

**MINUTES** of the Ordinary Meeting of the Pencoed Town Council held on Wednesday 11 October 2006 in the Pencoed Miners' Welfare & Community Hall commencing at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor C.J. Davies [Mayor]  
Councillors: Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. K. Watkins,  
J. Butcher, M. Gregory, C.F. Hewlett, G. Oram, R. Williams.

Ms. M. Shorney, the Electoral Services Officer, has given her apologies for her absence from this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. Consequently Members were not prepared to complete the Polling Station return and instructed the Clerk that she be invited to the next meeting of this Council.

#### POLICE PRESENCE

CPSOs Carys Jones and Robert Newman were present.

	<u>Felindre</u>	<u>Hendre</u>	<u>Penprysg</u>
Assaults	4	2	-
Theft	2	-	-
Theft of Motor Vehicles	-	-	-
Theft from Motor Vehicles	1	-	-
Burglary – dwellings	1	-	-
Burglary – other	3	-	-
Vehicle damage	-	-	1
Public Order Offences	-	-	-
Criminal damage	1	4	-
Driving whilst disqualified	-	-	-
Make off without payment	-	-	-
Illegal possession of drugs	1	1	-
Arson	-	-	-
Harassment	1	-	1
Drive with excess alcohol	2	-	-
Other	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Arrests	4	-	-

Complaints had been received that vehicles were blocking drives in Pentre Howell causing problems for householders. After discussing this, in the light of some confusion, Councillor Mrs. Davies agreed to check with BCBC as to the issue of resident access/parking in that road. There is a problem of general parking in Penprysg Road in the vicinity of the Schools. The Police are in consultation with both Head Teachers as there is a potential danger to the children.

Another general problem throughout the Town is the parking of vehicles on the pavements. This needs monitoring and more regular visits from Traffic Wardens are required. Consideration should also be given to time limited parking outside the Welfare Hall. Problems are being caused by motorists leaving their vehicles there all day whilst using the trains.

The Officers were asked to clarify the Law concerning the use of mobile phones whilst driving, as there again appears to be an escalation of this in the Town. The Officers stated that it is illegal to use mobile phones whilst driving and more vigilance is being exercised by the Patrolling Officers in relation to this hazard.

On an optimistic note Members were informed that an additional Police Constable has been appointed and will commence duties in Pencoed at the beginning of November.

Members were reminded that the next PACT meeting will be held in the Welfare Hall on 18 November 2006 commencing at 8 p.m.

The Mayor thanked the Officers for their attendance and helpful report.

**There were no declarations of interest.**

5162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: E. Alford, D.R. Gregory, D.J. John, K.F. King.

5163 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

5164 CLERK'S REPORT

(Minute 5149 refers)

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

A response is still awaited from BCBC

NOTED

(Minute 5165 refers)

**Town and Community Councils' Forum**

Telephone response was received from the Committee Clerk, BCBC. 'The Leader of the Borough Council had decided that the recent instructions regarding attendance of Clerks of Town and Community Councils be rescinded, and that Clerks may now attend as advisors to their Members.'

NOTED

(Minute 5208 refers)

**Railway Level Crossing**

Response awaited from BCBC. Mrs. Janice Gregory AM had received a response from Andrew Davies, the relevant Minister of WAG, concerning her representations on this matter. She had copied it to this Council who expressed disappointment that the information it contained was already known to them and did not take the matter further. Members expressed thanks to Mrs. Gregory for her continued support.

NOTED

(Minute 5218 refers)

**The re-opening of the Public Toilets at week-ends**

The issue of the management of public toilets was discussed at the Town & Community Council Forum on 9 October 2006. Councillors Mrs. K. Watkins and M. Gregory reported back. A review document is being prepared by BCBC and as a result of pressure from both Councillors at the Forum meeting it was agreed by BCBC that the review document would be circulated to Town and Community Councils for consultation.

