

Pencoed Town Council

Minutes of Full Council meeting Thursday 12th December 2024

Salem Chapel Vestry, Pencoed

Present Councillors:

P. Edwards – Town Mayor/Chair

R. Williams

J. Ryan

M. Walters

J. Butcher

T. Lyddon

H. Whyley

J. Jones

B. Doughty

In attendance: Town Clerk Geraint Thomas, Deputy Clerk Morgan Davies and PCSO L. Wells and colleague.

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

8509 Apologies for absence and dispensation

Apologies were received from the following due to illness/unavailability:

Cllr. L. Lewis

Cllr. M. Evans

Cllr. C. Edwards

Cllr. R.J. Hancock OBE

8510 Declarations of interest

Cllr R. Williams – Item 8 regarding the Memorial Garden project as Member of BCBC Planning Control Committee.

Cllr T. Lyddon – Item 5 regarding school poster competition and Croesty nativity play as Chair of Croesty Govenors and item 7 as Croesty School representative on the 21st Century Schools Group.

8511 To receive the Police Report and any correspondence

PCSO L. Wells - 46 crimes for November, 7 Public order offences, 10 assaults. None of the crimes were stranger based.

4 criminal damages recorded.

No residential burglaries, but 2 motor vehicle thefts

3 shoplifting offences.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) reports low in comparison to other Bridgend wards, which has been on a downtrend from beginning the of the calendar year. An 8.1% reduction compared to 2023.

No ASB calls for bonfire night.

Only 2 ASB's youth related.

Cllr H. Whyley – issue at Penprysg of cars going too fast over Penprysg bridge.
PCSO L. Wells – will seek speed checks on the area.

Cllr T. Lyddon – incidents of cars failing to abide by one-way system at the Cenotaph.
PCSO L. Wells – will contact Highways department and ask them to monitor the area.

Cllr B. Doughty – Planning application regarding traffic lights on Coychurch road, advice on traffic going into Greggs, Tesco and the Garage as people being fined for parking at the garage, only going to get worse with new housing developments.
PCSO L. Wells – noted for problem solving.

Cllr T. Lyddon – could lorry deliveries be earlier and at certain times?

Cllr P. Edwards – have previous anti-social groups since been subdued?
PCSO L. Wells – none of them responsible for ASB's in November.

Cllr J. Butcher – Keep an eye out for abandoned timber/pallet near the welfare hall and parked in a disabled bay, disappeared the following morning.

The Council thanks the police for their report and attendance.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND NOTE WITH THANKS.

8512 To receive questions from the public

No questions received.

8513 To receive Mayoral messages

Mayor P. Edwards attended the Christmas lights switch on and poster award ceremony; the event went quite well.

The Mayor was scheduled to be at an air cadets meeting on Saturday – prevented by Storm Darragh, rearranged for upcoming Saturday, though the Mayor is unable to attend due to other commitments.

The Mayor attended two nativity plays, scheduled to attend two more next week.

Also to be attended by Deputy Mayor Cllr T. Lyddon as Chair of Governors for Croesty Primary School.

Clerk's notice of resignation to retire on 31st March 2025 was accepted, with reluctance.

Resolved to note with thanks

8414 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th November 2024

Moved by Cllr R. Williams, seconded by Cllr M. Walters.

8515 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies and consider an email received from Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE on his current role relevant to outside bodies marked **.

Coity Walia – Cllr R. Williams states that a meeting was held on 27th November regarding trees and bushes on Heol y Geifr. The Council remains of the view that is not a council matter, it is a Coity Walia matter, now at an impasse.

Cllr R Williams – house in Hendre Rd, boundary dispute.

Cllr R Williams - Islawen Meadows entrance, resolution not yet available.

St Mary Hill Fair – fair won't return, £2,000 left over in accounts, evenly distributed to two charities.

T Bryn farm – overgrown.

The Town Clerk states that Coychurch Higher are seemingly seeking financial assistance on miners path, PTC is in no position to provide this.

Cllr J. Butcher states meetings are bi-monthly, though little happens in terms of moving forward between meetings. Expresses frustration.

T&CC Forum – no meeting, next meeting in January.

Rockwool – No meeting, likely in January/February.

OVW – no meeting, likely January.

Youth Engagement Panel – no meeting, Cllr B. Doughty expresses frustration.

Meeting with Youth Club – holding BCBC members to account for their promises.

Promise of a new oven by the new year, said two air fryers will be provided in the meantime, yet to arrive.

The current oven is a danger to users, especially the kids who are taught to cook using it.

Youth groups thanked for their litter pick in the Hyphen.

Welfare Hall Management Committee – no meeting.

The Town Clerk states that he was approached this week by the Borough regarding power outages and where hot meals could be provided to this in need. Ultimately the issue did not materialise. The Welfare Hall have been thanked for their willingness to provide this service even though it did not take place due to the potentially small numbers involved.

