following item. Councillor M. Gregory declared an interest but remained in the meeting.

(Minute 5208 refers)

Railway Level Crossing

The briefing note reporting the meeting to discuss this issue was debated at some length by Members. An urgent meeting with relevant parties was seen as essential if only to have an update on the current view in relation to a second crossing of the railway line.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Director, Environment & Planning, requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the ramifications of the major changes in operation of the level crossing gates at The Square.

(Minute 5218 refers)

The re-opening of the Public Toilets at weekends

The response from BCBC was circulated to Members and its contents were met with incredulity. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request that the issue of Public Toilets in the BCBC area be placed on the Agenda of the Town & Community Council Forum in the following terms:

- What are the general hours of opening of public toilets in the Borough?
- What is the source of funding for their provision?
- Who has the responsibility for their general maintenance?
- What is the policy for current and future provision of these amenities?
- How many of these amenities are staffed through the Borough?

(Minute 5249 refers)

The road system in Penprysg Ward

The response from BCBC was circulated.

NOTED

(Minute 5250 refers)

Parking of vehicles on grass verges

Response awaited from BCBC.

NOTED

(Minute 5245 refers)

Regeneration of Pencoed Town Centre

A response received from Professor Demetrious Djiali, Centre Director at the School of Technology, University of Glamorgan expressing a keen interest to discuss ideas concerning the above. Members felt this was an encouraging response and delegated The Mayor, Councillors D.J. John and R. Williams, supported by the Clerk, to arrange an initial meeting the Director.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a delegate meeting with Professor Djiali as soon as convenient.

Regeneration of Pencoed Town Centre

Response received from Valleys to Coast proposing a meeting with representatives of the Town Council to discuss the 'amenity land' at The Square. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a delegate meeting with Mr. Nigel Draper of V2C to discuss this matter.

OTHER MATTER

Land to the rear of Greenacre Drive

A request by this Council had been made to BCBC seeking that Council to incorporate grass cutting of the area in their schedules so that this particular parcel of land could be used for informal 'kick about area' and a general open space in which children could play in safety.

The response from Mr. Mark Shepherd, BCBC is as follows:

'I fully understand the argument you have made and hope that in the future we may be able to develop the land in the way that you have suggested. Unfortunately there is no allocated budget to maintain the area currently. I will however, discuss the prospects for future usage with my education colleagues and see if there is any prospect of a future change of use.'

In discussion it was pointed out that this land had been rented out in the not too distant past, and that in the current UDP it is marked out for community use.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Mr. Mark Shepherd requesting that, as in the past, consideration be given to letting this land to the Town Council at a peppercorn rent so that they would be enabled to utilise this area as described in their original request.

5258 FINANCIAL MATTERS

• The following payments were endorsed under delegated powers – Minutes	
5252 refers:	£
Internet Monthly Payment	14.99
Postage	21.76
Telephone	52.40
Inland Revenue	378.49
Tesco (Ink jet cartridges)	42.11
SLCC Regional Conference (Conference fees)	95.00
PC of Mind	69.99
BCBC [Planning Application]	288.00
Alcon Builders [Installation of Seats]	728.50
• The following were approved for payment:	
Internet Monthly Payment	14.99
Postage	42.88
Clerks Mileage	23.94
Inland Revenue	348.21
Riverside Hardware	69.98
BCBC Vehicle Rental (April/May)	787.41
BCBC Fuel (April/May/June)	387.56

5259 CORRESPONDENCE

The following applications were received:

Pencoed Amateur Radio Club; WRVS; Shelter Cymru; Marie Curie Cancer Care; British Red Cross; Victim Support; Pendre Day Hospital; Music in Hospitals; Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

Wales Audit Office

Inquiry into Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

As the closing date for a response was 15 September 2006 this Council had no time to discuss the issue. NOTED

Bridgend County Borough Council

Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation Process.

Bridgend Local Development Plan – Draft Delivery Agreement – Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

Licensing Act 2003 – Temporary Event Notice.

ALL THE ABOVE WERE NOTED

Future Burial Provision for Bridgend

Views were sought from this Council as to the possible utilisation of Pencoed Cemetery for wider use on the Borough as opposed to developing a new cemetery elsewhere. Members pointed out that with substantial increase in population in the Town since 1999, the Cemetery has become much busier. The resultant reduction in the availability of the burial grounds of the Church and Chapels in the Town resulted in the increased use of the public cemetery.

RESOLVED: That the above observation be submitted to BCBC in response to their request.

Town & Community Council Forum – Agenda items

After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the issue of Public Conveniences as expressed in Minute 5257 above be submitted as an Agenda for the next Forum meeting.

Registration of Poling Stations

In the light of dissatisfaction at the provision of Poling Stations in Pencoed:

RESOLVED: That prior to this registration being completed the Electoral Officer be requested to attend the October meeting of the Town Council

Local Health Board

Information for the arrangements for the Chief Executive Officer for the Board which took effect from 1 August 2006. NOTED

Welsh Assembly Government

Beecham Review of Local Service Delivery – Beyond Boundaries - Notice of Regional meetings.

Commissioner for Older People in Wales Draft Regulations.

The Annual Report of the First Minister.

WAG Active Lifestyles Community Capital Programme – Grants for Projects.

ALL THE ABOVE WERE NOTED

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

LDP – Approval of Delivery Agreement and Sustainability Appraisal Workshop – Notice of Workshop dates. NOTED

One Voice Wales

Copy of the National Training Strategy which required a response. After discussion:

RESOLVED: In priority order the following were identified by this Council:

- Law
- Planning
- Community Action
- Finance

Training delivery in priority order –

- Local Training Seminars
- Area/Regional Training Seminars
- Evening Seminars

National Association of Councillors

Notice of the Annual Conference and General Meeting. NOTED

TCCSCC Dissolution

Formal notice of the dissolution of this Committee and re-imburement of outstanding monies received. NOTED

5260 THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CCTV IN PENCOED

Councillor Mrs. L. Davies introduced this item.

It had become apparent that despite the two existing CCTV cameras in Pen-y-bont Road, there was a blind spot in and around the area of The Square and Coychurch Road. With the extension of Licensing hours there was a substantial nuisance as a result of rowdy and drunken behaviour in the early hours of the morning in an around licensed premises in Coychurch Road. There had also been an increase in vandalism especially on the roof of the Welfare Hall. This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that an additional CCTV camera was necessary to cover this blind spot.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to BCBC requesting the installation of CCTV coverage for this blind spot.

5261 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None were requested.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

SIGNED
MAYOR

DATE