

# CYNGOR PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL HYPHEN

## Mayoral Message from Councilor Barry Doughty

It has been and is a great honour and privilege to carry out the duties as Mayor of this lovely Town this year.

It has been encouraging to note with gratitude for the support that I and the Town council have been given during my year in office from the community. I would wish to sincerely thank you for this.

I take this opportunity to formally wish you a Happy and peaceful Christmas with loved ones, friends and family.

Nadolig llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda!

Cllr Barry Doughty

Mayor of Pencoed 2023-2024



**Os hoffech derbyn y ddogfen hon yn Gymraeg cysylltwch â [clerk@pencoedtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pencoedtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

## What's been happening in Pencoed



The mayor welcomed our community to the annual firework display at Felindre Playing fields on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, which appeared to be successful. A big thanks to all involved.



Work on Coed Iestyn woods has now been completed, using a local contractor. We have put in new bridges and steps have been put in. Sadly, since the woods has been reopened it has been vandalised, with the memorial Welsh slate plaque being severely damaged. The damaged sustained will be rectified.



This year the Cenotaph was refurbished, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday Parade, which saw us return back to the full service at the chapel. Thank you to all those that participated in the parade, also thank you to Rector Ian Hodges for officiating at the chapel and Cenotaph.



Five new benches have been installed including 2 commemorative benches.

The town council are proud to provide toilet facilities. These are kept to a high standard, thanks to our two toilet attendants.



The playing fields at Felindre Road were recently victims to trespassing. This caused damage to the playing fields along with a large amount of rubbish being left on site. Bollards and a gate have been installed to prevent any further incidents occurring.

Thank you to the members of the public for bring to our attention.



We also have our own MUGA (multi-use games area) and Skate Park, which are continually in use with the younger community. We recently undertook maintenance work to the fence.



1<sup>st</sup> December saw our Christmas light switch on, with Santa making an appearance. Congratulations to our School Christmas competition winners and well done to all those that entered you made our jobs really difficult when it came to judging. This year a Carol Singalong at Salem Chapel with Pencoed Silver Band and graced by the mayor and Santa with his elves

## WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR PENCOED... THE PAVILION



Recently the pavilion underwent some maintenance to the shower rooms to enhance facilities for users. There are future plans for further restorations of the pavilion later this year. These works that have been scheduled, will allow us to fully utilize the space available and for local business, clubs or groups to use. We look forward to showing you progress updates through our social media and website.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are currently in the process of finalizing details for our very own memorial garden opposite Salem Chapel. This will become our 'Tommie's' permanent residents along with a refurbishment of the area. We hope that this will become a peaceful place for you residents. More information to follow once the details are confirmed, we look forward to sharing our plans with you.



# PARKING PROBLEMS IN PENPRYSG



Thank you to all those that attended our public meeting. As you were aware we did invite multiple organizations to join us, to discuss your concerns, thank you to the PSCO who attended. We were just as frustrated as you were with the lack of engagement with other authorities. Since then, we have followed up with BCBC regarding the motion we put forward about the school street scheme that has been rolled out in Cardiff, with no response. The Mayor has also raised this point through various channels to try and get this exposed as much as we can, but yet we are still waiting a response from BCBC. We are continuing to pursuing all available options and the town council won't give up until your voices have been heard. Please keep an eye on our social media page and website for any updates.

## PENPRYSG BRIDGE



Sadly, we missed out on the leveling up bid for our Penprysg Bridge for widening of the bridge. We have asked for feedback from those who submitted the application, so we can try and get a better understanding as to why we were refused, we are still trying to obtain that information. We are pursuing this with the relevant people, we will continue to campaign for the people of Pencoed until this matter is resolved.

## Accounts 2022-2023

Please note that the information given below is yet to be audited, albeit the information is currently with Audit Wales.

### Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### Accounting statements 2022-23 for:

Name of body:

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2022 (£)	31 March 2023 (£)	

#### Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments

1. Balances brought forward	87337	116574	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	160000	165000	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	25837	30103	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	79053	91498	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and Nil (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	Nil	Nil	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest in the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	77547	115325	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments
7. (=) Balances carried forward	116574	104854	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Mu (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).

#### Statement of balances

8. (+) Debtors	Nil	Nil	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the v: debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	116574	104854	<b>All accounts:</b> The sum of all current and deposit bank cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	Nil	Nil	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the v: monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the ye:
11. (=) Balances carried forward	116574	104854	<b>Total balances should equal line 7 above:</b> Enter the (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	185000	185000	The asset and investment register value of all fixed ass: other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing			The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all l: third parties (including PWLB).



# Pencoed Town Council Budget

Given below are the Budget provisions for the current year 2023/24 and proposed for 2024/2025, as well as the Precept requirements to meet the Budget for 2024/2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>PROJECTS/ETC</u>		
	<u>23/24</u>	<u>24/25</u>			
Staff Salaries (net)	£66,000	£80,000	Playing fields/Pavilion	£10,000	£34,000
PAYE	£6,130	£14,000	Cenotaph	£0	£12,000
Pension	£2,800	£3,250	Hanging Baskets	£4,000	£4,000
Building Cost	£7,000	£1,000	Entertainment	£1,500	£1,000
Office Supplies	£2,000	£2,500	External Comms	£4,500	£1,500
Telephone	£1,100	£1,300	Amenities/Seats	£1,000	£3,000
Photocopier	£1,300	£1,500	Contingencies	£3,500	£0
Insurance	£3,000	£3,500	Regeneration Strategy	£40,000	£40,000
Audit Fees	£1,200	£1,200	Wellbeing	£10,000	£5,000
Professional Fees	£750	£5,000			
Election Fees	£10,000	£10,000	<u>Grants/Special Projects/ Events</u>		
Affiliation/ Conference Fees	£150	£150	Grants/Sponsorship	£2,500	£1,500
Mileage	£200	£200	Fireworks	£5,550	£5,000
Training	£400	£2,000	Christmas Lights	£10,000	£14,000
Training Plan	£750	£2,000	Woodlands Maintenance	£1,000	£1,000
Equipment Purchase	£0	£2,000	Civic Events	£3,650	£1,000
Vehicle Leasing	£4,600	£4,600	Members Allowances	£0	£5,000
Vehicle Running Costs	£1,500	£1,700	VAT	£10,000	£10,000
Flowers	£250	£250		<b>£217,680</b>	<b>£285,500</b>

To meet the budgetary requirements for 2024/2025 there will be an increase in the precept of £10,000 from £165,000 to £175,000. Effectively council tax payers in Pencoed will incur an increase from £47.82 to £50.68 (£2.86 increase PA) accordingly.

## Meet your councillors

### Felindre Ward

Cllr Melanie Evans  
Cllr Tracey Lyddon  
Cllr William Bond  
Cllr John Butcher

### Hendre Ward

Cllr Barry Doughty (Mayor)  
Cllr Jim Hancock OBE  
Cllr Richard Williams  
Cllr Chelsea Cannon  
Cllr Richard Butler  
Cllr Jill Ryan

### Penprysg Ward

Cllr Paul Edwards  
Cllr Leanne Lewis  
Cllr Helen Whyley

### Town Clerk

Geraint Thomas



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