**RESOLVED:** That the issue of the public toilets in Pencoed be discussed in the light of receipt of the Review document from BCBC.

(Minute 5249 refers)

**Regeneration of Pencoed Town Centre**

Proposed dates for a meeting received from the University of Glamorgan. The Clerk has made the necessary arrangements for a delegation to meet the department on 23 October 2006.

A response from Valley 2 Coast is still awaited.

NOTED

(Minute 5250 refers)

**Parking of vehicles on grass verges**

Response received from BCBC and was circulated.

NOTED

(Minute 5260 refers)

**The provision of additional CCTV in Pencoed**

A response has been received from the CCTV Control manager BCBC. 'The cost of installing an additional Camera at the Square as requested would be in the region of £20,000. This cannot be justified as the existing camera covers the Coychurch road area identified in your letter. The nuisance issues which you raised are a matter for the Police to deal with, and would not be assisted by the installation of another Camera, as it would not record 'noise'.

A full discussion ensued and it was –

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk request that the issue of CCTV cameras in the Borough be placed on the agenda of the next Town & Community Councils Forum meeting. (Minute 5259 refers)

**Land to the rear of Greenacre Drive**

Further response to this Council's proposal awaited from BCBC. In the light of this –

**RESOLVED:** That through the process of LDP consultation this Council negotiate that this particular area be incorporated in the LDP for an open play area.

OTHER MATTER

**Overhanging trees – Coychurch Road**

Response received from BCBC and was circulated.

NOTED

**Surface Condition Footpath 8 Pencoed**

Response received from BCBC and was circulated.

NOTED

5165 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:

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Internet Monthly Payment	14.99
Postage	11.52
Clerks Mileage	52.23
Inland Revenue	238.40
Riverside Hardware	40.25
Birds	57.95
Elite Garden Services (Millenium Garden)	650.00
Printall Ltd	363.89
BCBC – Summer Play-scheme	1390.50
N. Lyddon (Part payment–Temporary contract–Millennium Wood)	539.00
County Borough Supplies	80.43
TESCO	22.97
Petty Cash	100.00
J. Jones [Refreshments – Mayor's Civic Service]	715.00

5166 CORRESPONDENCE

The following were received:

**Bridgend County Borough Council**

Rights-of-Way Footpath No. 37.

NOTED

Decorative Lighting 2006. The Clerk linked this particular matter with a letter received from Mr. C. Grabham suggesting that the Christmas Tree be replaced by some other form of Christmas lighting. After discussion –

**RESOLVED:** That

- a Christmas tree would not be ordered for this year
- some other additional Christmas lighting be considered for 2007
- BCBC be requested to submit an amended quote for 2006 by removing 'Supply, delivery, decoration and removal of the Christmas Tree'.

One Voice Wales. The latest edition of 'The Voice' newsletter.

NOTED

Superintendent T. Jones, Bridgend Police.

- A letter thanking this Council for its constructive feedback and comments in relation to the recent PACT meeting. NOTED
- A letter of thanks for his invitation to the Mayor's Civic Service and a request that he be invited to attend a meeting of the Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk invite Superintendent Jones to attend a Town Council meeting early in the New Year.

**Welsh Assembly Government**

Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2005/2006

NOTED

Laleston Community Council. Information concerning the possible shared acquisition of a mobile skateboard park. After discussion:

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk advise Laleston Community Council that this Town Council is interested in principle to discuss the matter further subject to some reservations in relation to the logistics of any agreement.

Sustainable Wales. Help make Wales a Fair Trade Country. Invitation to attend a meeting to discuss this issue on 18 October 2006. Although expressing interest Members were reminded that this clashes with the next PACT meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk conveys to the organisers this Council's interest but pointing out the clash of dates.

5167 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- To discuss the condition of street name signs in the Town.  
[Councillor Mrs L. Davies]
- The provision of disabled access on pavements in the Town.  
[Councillor G. Oram]

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

**SIGNED** .....

**DATE** .....