

Pencoed Town Council

Minutes of Full Council meeting Thursday 14th December 2023

Salem Chapel Vestry, Pencoed

Present Councillors:

B Doughty – Town Mayor/Chair

R.J Hancock OBE

R.Williams

J. Butcher

T. Lyddon

J. Ryan

C. Cannon

P. Edwards

In attendance: Geraint Thomas, Town Clerk

This was a Hybrid meeting, and the zoom link was tested prior to meeting commencing.

One person attended via Zoom L. Griffiths

8365 Apologies for absence and dispensation

Apologies were received from the following due to illness/unavailability

Cllr W. Bond, M. Evans. H. Whyley

8366 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received from the following

Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE item relating to Friends of Salem

Cllr R. Williams items referring to BCBC

Cllr T. Lyddon item referring Croesty School

8367 To receive the police report and any correspondence

No Report was received.

Concern expressed as to the lack of Police presence/report

Town Clerk to speak to the Police accordingly

8368 To receive duly notified questions from the public

No questions were received

8369 To receive Mayoral messages

Mayor discussed events that he attended this week within the area.

Pencoed competition from the primary schools, there where high standards from all entries, making choosing the winners really difficult this year.

Christmas light switch on, and visited the care home afterwards which was followed by the carol service.

Croesty Primary school also had their Xmas Fate and I also attended the carol service.

Attended T&C Forum on 13/11 - Mayor brought to the attention of the council a couple of points

- Management of the Rights of Way
- Also that the mayor sits on the youth engagement and we haven't meet
- Cllr RH OBE raised concerns over the Rights of Way – his concerns are that this could be seen as “double taxation”
- Youth engagement service (YES) both Cllr TL and Cllr RH sat on YES and looked to make a Community Centre into a youth café and we are still waiting on a response to this.

RESOLVED to note with thanks

8370 To receive the minutes of the full council meeting held on 9th November 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and the recommendations therein

8371 To receive the minutes of the Finance and Projects Cttee 2 meeting held on 14th November 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and the recommendations therein

8372 To receive reports from the representatives to the outside bodies

- Coity Walia — still ongoing negotiations regarding the benefits that Coity Walia may have from Cennin and the wind farm. Pencoed Town Council gave a donation in 2021 and further to this donation St Brides Major has been made ,the only other council to do so. Pencoed Town Council stand by what was discussed in a previous meeting regarding any further donations. Cllr R. Williams brought to the attention of the Council that Coity Walia meetings is held on the same day as BCBC Council Meeting and therefore cannot attend. This has been

raised before. Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE is still suggesting that Coity Walia pursues the right to be a precepting authority. Also Cllr J. Butcher put forward about being a representative for PTC on Coity Walia in relation to a pertinent matter. Agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda for the January meeting.

- Rockwool meetings No meetings taken place
- One Voice Wales & The Larger Council Forum- No meeting
- Youth Engagement Committee No Meeting – Mayor has raised this through T&C forum
- Welfare Hall Management Committee - No Meeting
- Friends of Salem – AGM meeting 15th November 2023 . Officers were re-elected unopposed. Accounts for 22/23 had been agreed and registered with the Charity Commission
- Liaison Group Pencoed RFC - No meeting
- Safer Streets - Noted that the scheduled meeting was cancelled on the day of the meeting
- 21st Century Schools Group No meeting
- Penprysg Bridge Working Group- Town Clerk stated that he written to the Leader of BCBC and was awaiting a response. Duly noted that Chris Elmore MP had raised this matter with the Minister responsible in Parliament. Noted that the MP was requested to convene a meeting of the Working Group once he was in receipt of a response from the Minister.

RESOLVED to accept the reports and information provided with thanks and note the actions to be taken by the relevant persons.

8373 To consider the Town Clerk's General report

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

Staffing Matters

Mr. Morgan Davies due to start on the 2nd January 2024 as Part time Admin Assistant

The Office will be closed from 22nd December 23 until the 2nd January 24

Pavilion

Showers have been upgraded by increasing the pressure as requested by PRFC

(Noted that damage caused by users to shower heads have also been repaired)

Coed Iestyn Woods

Woods are regularly monitored and litter picked. No further damage has been noticed/found

Xmas Lights Competition

Agreed to present appropriate plaque etc to Mr and Mrs Benjamin Felindre Road. Their display being exceptional

Noted that there had been no business entries received.

