

APPENDIX

PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 14th March 2018
At Salem Chapel Vestry, Pencoed.

Present Councillors: R. Williams Mayor /Chair
R.J. Hancock OBE
D. John BEM
A. Williams
J. McCarthy
J. Butcher
A.Owen
J Wallis

In attendance: Geraint Thomas, Town Clerk,

7427 Apologies for absence and dispensation.

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs. Mrs M. Evans, Mrs T. Lyddon

7428 Declarations of Interest (written).

The following Declarations of Interest were received:

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE -- Matters referring to items on Salem and Safe Routes in the Community9 Town Clerk's report)

Cllr D. John BEM -- Matters referring to item on Salem (Town Clerk's report)

Cllr A Williams—Matter relating to item regarding Islawen Meadows(Coity Walia Report)

Cllr Mrs T. Lyddon -- Matters relating to the item Safe Routes in the Community (Town Clerk's report)

Cllr Mrs M. Evans -- Matters relating to the item Safe Routes in the Community Town Clerk's report)

7429 To receive the Police Report.

The Town Clerk made reference to a verbal notice received from PCSO Sam Dance that she would not be presenting a report in future and that details of crimes etc had to be obtained via the Police Website

RESOLVED to invite Inspector Parfitt to a future meeting of the Town Council

7430 To receive duly notified questions from the Public

No questions were received

7431 To Receive Mayoral messages

There were no Mayoral messages

7432 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th February 2018

The above minutes were approved and accepted

7433 To receive a report on from the Town Clerk following the Hyphen Sub-Cttee on the 20th February 2018 which was not quorate

7434 To receive a report on from the Town Clerk following the Finance General Purposes Cttee on the 20th February 2018 which was not quorate

7435 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

RESOLVED to accept the report with thanks

7436 To consider the following Motion

“Pencoed Town Council is concerned that the Austerity programme has brought about the failure of smaller County Borough Councils to deliver services in an equitable ,efficient and effective way.

Education and Public Transport are two typical services that are rapidly becoming postcode lotteries with cuts in the Education budget causing some schools to operate on deficit budgets and the lack of funding for the Bus routes impacting greatly on those residents such as the elderly and disabled who may be unable to drive but may live in outlying communities.

The twenty two existing Authorities are competing within the labour market for the most skilled employees in services such as Social Services and Education adding to the “postcode lottery syndrome”

Inflation busting rises in the Community Charge for diminishing and poorer services are the order of the day and must be addressed.

Pencoed Town Council calls upon the Welsh Government to introduce Local Government Reform as soon as practicable, to reduce the inequality that is being enhanced by the current system of Local Government and in doing so create larger Councils thus bringing about economies of scale to minimise the most severe and significant effects of the Austerity Programme.”

7437 To review the Regeneration Strategy

Projects cttee scheduled for Wednesday 21st March 2018.

7438 To Consider the Town Clerk’s General Report

The following matters were reported by the Town Clerk

Staffing

Nothing reported

Friends of Salem

The Town Clerk indicated that consequent upon the Gospel Hall using the facilities at Salem and in particular to the use of the Vestry ,there was now a need to invoice the Friends of Salem for the usage as the Town Council had exclusive use of the Vestry. He further stated that it was very likely that the Pencoed Silver Band would be re-locating back to Pencoed and use the facilities of at Salem on a similar basis to that which was adopted by the Gospel Hall.

Concerns ,however, were raised by members regarding security and insurance.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk report back to Council on the elements of concerns expressed

Quarterly Meeting with BCBC

The Town Clerk referred to the meeting that was held in BCBC on the 12th February 2018 and forceful presentation made by representatives of the Town Council on a number of matters of deep concern to the Town Council.

Since the meeting the Town Clerk indicated that some action had subsequently been taken by BCBC to resolve outstanding matters. Albeit there was a general concern about the commitment of some BCBC Officers in carrying out the instructions of the Borough Council.

A general discussion ensued and it was **RESOLVED** that this matter be further discussed at the Workshop on the 28th February 2018 and to write to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration etc in BCBC reminding him of the commitment in partnership regarding the Regeneration Strategy for Pencoed and its inclusion

within the UDP.

