



Cyngor Pencoed Town Council

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Pictured are the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the December 2018 meeting of Pencoed Town Council.

I guess the old adage that a picture speaks a thousand words is demonstrated admirably here with the youngest ever Deputy Mayor being handed the chain of office from the longest serving member of the Council and probably the oldest serving Mayor of our Town.

Thanks and congratulations to the Mayor for his stalwart service to our Town and congratulations to Bridie on her future role.

Cllr. Sedgebeer is the youngest Deputy mayor in the history of Pencoed Town Council

Since the last edition was circulated the Town Council has three new Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Jill Ryan -Labour and Councillor Gordon Lewis -Conservative ---- Hendre Ward :Councillor Luke Fletcher - Plaid Cymru ---- Penprysg

The Town Council welcomes the new Councillors and looks forward to them fulfilling their commitments in representing their respective Wards and Pencoed as a whole

How is the Precept spent?

The Town Council is always asked the question Where and on what is the Precept spent?

To answer this important question, given below are the budgets that have been prepared .

For this Financial Year ending 31st March 2019 the precept was the same as it was for 2017/18 (£150000)

For 2019/20 it has been necessary to increase the precept by £5000 ,(£155000) a 3.3% increase to meet cost of living increases etc.

Budget 2018/19 Budget 2019/20

| | £ | £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Staff Costs</i> | 69930 | 71930 |
| <i>Building Costs</i> | 7000 | 8000 |
| <i>Office Supplies</i> | 1500 | 2000 |
| <i>Telephone</i> | 1100 | 1100 |
| <i>Photocopier</i> | 1300 | 1300 |
| <i>Insurance</i> | 3000 | 3000 |
| <i>Audit Fees</i> | 1200 | 1200 |
| <i>Professional Fees</i> | 1000 | 1000 |
| <i>Election Fees</i> | 10000 | 10000 |
| <i>Affiliation/Conference Fees</i> | 1500 | 1500 |
| <i>Mileage</i> | 300 | 300 |
| <i>Member Training</i> | 500 | 500 |
| <i>Staff Training /Equipment</i> | 1500 | 1500 |
| <i>Vehicle Leasing</i> | 4600 | 4600 |
| <i>Vehicle Running Costs</i> | 1500 | 1500 |
| <i>Flowers</i> | 500 | 500 |
| <i>Hanging Baskets</i> | 5000 | 5000 |
| <i>Art & Entertainment</i> | 1000 | 1500 |
| <i>Publications</i> | 4700 | 4700 |
| <i>Amenities (Monument etc)</i> | 1000 | 1000 |
| <i>Contingencies</i> | 7000 | 8000 |
| <i>Regeneration Strategy</i> | 40000 | 40000 |
| <i>Wellbeing in the Community</i> | 1500 | 1500 |
| <i>Grants</i> | 2000 | 2000 |
| <i>Fireworks</i> | 6050 | 6050 |
| <i>Christmas Lights</i> | 11500 | 11500 |
| <i>Woodland Maintenance</i> | 1500 | 1500 |
| <i>Civic Expenses</i> | 5000 | 5000 |

NOTE: The figures above include elements of balances carried forward from earlier years and income from interest and reclaiming of VAT

What is a precept?

The local Town council, is a Local precepting authority, and has discretion to issue a precept for each financial year on the principal council for the area.

The precept must state the local council's budget requirement for the forthcoming financial year, and such amount is payable by the billing authority in respect of the precept for that financial year.

How is it calculated?

Each year the Town Council is required to calculate the aggregate of:

- a) the expenditure the authority estimates it will incur in the year in performing its functions and will charge to its revenue account for the year;
- b) such allowances as the authority estimates will be appropriate for contingencies in relation to expenditure to be charged to a revenue account for that year;
- c) the financial reserves which the authority estimates it will be appropriate to raise in the year for meeting its estimated future expenditure; and
- d) such financial reserves as are sufficient to meet so much of the amount estimated by the authority to be a revenue deficit for any earlier financial year as has not already been provided for.

How does the precept affect residents of Pencoed?

The precept on Pencoed residents for the coming year is £45.23 per annum which equates to 87p per week

The precept covers all events such as Fireworks Display, Christmas Pantomime, Christmas Decorations, the upkeep of the Toilets, provision of Hanging Baskets and other Floral Displays, the maintenance of the Car Park and Multi User Games Area, the provision of the investments for the Skateboard Park and the proposed investments for the Pavilion, the land at Coedbach and the proposed transfer of other land to enable the Council to provide additional facilities in the future.

All of the proposals are contained in the Council's future work programme "Pencoed a Vision for the future 2020 and beyond", copies of which are available from the Council Offices.



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What is in the pipeline?

Over the coming months the HYPHEN will become more readily available, accessible and timely by the introduction of HYPHENONLINE.

Such a facility is currently being developed along with the provision of employing someone to update the information to be made available to the public in general.

Should anyone not be able to access the new provisions, hard copies of future editions of the Hyphen can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk.

Projects

Many exciting projects are planned for our Town in the forthcoming months, the contract for the long awaited Skateboard Park has now been signed and Planning consent obtained, work is expected to be completed by May.

Community Assets Transfers)

Recently agreement has been reached for the transfer of the old playground site at Coed Bach to the Council and a suitable project will be developed in consultation with local residents.

The Council is seeking to have the Pavilion at the Felindre Road site transferred to their stewardship to enable them to secure changing facilities for the sports teams for the future, and to provide other facilities for the people of Pencoed.

Ongoing discussions are being held regarding the acquisition of the Pavilion and land at Hendre Road which includes the play area.

Safe Routes

Work has now been completed in lower Pencoed

“2020 and beyond a VISION for PENCOED”

The Town Council has produced the above document and is available at the Council Offices, Salem Chapel Vestry, Coychurch Road, Pencoed CF35 5LY

SOME REMINDERS!!!!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All council meetings are open to the public, except for certain matters to be discussed. Full Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of August. All meetings take place at Salem Chapel Vestry CF @ 7pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

Agenda for meetings are placed on the notice board in the Town centre and in the window of Salem Chapel vestry

DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER

The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 introduced the power for local authorities to designate public places. This means it is an offence to drink alcohol after being requested not to do so by a Police Officer or a Police Community Support Officer.

The Police will have the power to require the surrender of the alcohol and containers in these circumstances and those who fail to comply will be liable to arrest.

The mechanism for such a ban is a "Designated Public Places Order".

Pencoed is duly designated as a Public Place.

SAFETY IN THE HOME

There are a number of safety factors that you take into account to "Stay Safe in The Home"

These safety factors are available and FREE from the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. And arrangements can be made for you to be personally aware of them by contacting Mrs Marlene Thomas on 01443232000. This lady is willing to meet with you in your home.