

Pencoed Town Council
Minutes of Full Council meeting Thursday 16th January 2025, at
the Pavilion, Pencoed.

Present Councilors:

P. Edwards – Town Mayor/Chair

R. Williams

J. Ryan

T. Lyddon

C. Edwards

J. Jones

M. Evans

L. Lewis

R.J. Hancock OBE

In attendance: Town Clerk Geraint Thomas, Deputy Clerk Morgan Davies, PCSO A. Osborne and Constable C. Sparkes.

Zoom was not available for this meeting due to a technical fault.

8521 Apologies for absence and dispensation

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

Cllr J. Butcher

Cllr M. Walters

Cllr B. Doughty

8522 Declarations of interest

Cllr T. Lyddon - items 3, 4 and 8 as Chair of Governors at Croesty Primary School and as Governor of Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Cllr R. Williams – regarding references made to BCBC and licensing laws as seen in items 3 and 10 as a member of BCBC.

Cllr M. Evans – items 3, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12 as a member of BCBC, Governor of Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive School, member of Coity Walia Board of Conservators and as a member of Friends of Salem.

8523 To receive the Police Report and any correspondence

PCSO A. Osborne and Constable C. Sparkes (unit manager for Pencoed) in attendance.

A lot of youth ASB in Redlands Close in late Nov/early December, familiar names.

Early help referrals promoted to parents to manage their child's behaviour.

Instances of teenage vandalism, egging houses, throwing stones at houses etc.

PCSO A. Osborne has asked local shops to restrict the sale of eggs to groups of teenagers if possible.

Cllr. R.J. Hancock OBE – raises issue of Britannia pub.

Constable C. Sparkes states that a warrant was provided to search the premises on the basis of illegal drug use, licensees license removed.

Cllr. R.J. Hancock OBE thanks the police for taking action on this, to be commended.

Full Council gives thanks for the action of the police.

Cllr. L. Lewis – Wimborne Rd issue – PCSO A. Osborne believes the issue has subdued somewhat.

The Town Clerk raises the issue put forward by Cllr J Butcher regarding Welfare Hall vandalism – expresses disappointment and disapproval of the actions of the youths – security cameras now being installed on the premises.

The Town Clerk states there are two issues of parking, one being the parking/traffic at Penprysg School and parking outside of Pencoed Comp.

Cllr M. Evans expresses her concern over the high number (11) of stalking and harassment reports.

Specifics of the cases not known to PCSO's in attendance.

Cllr T. Lyddon – surprised that no cases of shoplifting were reported in Pencoed.

PCSO A. Osborne states that a lot of former offenders are no longer in Pencoed.

PCSO A. Osborne raises the issue of people attempting to open car doors in December across the Borough.

Vote of thanks moved by Cllr. R.J. Hancock OBE, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

RESOLVED TO NOTE AND ACCEPT POLICE REPORT WITH THANKS.

Cllr C. Edwards states that the Britannia licensing issue should have resulted in a full closure.

Recommended that the Council writes to BCBC's licensing authority regarding this and to consider removing the premises license.

Moved by Cllr C. Edwards, seconded by Cllr R.J. Hancock
OBE.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY.

8524 To receive questions from the public

No questions received.

8525 To receive Mayoral messages

The Mayor P. Edwards attended all nativity plays in December.

Last Sunday the Mayor was invited to the start-up of Ospreys Junior Wheelchair rugby at Pencoed Comprehensive School.

The Mayor states he was impressed with the various organisations funding and aiding the start-up event.

The Mayor raises the possibility of making a donation via his mayoral fund.

Issue noted of one individual using the event for political ends.

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE – proposed the council puts up a post featuring the mayor supporting the wheelchair rugby event and show mayoral and council support.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT WITH THANKS.

8526 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th December 2024

The Town Clerk clarified the issue of Penprysg bridge representatives. There was a request from Cllr J. Butcher to be a representative, though PTC is only allowed two representatives (now the Mayor P. Edwards and the Town Clerk)

Cllr M. Evans thanks Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE for his work on 21st century schools and Penprysg bridge group.

Minutes moved by Cllr. T Lyddon, seconded by Cllr R. Williams.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH THE CLARIFICATION GIVEN.

8527 To receive a verbal report from the earlier Cttee 2 meeting as appropriate.

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE states there were three issues raised at the Committee 2 meeting.

1. Replacement of the Town Clerk.

The Council expresses its thanks to the Town Clerk for his unwavering work and support for the Council

The Council could either delete the post of Deputy Clerk and move the current Deputy Clerk into the Town Clerk position or advertise the post of Town Clerk publicly.