Friends of Salem – The Town Clerk states that the AGM was held on 5th December. Accounts accepted, three new trustees accepted, Morgan Davies included.

The Town Clerk will relinquish his secretaryship when he retires, but will remain as a trustee. Morgan (Deputy Clerk) planned to take over as secretary.

Liaison Group PRFC – no meeting.

Safer Streets – Meeting due in January.

21st Century Schools Group** – Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE relinquishes his role as a representative on this Group. A replacement needs to be nominated. Thanks to be given to Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE.

Penprysg Bridge Working Group** – Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE relinquishes his role as a representative on this Group. A replacement needs to be nominated. Thanks to be given to Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE.

Moved that Cllr J. Butcher and Cllr P. Edwards be put forward for consideration on the Penprysg Bridge Working Group, moved by Cllr T. Lyddon, seconded by Cllr B. Doughty.

The Town Clerk expresses his disappointment at the lack of progress made on Penprysg Bridge issue, and proposal of more trains to and from Maesteg.

Cllr P. Edwards – traffic issues to be worsened with proposed residential development near Pencoed College when consent is given for the development.

Cllr B. Doughty moves that Cllr P. Edwards is put forward as representative on **BOTH** 21st century schools and Penprysg Bridge Working groups.

Seconded by Cllr T. Lyddon.

8516 To consider the Town Clerk's General Report.

The Town Clerk informs the Council that a BCBC Cabinet and T&CC meeting is to be held on 21st January 2025 regarding budgetary matters.

Staffing matters – Town Clerk's resignation submitted to terminate contract on March 31st. Committee 2 meeting to be held on the matter and is to be closed to the public.

The Town Clerk informs the Council that the office will close on December 23rd and reopen on January 6th, 2025.

All emails are to be monitored by the Town Clerk and staff in case of emergency.

Memorial garden project – online consultation is up.

Committee 2 meeting on 9th January to deal with consultants meeting with us on that day to discuss proposals.

Open meeting to be held on January 15th at the Social Club on Hendre Rd.

This project is still in its infancy, it is not likely to be approved by Cttee 2 this year.

Cllr H. Whyley – family members of relative who died at bypass could be consulted regarding a memorial being put in place in garden – A shrine is already there.

Shouldn't this be discussed at Committee 1 also?

The Town Clerk states that once the project is agreed at Committee 2, it will be discussed at Committee 1.

The Town Clerk informs the Council of damage caused to a shed on Felindre Rd playing fields following storm Darragh.

The building is covered by BCBC, so it has been referred to them.
Temporary repairs may be needed for the time being - AGREED

Several Christmas lights are out due to Storm Darragh damages, a resolution is being sought, though some are beyond repair.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk express their thanks for Councilor and staff help throughout the year.

Mayor P. Edwards thanks the Town Clerk and team for their work throughout the year on behalf of the council.

Cllr M. Walters also thanked for his work during the Christmas lights switch on.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND NOTE WITH THANKS.

8517 Financial Matters

a) to receive a list of creditors for the period 1st November 2024 to 30th November 2024.

Creditors list from November 1st to November 30th 2024.

Staff Salaries/Wages	XXXX
Staff Pension	374.96
HMRC PAYE	1,701.70
R. Williams (Lock up Rent)	120
BCBC (Rates for Car Park)	105
Telephone Charges	132.56
Photocopying Charges	43.51
Allstar (Fuel Charges)	123.51
Days Rental (Van Lease)	477.83
Days Rental (Cherry picker)	845.12
Grounds Maintenance (Felindre Road)	648
Waste Disposal (Nolan)	108
Pavilion WIFI (EE)	48
TCRM	324
SSE Energy	803.93
Sun Sound PA	185
Lasers Are Us Limited	492.5
Toolstation LTD	26.49
Expenditure marked XXXX	£8,330.00
Total Monthly Expenditure	£14,890.11

Cllr H. Whyley points out that the photocopying issue looking a lot better.

The Town Clerk states that the issue is mostly resolved

Cllr T. Lyddon questions what the Lasers Are Us expenditure was for, the Town Clerk states such expenditure was for coasters/gifts for presentations.

Creditor's list moved by Cllr B. Doughty, seconded by Cllr M. Walters.

b) to accept details of the expenditure to date and bank reconciliation statement.

Moved by Cllr B. Doughty, seconded by Cllr M. Walters

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND NOTE

8518 Correspondence

The Town Clerk notifies the Council that Covid 19 reflection day 2025 will be held on Sunday 9th March.

RESOLVED to note.

8519 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas

Cllr B. Doughty – emergency plan for the council in the case of red weather alerts etc.

Mayor P. Edwards states that this could be discussed at Committee 1.

The Town Clerk states that such a plan would be limited as this is primarily a BCBC issue, though we can seek to assist them.

8520 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.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:17pm.