

**PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 10th November**  
**2021**  
**At Salem Chapel , Pencoed.**

Present Councillors: Mrs M. Evans -- Town Mayor  
R. Williams  
J. McCarthy  
Mrs J. Ryan  
W. Bond  
D. John BEM  
Mrs T. Lyddon  
B. Sedgebeer  
Mrs L. Lewis

In Attendance : G. Thomas Town Clerk

**7988 Apologies for absence and dispensation.**

Apologies were received from the following Councillors

Cllr. A. Owen ( working commitment)

Cllr J. Butcher ( personal circumstances) **Resolved** to formally  
acknowledge the circumstances

Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE (illness) **Resolved** to grant dispensation to  
Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE whilst undergoing treatment

**To Receive declaration of interest**

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No declarations of interest were received.

**7990 To Receive Police Report**

There was no Police Report

The Town Clerk reported that a replacement had been appointed as the Neighbourhood Police Officer - Sgt Cathy Davies covering the Pencoed Community.

The Mayor also referred to the meeting held via Teams in relation to ASB in Bocam Park. The presentation made by the Police at this meeting was made known to the Council in the context that it was not for public consumption but was available to Councillors to peruse.

**RESOLVED** to note the position

**7991 To receive duly notified questions from the Public**

Under this heading the Town clerk referred to FOI requests from Cllr A. Williams.

Resolved to respond to the requests as follows

**FOI 1 “**

" The Town Council does not allocate projects and associated costs to specific wards within Pencoed. Decisions are made on the basis of the needs for the whole Community."

**FOI 2**

“Historically and in accordance with similar arrangements both locally and nationally by many Local Authorities, arrangements are in place for "bona fide" Political Groups of Principal and Town and Community whereby they are afforded use of their respective Council facilities, including the use of ICT facilities and software owned by the Council subject to the purpose of use being solely for Council business and not any political gain”.

During the considerable discussion that ensued it was pointed out by the Mayor that she had formally submitted a personal complaint to the Ombudsman in relation to the comments made towards the Council on Social Media and the implications associated towards her, by Cllr A. Williams.

A number of concerns were raised by those present also in relation to the comments on social media made by Cllr A. Williams

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk raise a formal complaint on behalf of the Council in relation to comments made by Cllr A. Williams towards the whole Council, which were considered to be in breach of the Code of Conduct.

**7992 To Receive Mayoral messages**

The Mayor indicated that she had held the following meetings and gave an update on outcomes therefrom:

Christmas Task Force Group  
Special Council to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021- Presentation of awards  
Lighting Competition and Judges -to include Ms Louise Dixon

The Mayor was thanked for her report

**7993 To receive/confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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

**7994 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies**

**There were no reports received**

**7995 To receive an update of the Vacancy of Town Councillor- Penprysg Ward. Co-option**

The Town Clerk indicated that to date he had not received any applications.

Cllr B. Sedgebeer indicated that had been approached by a prospective candidate who had recently moved into Pencoed.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk make arrangement via Cllr Sedgebeer for the prospective candidate to receive the appropriate documentation in order for the Council to consider as required.

**7996 To consider the provision and updating of Benches**

This matter is still under review and that damaged and unsafe benches are to be removed as soon as possible



**To consider the Town Clerks' general report**

**7997** The Town Clerk verbally reported on the following:

**1. Staffing Matters**

Hanging baskets being taken down . Christmas Lights have been put up. w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**2. Remembrance Sunday**

The Town Clerk reminded Councillors of the arrangements for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**3. Fireworks Display**

This was another successful event as referred to in the Mayor's Mayoral messages

**4. Pavilion**

The Town Clerk referred to an email that he had received prior to the meeting from the RFC. The contents were not discussed in detail as it was quite a lengthy email. Councillors were requested to read the email in detail and send any comments to the Town Clerk .

**RESOLVED** 1. to hold another meeting with the RFC on the subject matter and invite Mr Guy Smith of BCBC to attend.

2. Plenary powers be granted to the Mayor ,Town Clerk and Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE to resolve any outstanding matters and to make appropriate decisions as necessary.

**5. Special Council Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to hold a Special Council meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to present the Schools Competition Winners with the respective awards, prior to them switching on the Christmas Lights.

The meeting id being held in the Vestry of Salem @ 5pm. personal invites will be sent to the Winners and their respective Family.

**6. Commemorative Oak Tree**

An order has been placed for the tree and it is hoped that it will be planted before the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Thanks were extended to Cllr J. McCarthy and Mr Alan Peake for the assistance and guidance in this matter



**Correspondence**

**7999**

No correspondence was reported requiring Council determination other than the situations referred to earlier under Minutes 7991 and 7997

**8000 Items for future Agenda**

January 2022 further consideration of the Financial Situation of Coity Walia

Bio-Diversity within the Pencoed Area

**8001 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 8.40pm.