Cllr. R.J. Hancock OBE states it would be unfair to delete the post of Deputy Clerk as this would restrict the hiring of an assistant for a year.

Thus, Committee 2 recommends the post is advertised to the public until the 12th of February 2025 and is considered at Full Council on 13th February along with the Job description and person specification.

2. Damage at Coed Iestyn woods – Committee is of the opinion to seek tenders over two weeks and that the affected areas are closed for the

necessary time period with costs being in the region of £800.

3. Coedbach allotments – survey conducted to the residents, recommended that the matter be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The Town Clerk explains that there had been 17 responses to the survey, 8 of which were in favour, and nine of which were 9 against. Though all raised concerns including site access, parking, ASB, devaluation of property, litter and the wish for the area to return to a play park.

Must note legal requirement to provide allotments if six residents request them.

Recommendations moved by Cllr T. Lyddon and seconded by Cllr M. Evans.

Thanks given by the Mayor P. Edwards for Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE's report.

The Council also gives their thanks.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS.

8528 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

Coity Walia – nothing to report/see previous minutes.

Town and Community Councils' Forum – no meeting

Rockwool Meetings – meeting due soon

One Voice Wales and the Larger Council Forum – meeting next Monday (20/01/2025)

Youth Engagement Panel – representative Cllr B. Doughty not in attendance

Welfare Hall Management Committee – representative Cllr. J. Butcher not in attendance

Friends of Salem – Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE - New trustees notified to the charity commission, most trustees they've had.

Liaison Group Pencoed RFC – nothing to report

Safer Streets – meeting due in Jan/Feb.

21st Century Schools Group – nothing to report

Penprysg Bridge Working Group – The Town Clerk reiterates that there are only two PTC reps (Town Clerk and Mayor P. Edwards).

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT.

8529 To consider the Town Clerk's General Report

The Town Clerk gives his thanks to the council for their kindness since he's been working his notice.

Expresses gratitude for all the support he's received and thanks Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE for his financial knowledge and support during his tenure.

Sincere thanks given to the whole council by the Town Clerk.

The Full Council thanks the work of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT WITH THANKS.

8530 Financial Matters –

- a) To receive a list of creditors for the period December 1st to December 31st, 2024.

Creditors list from December 1st to December 31st 2024.

Staff Salaries/Wages	XXXX
Staff Pension	751.58
<u>Hmrc</u> PAYE	1,641.99
R. Williams (Lock up Rent)	120
BCBC (Rates for Car Park)	105
Telephone Charges	160.21
Photocopying Charges	68.37
Allstar (<u>Fuel</u> Charges)	66.8
Days Rental (Van Lease)	513.83
Grounds Maintenance (Felindre Road)	120
Waste Disposal (<u>Nolan</u>)	162
Pavilion WIFI (EE)	48
TCRM	108
SSE Energy	168.68
<u>Certas</u> Energy	456.59
Highland Services	234
Talbot Community Centre	300.00
R.P. Romans	300.00
Contact PPE	62.94
Complete Business	41.81
Hybrid Heating	114
Timpson	36
Homebase	3.6
B&M	51.73
Amazon	14.6
Xmas 2024 Awards	175
British Legion	100
Expenditure marked XXXX	£8,385.43
Total Monthly Expenditure	£14,310.16

Moved by Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

The Town Clerk states that a payment was made for immediate roof repairs of shed, though it is a matter for BCBC to remedy. BCBC contacted regarding this, though there has been no response yet.

The Town Clerk also raises the matter of the upcoming T&CC meeting with BCBC and the recently published community review document which contained a significant error which mistook Pencoed Town Council for Porthcawl Town Council. Disappointment expressed.

Proposed merging of PTC and Coychurch Higher and Heol y Cyw is noted.

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE – Talbot community centre payment - tremendous to see the work of the community center and recommends the Council congratulates them for their work during the Christmas period. Moved by Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE, seconded by Cllr M. Evans.

Cllr M. Evans states that Llais engagement activities to be undertaken in Pencoed from 10th Feb and 24th Feb.

Way to hear views of people regarding health and social care services.

Recommends they be invited to the next full council meeting.

Note there was a misunderstanding during this debate which has now been rectified.

The Town Clerk states he will deal with the matter appropriately.

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

Moved by Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE, seconded by Cllr T. Lyddon.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT.

8531 Correspondence

The Town Clerk states that Cenin have been in contact in contact regarding a preapplication from January to March and are asking for the Council's availability to discuss the matter of wind turbines for Mynydd Y Gaer.

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE moves that the comments from Cenin be noted at this stage, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

8532 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas.

Nothing of note.

8533 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 8:20pm.