Training Local Disputes Policy

Training has been arranged via Zoom for the Mayor and Deputy on Monday 8h January 24 with Mr Brian Kultschar

Members Expenses

Noted that information was still awaited from Councillors in respect of “working at home”

Community Governors -Vacancies

Two vacancies were duly noted ,one at each of the Primary Schools

Any nominations to be given to the Town Clerk.

Sudden Death of Resident

Noted that there had been a sudden death of a well respected member of the Community

Along with details of the Funeral arrangements

The Deputy Mayor In the absence of the Mayor would be attending the Funeral.

Distribution of the Hyphen has now begun in the area.

Absence from meetings

Noted that Mr R. Butler representing the Hendre Ward had been absent for a period of six months. A letter would now be sent to him accordingly declaring that he was no longer a Town Councillor. The Electoral Services section of BCBC be informed accordingly.

Standards Cttee BCBC - it has been brought to the attention of the Clerk, that a meeting was held in November of the above committee. During that meeting certain changes were agreed. Members of the Standards Cttee would now be attending meetings of T&CC's as observers. They will be only making the clerk aware their attendance. These could be join in online and also in person. We do not know the reasons as to what their visit will be nor are we aware if any feedback will be given, the information that was given was very vague. The clerk has since sought further clarification on this matter and also further advise.

Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE stated he was rather disappointed that no consultation on this matter particularly given that the Nolan Principles require openness and transparency in public life

Cllr R. Williams posed the following question: When attending will they be announcing themselves as to who they are? As they are members of BCBC they should . They would not be members of the public per se. At this moment in time the Town Council do not know the answer to this and will seek further clarity.

Resolved to accept the Town Clerk's report with thanks and any actions taken be endorsed

8374 To receive a list of creditors from the1st November 2023 to the 30th November 2023

AW Salary	bacs	XXXX
GLT Salary	bacs	XXXX
D.Lewis	dd	XXXX
R.Frewen	dd	XXXX
Days	dd	392.40
BCBC	bacs	100.00
Sol in Tech Tel	dd	71.90
HMRC	bacs	598.03
Allstar	bacs	92.80
Credit union AW	bacs	100.00
Credit union DL	bacs	110.00
Credit Union GLT	bacs	100.00
Aviva EE	dd	90.45
Aviva EE	bacs	90.45
Aviva EE	bacs	41.00
Bridgeside	bacs	120.00
Bridgeside	bacs	120.00
Bridgeside	bacs	120.00
Bbridgeside	bacs	300.00
Bbridgeside	bacs	120.00
Nolan	Bacs	52.50
Nolan	Bacs	52.50
Nolan	Bacs	52.50
Nolan	Bacs	52.50
Nolan	Bacs	52.50
TCRM	Bacs	100.80
Sun Sound PA	Bacs	185.00
Bookers	Bacs	172.93
St john	Bacs	78.00
Investec	Bacs	419.98
R. Williams	Bacs	120.00
Xmas Awards etc	Bacs	374.67
Xmas lights	Bacs	18.00
Xmas sweets	Bacs	68.78
Ovw	Bacs	465.30
Remembrance day	Bacs	35.40
Ccontact	Bacs	27.59
Ccontact	Bacs	16.80
Oowens fuels	Bacs	503.11
Fireworks	Bacs	6790.06
Bcbc	Bacs	3900.00
Jsm Management Group	Bacs	388.80
Spannerman	Bacs	95.58
Trailer repairs	Bacs	108.00
The 8ate building	Bacs	685.00

Roof Repairs (recharged)

Bacs

200.00

Expenditure marked XXXX £ 4875.34

Total expenditure

£22567.32

RESOLVED – The creditors list was accepted subject to a typographical amendment to the information issued along with details of expenditure to date and bank reconciliation for November 2023 .

8375 Correspondence –

None received

8376 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas

To be raised for the next meeting – Cllr John Butcher regarding representation at a meeting of Coity Walia

8377 To consider passing the following resolution

That in the 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 temporary excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

The resolution was not passed

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

MEETING ENDED AT 8.10 pm