Hyphen

Editorial Board meeting arranged for Tuesday 20th February 2018 @6pm

Future Work Programme

Further Workshop arranged for 28th February 2018

Community Action Fund

Some suggestions have been received. Further discussions to be held at the Workshop on the 28th February 2018

Coalfields Community – Regeneration matters

A joint meeting with PTC /CHCC and Coity Walia took place on 6th February 2018. Representatives at the meeting were informed that the Coalfields Communities grants system did not apply to Local Authorities and Town Community Councils. This was disappointing news. However, it was agreed to set up a joint working group of PTC/CHCC and Coity Walia to look at devising a project for the Phase 2 work necessary to be carried out on Footpath 29 (Miners Path) It was duly noted that Phase I was under detailed discussion for completion during the Financial Year 2017/18

RESOLVED to note the current position and that subject to further discussions with BCBC on statutory /liability issues, a meeting of the three interested parties be arranged to pursue Phase 2 project and submission of an application of grant to the Coalfields Community with Coity Walia being the lead organisation.

Dementia Friendly Community

RESOLVED to accept the Draft Flyer as presented by the Council by the Town Clerk subject to any amendments members being submitted by members. A date in the middle of March is suggested subject to it being suitable for BAVO and the Welfare Hall.

Skateboard Park

The Town Clerk presented a further report on this matter detailing quotations received and associated comments and the need for a planning application being subject to a noise assessment being required.

Following some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation received from HAGS in the sum of £59,000.

Playground at St. Mary's Close Pencoed

The Town Clerk reported on his subsequent meeting with Persimmon and was now in a position to recommend to the Town Council not to proceed with the transfer of the facility on the basis that it was not economically viable in the interests of the

Council.

Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend

It was agreed to put the following suggestion to the appropriate body as part of the Town Council's contribution to the consultation being undertaken:

“That the Felindre and Penprysg electoral arrangement remain as present with one County Borough Councillor being elected for each ward.

That the Hendre Ward be split into Hendre North and Hendre South with Hendre Road forming the boundary.

Each Ward to elect one County Borough Councillor as single member wards.

In respect of the Pencoed Town Council, the existing arrangements should remain for the Felindre and Penprysg Wards i.e. four members for Felindre and three members for Penprysg.

Each of the two wards Hendre South and Hendre North should elect three councillors to Pencoed Town Council.

Furthermore the existing ward Borough Ward of Penprysg to remain as it is inclusive of Heol y Cyw”

Phase 3 of Safe Routes

The Town Clerk referred to the details of the above scheme which had previously circulated

RESOLVED to accept the provisions/ proposals for Phase 3 and that the appreciation of the Town Council to the Officers concerned within BCBC be duly recognised by means of a letter of appreciation being sent

Data Protection Act Changes

The Town Clerk referred to the changes in the above Act that are to take place from May 2018, and that there was a need to disposed of any obsolete and outdated personal information held. The designation of a DPO in Town / Community Councils was still be clarified.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk undertake the disposal of personal information that is no longer required .

Diary Dates

Workshop Wednesday 28th February 2018

Sponsored Rugby Match now on 10th March 2018 against Maesteg Celtic

7439 To receive a list of creditors from 1st February 2018 to 28th Febraury 2018

The Town Clerk submitted the following creditors list:

Aw Salary

Bacs

GLT Salary	Bacs	****
G. Griffiths	Bacs	****
D.Lewis	Bacs	****
BCBC	dd	0.00
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Days	dd	373.63
Sol in Tech Phone	dd	38.39
Sol in Tech Photo	dd	27.27
Allstar	dd	94.28
Standard Life	dd	107.76
Standard Life	dd	100.00
HMRC	bacs	1218.02
Credit Union	bacs	50.00
BCBC(Order)	bacs	140.29
Pencoed Builders	Bacs	65.98
Investec	Bacs	90.43
BCBC	bacs	48.00
GLT Exps	bacs	58.16
SET	bacs	91.19
	Expenditure marked ****	£3885.27
	Total Expenditure	<u>£6388.67</u>

The creditors list was accepted

7440 **Correspondence**

The Town Clerk reported that there was no correspondence that needed to be addressed by the Council.

7441 **If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas.**

The following matter be placed on a future Agenda

Local Government Reform in Wales

7442 To consider passing the following resolution:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

The resolution was not passed

Meeting ended at pm.