

**Pencoed Town Council**

**Minutes of Full Council meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025,**

**held in Salem Chapel Vestry, Coychurch Road, Pencoed.**

**Present Councillors:**

P. Edwards – Town Mayor/Chair

R. Williams

T. Lyddon

C. Edwards

J. Butcher

M. Walters

L. Lewis

J. Jones

M. Evans

H. Whyley

J. Ryan

In attendance: Town Clerk Geraint Thomas and Deputy Clerk Morgan Davies.

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

**8549 Apologies for absence and dispensation**

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

Cllr B. Doughty

Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE

**8550 Declarations of interest**

Cllr M. Evans – interests declared throughout item 9 as a BCBC representative on Coity Walia's Board of Conservators, Governor of Pencoed Comp and Croesty Primary School and as a BCBC Cabinet Member.

Cllr T. Lyddon – item 9 regarding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Group as Chair of Governors at Croesty Primary School and a Governor at Pencoed Comp.

**8551 To receive the Police Report and any correspondence**

Report received; no police attendance due to the ongoing situation in Talbot Green.

The Town Clerk recently had a meeting with Inspector Newman, the Inspector was thanked for work he has done with providing us with reports.

Cllr J. Butcher states he had given his thanks to the PCSOs for their support on an incident at the welfare hall.

RESOLVED to note.

**8552 To receive questions from the public**

Cllr J. Jones – a resident has expressed a wish to meet with somebody in finance regarding budgeting.

Email to be referred to the Town Clerk.

**8553 To receive Mayoral messages**

No messages.

It is the Town Clerk's last meeting; the Mayor P. Edwards and Full Council wishes the Clerk all the best with his retirement.

**8554 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Moved by Cllr R. Williams, seconded by Cllr T. Lyddon.

RESOLVED TO NOTE AND ACCEPT.

**8555 To consider the contents of the Independent Review Panel for Wales report 25/26, and its impact on the Council**

The Town Clerk states there has been no real change for Town and Community Councils, members entitled to minimum of £150 per year.

Cllr J. Butcher – could payments be directed to Mayor's charity?

The Members will receive the money, then it is up to the individual what to do with it.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

**8556 To receive nominations for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2025/2026**

Cllr J. Butcher nominates Cllr T Lyddon for Mayor, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

Deputy mayor – Cllr M. Evans nominated by Cllr C. Edwards, seconded by Cllr T. Lyddon.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND NOTE.

**8557 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies**

Coity Walia – Cllr. R Williams - meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January, not much of note. Islawen meadows issue at a stalemate. Coity Walia still seeks financial assistance from Council.

Cllr C. Edwards replies that the issue of financial assistance was dealt with Cttee 2, no funds for assistance, but supporting them becoming a precept authority.

Town and Community Councils' forum – Nothing to report

Rockwool Meeting – Cllr P. Edwards wasn't informed of meeting, unable to attend as at the Full Council meeting instead.

One Voice Wales and the Larger Council Forum – The Town Clerks states that the OVW AGM has been postponed due to lack of numbers. Concern expressed over this.

Cllr T. Lyddon states that herself and Cllr L. Lewis attended last year, not much detail given and most of it was online, thus it was a bit of a waste of time. Perhaps a cause of low attendance this year.

Youth Engagement Panel – Nothing to report.

Welfare Hall Management Committee – Nothing to report

Friends of Salem – nothing to report

Liaison Group PRFC – The Town Clerk states that himself, the Mayor and Chair of Finance met with the PRFC Chairman last week, where a key was provided for the Pavilion out of trust and as a cost reducing measure. No problems have arisen so far. The Town Clerk is to be informed when the Pavilion is being used as fees are still to be charged.

Safer Streets – Cllr M. Evans attended a meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, minutes have been circulated by the Town Clerk. Cllr M. Evans provided a summary on what occurred at the meeting, in addition to the minutes.

Possibility of funding a third night for the youth club in Pencoed, as it is well attended. To be referred to finance. Moved by Cllr M. Evans, seconded by Cllr C. Edwards.

Next meeting in September.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Group – Cllr T. Lyddon states that a meeting is to be arranged

ASAP.

Penprysg Bridge Working Group – Cllr. P Edwards states that letters have been distributed in Heol y Cyw for MP Chris Elmore's surgery.

Cllr M. Evans – an email has been sent out for a TFW drop-in event in Tondu.

Cllr. M Walters states that a woman recently missed a hospital appoint due to the level crossing being lowered all day. Nothing done about it by TFW and Network Rail.

Cllr C. Edwards states that such issues are swept under the radar, particularly the Penprysg level crossing issue.

Cllr C. Edwards requests that Chris Elmore's surgery be advertised on social media.

Advertisement to be circulated.

Cllr P. Edwards moves that the Council writes a letter to Transport for Wales and Network Rail on this matter, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

To be forwarded to all the relevant bodies and ministers.

To be followed up if no response received.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

#### **8558 To consider the Town Clerk's General Report**

The Town Clerk expresses his utmost thanks for the support he has received during his tenure as Town Clerk.

The Council has achieved a lot during his tenure, e.g., public toilets, MUGA, skatepark, pavilion.

There is still a lot to be done, hopefully the Council can commit and support the future clerk as the Council has supported himself.

The Town Clerk gives his sincere thanks to Cllr R.J. Hancock OBE for all his advice and support during the Town Clerk's time in post.

The Full council gives thanks to the Town Clerk for his service.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

#### **8559 Financial Matters –**

- a) **To receive a list of creditors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 to 28th February 2025.**

Creditors list from February 1st to February 28th 2024.

Staff Salaries/Wages	XXXX
Staff Pension	382.96
HMRC PAYE	1634.26
R. Williams (Lock up Rent)	120
BCBC (Rates for Car Park)	0
Telephone Charges	133.27
Photocopying Charges	51.79
Allstar (Fuel Charges)	148.42
Days Rental (Van Lease)	477.83
Grounds Maintenance (Felindre Road)	120
Waste Disposal (Nolan)	216
Pavilion WIFI (EE)	48
TCRM	108
SSE	930.24
Staff Training	59.99
Centregreat	9922.8
Celtic Mowers	487.6
Pavilion lock	52.08
Pavilion (Highland Services)	636
Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby	200
Fine Turf Solutions	180
Grenke	1184.4
Flowers	60
Expenditure marked XXXX	£6,936.29
Total Monthly Expenditure	£24,089.93

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

Town Clerk – shortfall in the salaries, covered in the previous meeting.

Moved to accept by Cllr C. Edwards, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

**8560 Correspondence**

Town Clerk – previous correspondence circulated.

Now part of the armed forces covenant and nominated for an award.

Proposals within the community to have a Menshed.

Cllr C. Edwards states there is support for this across Bridgend and on social media etc.

Would be very positive for Pencoed and men's mental health within the area.

Grant application form provided to Mr. B. Lewis.

Cllr M. Evans – VE day is coming up, perhaps to be looked at by Cttee, as there will be street parties and possible road closures.

**8561 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas**

Cllrs P. Edwards and C. Edwards suggest that a rolling agenda is needed as items tend to be forgotten about once discussed/resolved at meetings. Keeps issues live until they are dealt with.

**8562 If appropriate, 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.

**This resolution was passed.** Moved by Cllr C. Edwards, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis.

**MEETING ENDED AT 8:53pm.**

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