

PENCOED TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF the Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 9th May 2024
At Salem Chapel Vestry

Present Councillors: B. Doughty – Town MAYOR/Chair
Cllr T. Lyddon
Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE,
Cllr R Williams
Cllr C. Cannon
Cllr P.Edwards
Cllr M Walters
Cllr M.Evans
Cllr J.Ryan

In attendance: Geraint Thomas, Town Clerk, and Administrative Assistant Morgan Davies.

Mayor presents awards to various individuals and organisations.

Cllr M.Walters formally welcomed by the Mayor.

Acknowledgement and best wishes for former Cllr W Bond, who resigned due to ill health. Letter of thanks to be sent.

8276 **Apologies for absence and dispensation.**

Cllr H Whyley
Cllr L Lewis
Cllr J Butcher

8277 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr R J Hancock OBE – Award handed to Pencoed Youth Club by the Mayor, of which his Grand Daughter is a member.

Cllr T Lyddon – Item 14 regarding nominations to governing bodies - Chair of Governors at Croesty and Parent Governor at Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Cllr M Evans – Item 14 regarding nominations to governing bodies – Governor at both Croesty and Pencoed Comprehensive School.

8278 **To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meetings held on 4th May 2023**

Minutes of AGM held on May 4th, 2023, moved by Cllr R J Hancock OBE and seconded by Cllr T Lyddon.

8279 **Mayor, Cllr. Barry Doughty will indicate first business as “Election of Mayor for the ensuing year”.**

8280 **To Receive nomination(s) for the election of Mayor for 2024/2025**

Cllr R J Hancock OBE nominates Cllr P Edwards for the position of Mayor, seconded by Cllr T Lyddon.

No other nominations made; thus, Cllr P Edwards is elected as Mayor.

8281 **Duly elected Mayor to take Oath of Office as Town Mayor and duly sign the declaration.**

Oath of office read and taken by Cllr P Edwards, who is now officially Mayor.

8282 **Elected Mayor to take over the Chair of the meeting (Chain of Office to be passed on by Cllr B. Doughty)**

Formally done, Cllr P Edwards officially takes over the meeting as Chair and Mayor, while Cllr B Doughty resumes his role as Councillor.

8283 **Elected Mayor to give a vote of thanks on being appointed.**

Thanks given by the Mayor P Edwards.

8284 **To receive nomination(s) for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2024/2025**

Cllr T Lyddon nominated for Deputy Mayor by J Ryan and is seconded by M Evans.

No other nominees put forward; Cllr T Lyddon officially elected as deputy Mayor.

8285 **Elected Deputy Mayor to give a vote of thanks on being appointed.**

Thanks given by Cllr T Lyddon.

8286 **The Newly Elected Mayor will move a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor**

Thanks given by P Edwards and the entire Council for B Doughty's time as Mayor.

8287 **To consider the Mayor's Allowance for 2024/2025 and any other allowances as referred to under the provisions of the Local Government Review panel's recommendations.**

The Mayor was not present for this discussion.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE states that the Mayor is to be given an allowance of £1000. This sum less than usual due to the current financial difficulties. The given sum is approved by the full Council.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE further states that while the statutory allowances made by the IRBW will still be paid, no further allowances are to be paid to the Mayor or any other councillors for that matter – moved.

Seconded by Cllr B Doughty

8288 **To Review the Council's following documents taking into account recommended amendments to be received from the Finance and Projects Cttee 2, as well as the motion indicated below:**

Standing Orders
Financial Regulations
Financial Risk Assessment

Notice of Motion from Cllr R. J. Hancock OBE in relation to standing orders:

I write to propose that Standing Order 2B be amended at the forthcoming AGM as follows :-

After "Deputy " in line three add the words " along with the Town Clerk "

In addition I propose that Standing Order 5E iii be amended at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting as follows:-

After the final word " representatives " add " such report be it verbal or written must be delivered solely to the Town Council prior to it being disclosed to any members of the public or other bodies "

Cllr R J Hancock OBE – report provided by Admin Assistant (Morgan Davies) at the Committee 2 meeting on standing orders, financial regs and risk assessment.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE states that the changes recommended in the report be adopted, moved by Cllr B Doughty and seconded by Cllr M Evans.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE withdraws his notice of motion as the Admin Assistant's report has been accepted, seconded by Cllr M Evans.

8289 **To review all /other Council policies and procedures and to include any suggested new ones in accordance with Governance issues and good practice.**

The Town Clerk states that there have been some changes to local government over last two years and that these changes will be adopted in policies that are to be brought up to date.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE recommends that this matter be referred to Committee 2.

8290 **To appoint two internal scrutineers**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor appointed as internal scrutineers by the Council.

8291 **To appoint representatives to governing bodies.**

There is LEA vacancy on Croesty school governors – noted by council.

Anyone interested in the above is to go to the Town Clerk and follow the procedure given by the stated governing body.

8292 **To appoint members to the following Committees:**

Committee 1 – Planning and Public Consultation

Cllr M Evans suggests that Cllr B Doughty takes Cllr P Edwards place on Cttee 1.

Cllr R J Hancock OBE – Vacancy on Committee 1 be taken by new member when elected/co-opted.

Committee 2 – Finance and Projects

Cllr M Evans suggests Cllr M Walters takes the place of the former Cllr R Butler.

Suggestions moved by Cllr M Evans, seconded by Cllr R J Hancock OBE.

8293 **To consider there be no meeting in August 2024 and Plenary Powers be given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in consultation with the Town Clerk.**

It is recommended that the Chair of Finance be added to this.

8294 **To appoint delegates to the following:**

Coity Walia – no changes.

Town & Community Councils' Forum – new Mayor takes over.

Rockwool Woodland Learning Centre – no changes.

One Voice Wales & the Larger Council Forum – no changes.

Rockwool Residents Forum – no changes.

Rockwool Residents meeting – no changes.

Youth Engagement Panel – no changes.

Pencoed Miners Welfare Hall Cttee – no changes.

Friends of Salem – no changes.

Liaison Group RFC – no changes.

21st Century Schools Group – no changes.

Safer Streets - new Mayor takes over.

TFW and BT Police Liaison Group – Cllr R J Hancock OBE states no meetings have been called. The Town Clerk is urged to write as to whether the Committee is still functioning.

BCBC Cllr Alex Williams to be congratulated on marriage. Cllr T Lyddon moved; Cllr C Cannon seconded.

Matter of Penprysg Bridge ought to be brought up with the relevant bodies.

Meeting ended at 7:01pm