

PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 12th December 2018

At Salem Chapel Vestry, Pencoed.

Present Councillors: D. John BEM Mayor/Chair
R.J. Hancock OBE
R. Williams
J. Butcher
B. Sedgebeer
Mrs T. Lyddon
Mrs M. Evans
Mrs J. Ryan
G. Lewis

In attendance: Geraint Thomas, Town Clerk, one member of the Public

The Mayor welcomed Cllr G. Lewis to his first Council since his unopposed election as Town Councillor for Hendre Ward.

7567 Apologies for absence and dispensation.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A.Owen Cllr J. McCarthy and Cllr Mrs M. Jones

7568 Declarations of Interest (written).

No declarations of interest were received

7569 To receive duly notified questions from the Public

The Town Clerk referred to an email received from County Cllr. Alex Williams and to the specific asked in relation to the adoption of a formal Complaints Policy as recommended by the Local Government Ombudsman.

It was duly noted that there was no statutory requirement to have a formal Complaints Policy.

RESOLVED to Note the contents of the email received.

Further consideration of this matter be referred to the Business and Admin Cttee in due course

7570 To receive the Police Report.

There was no report received:

7571 To Receive Mayoral messages

The Mayor referred to his attendance at the recent Concert held at Pencoed Primary School and the OAP Luncheon at the Hendre Road Social Club. Both events were very successful.

The Mayor expressed his delight in presenting the Deputy Mayoral Chain to Cllr B. Sedgebeer.

7572 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th November 2018

The above minutes were approved and accepted and the recommendations therein Subject to the inclusion of Cllr Mrs M. Evans as an attendee.

7573 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

There were no reports received

7574 To review the Regeneration Strategy

Nothing specifically reported except to note that the provision of a Museum in Pencoed had now been incorporated in the document entitled "2020 and beyond a Vision for Pencoed"

RESOLVED to NOTE

7575 Precept 2019/20

The Town Clerk circulated details of the Budget provision for 2019/20 resulting from the decision taken to increase the Precept requirement by £5000 indicating a 3.3% increase. This decision was confirmed by Council at its November 2018 meeting

RESOLVED to Note the details as circulated subject to increasing the Elections provision by £1000 and reducing the Contingency provision by £1000.

7576 Pencoed and District Twinning Association

The Town Clerk circulated an email received from the above Association in relation to questions posed regarding the future involvement of the Town Council with twinning arrangements in the future

RESOLVED to answer the questions posed as indicated below

Q.1 This will be determined by the Council at the appropriate time

Q.2. This is to be a matter for the Mayor

Q.3. This is to be a matter for the Mayor

Q.4. This has been responded to previously and is subject adequate insurance cover being provided by your Association in the event of any occurrences .

7577 To Consider the Town Clerk's General Report

The following matters were reported by the Town Clerk

Staffing

Nothing reported

Friends of Salem

Nothing reported

Quarterly Meeting with BCBC

No meeting as of yet

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A meeting of the relevant Committee is to be convened in the New Year.

Dementia Friendly Community

Work in progress **NOTED**

Skateboard Park etc

Lease for the land at Coedbach had now been completed and is to be registered with the Land Registry

Lease for Skateboard Park etc was still the subject of discussion with BCBC with particular reference to the boundary of the area.

With regard to the construction of the Skateboard a start date is awaited in the New Year.

RESOLVED to NOTE

Town Car Park

The Town Clerk reported that a formal request for the removal of the telegraph pole had now been sent to Western Power and a date for its removal was awaited.

Once removed the car park will be white-lined to include the provision of designated disabled bays adjacent the former "Buffs" club .

Should the re- development of the said club not take place in the short term the provision of the disabled bays be put on hold until the re-development is completed.

RESOLVED to Note

Diary Date

Thanks were expressed to those who attended the Christmas Lights Switch -on and assistance given

Panto – Cinderella , Saturday 15th December 2018 Tickets on sale from Monday 19th November 2018

Office Closure – Friday 21st December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January 2019

To receive a list of creditors from 1ST November 2018 to 30th November 2018

AW Salary	bacs	****
GLT Salary	bacs	****
G. Griffiths(Pay)	bacs	****
D.Lewis(Pay)	bacs	****
Days	dd	661.63
BCBC	dd	50.00
BCBC	dd	116.00
Sol in Tech Tel	dd	48.00

Sol in Tech Photo	dd	38.75
HMRC(October)	bacs	1285.92
Allstar	dd	59.45
Aviva EE	dd	32.45
Aviva ER	dd	81.12
Aviva Admin	dd	41.00
Credit UnionAW	bacs	50.00
Credit UnionDL	bacs	40.00
Owens Fuels	bacs	306.53
Pencoed Builders	bacs	30.30
St Johns	bacs	216.00
Crackerjack	bacs	5239.18
Booker	bacs	56.51
GBR PPE	bacs	38.76
Pure Tech Sound	bacs	300.00
Booker (Xmas)	bacs	118.73
HCR Repairs	bacs	35.00
Owens Fuels	bacs	386.59
Booker	bacs	36.66
Total AV	bacs	34.80

Expenditure marked ** 4314.17**

Total expenditure 13617.55

The creditors was accepted

7580 Correspondence

The Town Clerk referred to the complaint submitted to the Local Government Ombudsman and the subsequent responses received which were still the subject of further review.

A general discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the Ombudsman in dealing with matters referred to him compliant with his advice and in accordance with the Code of Conduct relevant to Town and Community Councils. Moreover the effectiveness of his Office in dealing with such matters which was being questioned.

Subject to any further responses received from the Ombudsman relating to the specific complaint sent to him it was **RESOLVED** to

- a) grant plenary powers to the Mayor and Town Clerk to issue a statement on behalf the Town Council ,regarding the outcome from the complaint referred to the Ombudsman and to published the statement on the Council's Website and Pencoed Community News as appropriate.
- b) To contact One Voice Wales with a view to asking the Welsh Government to consider changes to the role of the Ombudsman due to the known lack of effectiveness in dealing with issues brought to his attention by Town and Community Councils

To the matter raised regarding the vacancies on Council Committees brought about by the resignations of two councillors, the following was **RESOLVED**

Cllr J. Butcher be appointed to the vacancy on the Projects Cttee

Cllr G. Lewis be appointed to the vacancy on the Finance and General Purposes Cttee

7581 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas.

No items were received

7582 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 8.15 pm.