

PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 14th October
2020

At Salem Chapel Vestry, Pencoed.

Held Virtually via Zoom

Present Councillors: Mrs T. Lyddon -- Town Mayor
R.J. Hancock OBE
D. John BEM
R. Williams
J. McCarthy
B. Sedgebeer
Mrs J. Ryan
Mrs M. Evans
J. Butcher
A. Owen,
L.Fletcher

In Attendance : G. Thomas Town Clerk

A roll call of those present was taken.

A minute silence was held out of respect for former Cllr Mrs Mair Jones

7815 Apologies for absence and dispensation.

Apologies were received from the following Councillor Mrs Leanne Lewis

To Receive declaration of interest

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Declarations of interests were received during and after the meeting
Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE – Reference to Friends of Salem in Town Clerk's report

Cllr J. McCarthy -- Reference to Friends of Salem in Town Clerk's report

Cllr Mrs T. Lyddon – Reference to Mayoral Allowance in creditors list.

7817 To Receive Police Report

The was no Police Report

7818 To receive duly notified questions from the Public

The Town Clerk indicated and referred to Members that he had received a lot of correspondence following events that had taken place recently at the Skatepark.

The Town Clerk gave a comprehensive overview of the matter and indicated that the background he was giving was a pre-cursor to motion being put forward by Cllr Mrs M. Evans ,Item 8 on the Agenda.

The Council fully endorsed the actions taken in respect of the matter as it was in line with the Town Council Policy i.e no outside business activities being allowed at Town Council run events and/or on Town Council owned property.

A number of concerns were expressed by Councillors in respect of what had taken place being informed about the matter and that these would need to considered in any future proposals going forward.

The Town Clerk was thanked for his report and that any further questions thereon were to be addressed at Item 8

7819 To Receive Mayoral messages

The Mayor Indicated that due to Covid 19 her role had significant ly changed. She has been involved in a lot of activities involving the needs of vulnerable people etc in Pencoed and was acting in a liaison role with various outside and local bodies so that such people were being looked after.,and their respective needs addressed.

The Mayor expressed her thanks to the Town Council for the support she has and continues to receive during the difficult time we are all experiencing.

7820 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th March 2020

The above minutes were approved and accepted together with the recommendations therein subject to the deletion of the word “no” from the matter relating to the planning application of the former Trinity Chapel Pencoed under bullet point(3)--- Minute7792 refers

7821 To receive the minutes/resolutions the Delegated authority meetings held 28th August 2020 and 2nd October 2020

The above minutes/resolutions were approved and accepted together with the recommendations therein.

7821 To consider the Notice of Motion received from Cllr Mrs M. Evans

The Mayor read out the following motion received from Cllr Mrs M. Evans

"Given the unfortunate outbreak of Covid and consequential cancellation of planned events including the Fireworks display and the Christmas Pantomime,

I would ask Council to reallocate some of the funding to other events for the well-being of our residents.

I have been approached as a Councillor to seek the support of Council in providing training for users of the Skateboard Park in safe use and skills development of skateboarders.

I would expect that this proposal if supported would lead to the Council engaging the services of a professionally equipped trainer to provide such training at no cost to the trainees and be provided in a manner which was Covid Legislation Compliant."

The motion having being proposed and duly seconded was voted upon and was unanimously RESOLVED to agree

It was further RESOLVED that the Town Clerk prepare a further report on the administrative issues that need to be considered, taken into account the initial valid issues and concerns of the Council

7822 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

There were no reports received

7823 To confirm the appointment of Cllr Leanne Lewis as a member of the Finance and General Purposes Cttee

Resolved to confirm of Cllr Leanne Lewis as a member of the Finance and General Purposes Cttee.

7824 To receive an update and consider the co-option process for filling the Town Councillor vacancy -Hendre Ward

The Town Clerk informed the Council that two applications had been received for co-option.in respect of the vacancy in Hendre Ward.

Following some discussion it was resolved that a Special Town Council meeting be virtually arranged and that the two candidates be invited for interview at this meeting.

Further resolved that the Town Clerk prepare the questions to be asked by him at the meeting to both candidates

7825 To confirm the NALC Pay Ward 2020/21

Resolved to accept the pay ward from 1st April 2020

7826 Litter competition within Schools

The Town Clerk indicated that the he. Had circulated an advert for a litter Competition to both primary schools in Pencoed. The closing date for entries being 30th November 2020

All entries to de adjudicated by the Council. In order that a winner from each school could be found.

It was recommended and resolved that in accordance with the Town Council's Grants provision the following payments be made

£100 pounds to each PTA Group
£25 voucher be given to each winner

7827 To consider the Town Clerk's-General Report

The Town Clerk presented a verbal report the following

1. The exceptional work of the Council Staff, being carried out during the current Pandemic
2. The Town Toilets are to remain open at the present time.
3. Friends Of Salem has not received any other income during the current pandemic other than from the rent paid by the Town Council A virtual AGM of the Friends of Salem is to be held shortly
4. Pavilion: internal re-decoration has been completed. Some minor plumbing and tiling needs to be carried in the shower areas. Quotations have been requested to replace all the windows which are not UPVC and the re-painting of external façade of the building. Tenancy agreements have been entered into with the following on similar terms that were in being with BCBC
Pencoed Nursery Group (occupied since 14th September 2020)
Pencoed & District Art Group (occupation yet to be determined due to Covid 19 restrictions)
5. Covid 19 The Town Clerk wished to record his thanks to the Mayor and Deputy for their help given during the current situation
6. Cancelled events With regard Christmas Santa Parade consideration to be given Santa being driven around the Town on scheduled route and timings.
7. Remembrance Sunday; The Town Clerk informed members of the current arrangements which would be the subject of invitations only at the Cenotaph.

The Report was duly noted with thanks and to formally reward the Council Staff for their exceptional work carried out during this difficult time of the pandemic.

7828 To consider Budget and Precept for 2021/22

Resolved unanimously that for 2021/22 the Budget remain the same as 2020/21 effectively not requiring any increase in the Precept requirement for 2021/22 i.e remain at £160,000

It was further RESOLVED to hold a meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Cttee to further discuss matters relating to the impact of Covid 19 on the current year's Budget ,the potential of ring-fencing requirements and to review/amend Financial Regs accordingly to enable the Town Council to minimise the affect / impact of Covid 19 on recognised organisations in Pencoed and serving Pencoed.

7829 To receive a list of Creditor Payments for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 and expenditure to date

Resolved to accept the information as circulated and as attached to these minutes

7831 Future Town Council meetings during Covid 19

Resolved to continue with virtual Town Council meetings being held on a monthly basis. Subject of course to any restrictions being imposed because of Covid 19 which would not allow the Town Clerk to be in attendance at the Council Offices.

7832 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 passed

7832 The Town Clerk referred to a staffing matter that he had dealt with recently and the actions taken by him .

Resolved to confirm and support fully the actions taken by the Town Clerk.

7833 Presentation to CLLR D.John BEM

The Mayor presented to Cllr D. John BEM A belated Birthday present in the form of a plaque commemorating his 90th Birthday on the 12th April 2020.

Cllr D. John BEM was surprised to receive such a gift and thanked everyone most sincerely

Meeting ended at 7.50pm.