

PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 12th January
2022
Held Via Zoom.

Present Councillors: Mrs M. Evans -- Town Mayor
R.J. Hancock OBE
J. Butcher
R. Williams
Mrs J. Ryan
D. John BEM
Mrs T. Lyddon
W. Bond

In Attendance : G. Thomas Town Clerk

.Two members of the Public were also in attendance

8019 Apologies for absence and dispensation.

Apologies were received from the following Councillors
Cllr J. McCarthy (prior commitment)
Cllr A. Owen (Work commitments)

8020 To Receive declaration of interest

Cllr T Lyddon relevance to vacancy of Community Governor at Pencoed Comprehensive

8021 To Receive Police Report

There was no Police Report

RESOLVED to note the position

8022 To receive duly notified questions from the Public

The Town Clerk referred to receipt of question from Ms Louise Dixon and as Ms Dixon was present at the meeting she was asked to address her question to the Council.

Ms Dixon stated that her question was about the situation of recognition of litter pickers and access to appropriate receptacles etc via the Community Hub set up by KWT for Pencoed.

The Town Clerk responded with the following.

1. The Town Clerk clearly made it known that the responsibility of litter fell clearly under the remit of BCBC
2. The Town clerk confirmed that the Hub for Pencoed had been suspended as to date none of the volunteers/groups had formally signed the requisite forms in order that equipment etc could be issued. He had already spoken to KWT on this subject and he was awaiting a formal response.
3. The opportunity was also taken to inform those present of the current situation the Council is facing with BCBC regarding the refusal to issue the Council with red bags and access to the relevant refuse tip for disposal purposes.

It was pointed out that PTC undertake litter picking duties by way of assisting BCBC with its cleansing responsibilities and that the refusal to issue red bags would have a significant impact on the agreement that had been in place for at least the last seven years

It was indicated that KWT are responsible for volunteers . The Town Council was not a voluntary organisation and therefore was outside of BCBC's requirement that all bags would be issued by KWT.

The Town Clerk had made it known that he had requested a face to face meetings with Officers of BCBC and that due to the current Omicron variant of Covid face to face meetings were not compliant with BCBC policy.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the four Borough Councillors requesting that they intervene in this matter, and establish the facts surrounding the refusal of BCBC to issue red bags and access to the refuse tip.

Ms Dixon was thanked for her attendance and her question. Ms Dixon remained in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

8022 To Receive Mayoral messages

The Mayor gave an update on the following:

Well what a year and Christmas.

Thank you all for supporting all projects and Christmas festivities this year.

I sincerely hope we can build on their success and encourage greater Community involvement going forward.

Penprysg Lights

Whilst this is not a Town Council matter.

I have concerns re the amount of social media posts regarding the lights.

Both myself and the Clerk have contacted the relevant authorities and believe best practice would be for residents to air their concerns via the Pencoed level crossing and Penprysg bridge consultation live at present.

Consultation ends 30/01/22.

All agreed.

Police Station

Questions have been raised again on Social media. There is confusion as to where the nearest Police Station is in Bridgend where you can attend in person and also is there no Police station in Pencoed anymore?

Due to not having any communication re this.

I proposed and it was agreed we write to the BCBC representative on the Police and Crime panel in Bridgend and other appropriate authorities.

Spend of public purse money.

Once again on Social media there have been comments some derogatory and questions where the money is being spent in Pencoed.

Out of concern and for clarification I asked the Clerk to prepare a statement outlining the policy and procedures should anyone choose to view the accounts in preparation to put on Social media. (Clerk to share statement.)

It was agreed by all after seeing the statement it should be put on Social media.

Commemorative Oak Tree

Delighted to report the Oak tree to recognise / remember the pandemic is now in place.

The official remembrance day for the Covid pandemic is 23rd March every year.

Once the tree has settled its suggested that the Commemorative pebbles the children/ residents of Pencoed have painted will be placed around the tree.

A plaque added in recognition and remembrance of those who have lost their lives, lost loved ones, those that are still living with long covid, the NHS and all keyworkers.

It's proposed we hold a Community remembrance on 23/03/22 with the unveiling of the tree by tying a yellow ribbon around the tree. All were in favour.

Growing a Safer Community for everyone.

It was proposed the next meeting for this taskforce would take place 25/01/22 at 10am.

All agreed.

Finally I had a correspondence from a member of the public in the form of a complaint.

This will be discussed in camera at the end of the meeting under point 15 o

8023 To receive/confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th December 2021

Subject to one typographical error being amended, the above minutes were approved and accepted together with the recommendations therein

8024 To receive/confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th December 2021

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

8025 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

There were no reports received. The Town Clerk mentioned that he will be raising a matter in relation to Coity Walia in his general report to follow.

8026 To receive an update of the Vacancy of Town Councillor-Penprysg Ward, Co-option

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

RESOLVED to note the position..

8027 To consider the vacancy for Community Governor Pencoed Comp. School

RESOLVED to accept the nomination of Cllr Melanie Evans for this vacancy. Cllr Evans duly accepted the nomination with thanks.

To consider the Town Clerks' general report

8028 The Town Clerk verbally reported on the following:

1. Staffing Matters

TWO applications had been received for vacant position of Caretaker etc at Felindre Road.

Matter to be referred to Finance &GP Cttee

2. PANTO 2022

Resolved to accept request from Pencoed Social Club to have a joint venture

3. Coity Walia

Resolved to await feedback from Coity Walia regarding their financial situation

4. Commemorative Oak Tree

The tree had now been delivered and erected

5 RFC and Showers

Showers were now available and flushed on a regular basis. Covid restrictions still applying as to their use

RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerk's report with thanks and to fully endorsed the actions taken by him.

8028 To receive the Creditors list for the period 1st December 2021 to 31st December 2021

The Town Clerk circulated the information below at the meeting.
Together with
details of expenditure to date and Bank Reconciliation

AW Salary	bacs	XXXX
GLT Salary	bacs	XXXX
G. Griffiths(Pay)	bacs	XXXX
D.Lewis(Pay)	bacs	XXXX
Days	dd	392.40
BCBC	dd	120.00
Sol in Tech Tel	dd	59.98
Sol in Tech Copier	dd	61.22
HMRC (June)	bacs	1342.35
Allstar	dd	71.64
Credit union AW	bacs	100.00
Credit union DL	bacs	186.00
Credit Union GLT	bacs	50.00
Aviva EE	bacs	41.00
Highland Services	bacs	6494.40
Xmas 21 Petty Cash	bacs	100.00
Xmas 21 Bookers	bacs	124.06
Heating Oil	bacs	304.80
Xmas 21 Boxes	bacs	77.36
OFL Oil Tank (recharges)	bacs	2347.96
Market Teas etc	bacs	50.10
SWALEC Salem	bacs	289.81
Swalec toilets	bacs	98.61
Vision ICT	bacs	300.00
Turf Sports	bacs	1305.00

Expenditure marked XXXX

£5466.32

Total Expenditure

£19383.01

RESOLVED to 1. accept the creditors list
2. Accept the Bank Reconciliation for December 2021

and

Expenditure to date etc.

Correspondence

8029

The Town Clerk raised the following matters of correspondence

Grant applications and Donations

Min y Nant – Tree planting update etc

RESOLVED to invite Sasha Ufnowska to a future meeting of the Council.

8030 Items for future Agenda

Pencoed Pantry

Coed Iestyn Woods

Car Park Lights

Tennis Facilities

8031 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

Meeting ended at 8.10pm.