

Pencoed Town Council

Minutes of Full Council meeting Thursday 19th June 2025,

held in Salem Chapel Vestry, Coychurch Road, Pencoed.

Present Councillors:

T. Lyddon – Chair/Mayor

P. Edwards

C. Edwards

J. Butcher

M. Walters

J. Jones

B. Doughty

R. Williams

M. Evans

J. Ryan

L. Lewis

In attendance: Morgan Davies (Town Clerk), Paul Drayton and representatives of Pencoed's Menshed.

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

At the beginning of the meeting, the Town Clerk advised the Council that an amended agenda had been issued on Monday and circulated to all members. The amended agenda includes the agenda item 13 or minute 8604 regarding Pencoed Miner's Welfare Hall, which was mistakenly omitted from the original agenda.

8592 Apologies for absence and dispensation

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

Cllr J. Williams

Cllr H. Whyley

8593 Declarations of interest

Cllr J. Butcher –

- Interest declared for item 12 as having attended Town Twinning visits.
- interest declared for items 13 as trustee for Pencoed Miner's Welfare Hall and Chair of the Management Committee.

Cllr M. Evans – interests declared for items 3, 13, and 14 as BCBC Councillor, member of Friends of Salem and of the 21st Century Schools group.

Cllr P. Edwards – interest declared for item 14 as a member of the 21st Century Schools group.

Cllr T. Lyddon – interest declared for item 14 as Chair of Governors at Croesty school and Governor at Pencoed Comprehensive School.

Cllr R. Williams –

- Interest declared for item 13 as previous Chair of Pencoed Miner's Welfare Hall.
- Interests declared for items 3, 4, and 12 as a member of the Development Control Committee for BCBC and as a previous Mayor.
- Interest declared for item 14 as a member of the 21st Century Schools group.

Cllr C. Edwards – item 16 regarding the creditors list (G2C) as she knows the solicitors working for them.

Cllr J. Jones – interest declared regarding item 13 due to recent attendance at a Welfare Hall meeting.

8594 To receive the Police Report and any correspondence

Police give apologies for non-attendance.

Mayor T. Lyddon summarises the provided police report:

41 crimes recorded for May, 2.4% decrease from last year.

Highest crime being stalking and harassment offences.

Burglary to Pencoed Primary School, individuals identified and are going through the criminal justice system.

Low ASB reporting in comparison to other wards in the Bridgend sector.

New PCSO in the Pencoed area, Michelle Rees, who replaces PCSO Andrew Osborne.

Cllr B Doughty asks the Town Clerk to write to the police due to double yellow lines outside/operate Britannia pub and the use of them by takeaways. Unsafe road use. Yellow lines have faded over time, needs to be looked into.

Cllr R. Williams states that double yellows are dealt with by BCBC.

Cllr M. Walters raises concern over attempted car break-ins at the beginning of June.

RESOLVED TO NOTE

8595 To receive a presentation from Paul Drayton of Pencoed's Menshed on the Menshed and their projects.

P. Drayton welcomed to meeting by Mayor T. Lyddon.

P Drayton gives a presentation on Pencoed Menshed and their activities and projects.

Stresses the importance of men's mental health, of creating a stronger community where men can express themselves and presents statistics highlighting the mental health struggles of men.

Need for male only groups in Pencoed, too many men doing isolated hobbies, to the detriment of their mental health, self esteem etc.

Menshed – community based non-profit organization aimed at improving men's mental health.

Expresses interest in designing and building a shed.

Seeking to host a range of activities including woodworking, gardening, model making etc.

Can help with community projects.

Requests support from PTC, BCBC and the local community.

P. Drayton states that the Menshed are seeking an area to build a shed.

Seeking funding from local community funding schemes.

Cllr P. Edwards states that grants are available from the Town Council.

Cllr J. Jones praises the Menshed and their proposals – suicide in men is extremely high, this is a great solution to it.

Cllr B. Doughty states that the Menshed are welcome to attend committee meeting to discuss details.

- Could have allotments for the Menshed's use.
- Every month on a Saturday breakfast club with veterans, could have funding from Armed Forces Covenant.

Cllr P. Edwards states that the Pavilion could be used for the Menshed's activities.

Cllr M Evans explains that she recently met with the Menshed along with Cllr C. Edwards and felt that this is something the Town Council could support.

Cllr M. Walters – expresses support for the Menshed and their projects.

Cllr R. Williams – grants are available for specific projects within the PTC area.

Cllr C. Edwards expresses her full support for the Menshed.

Cllr L. Lewis – expresses support and raises concerns over mens mental health.

The Town Clerk is to look into pavilion availability.

Council votes on their support of Pencoed's Menshed – unanimous agreement.

RESOLVED TO NOTE AND ACCEPT.

8596 To receive questions from the public

No questions

8597 To receive Mayoral messages.

The Mayor T. Lyddon attended 'ECO prom' at the youth engagement center.

Photos to be circulated, praises the event all in all.

The Mayor T. Lyddon, Cllr C. Edwards and the Town Clerk met with a representative from REACH regarding memorial garden funding.

Cllr M. Evans gives her thanks to all young people who attended the ECO prom night, The Mayor, youth workers and all the businesses who supported with the provision of prizes.

The Mayor T. Lyddon thanks Cllr B Doughty on replacing the cooker at youth engagement center.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

8598 To receive the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th May 2025

Cllr H. Whyley has informed the Town Clerk that she wants her disappointment on the Committee appointment process to be noted.

Cllr J. Butcher states that this should be minuted, as the nomination process of committees is predetermined. Perhaps needs to be reformed.

The Town Clerk states that Cllr H. Whyley is officially stepping down from the Planning and Public Consultation Committee.

Minutes moved by Cllr J. Butcher, seconded by Cllr P. Edwards

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH AMENDMENTS

8599 To receive the minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee 2 meeting held on 29th May 2025.

Moved by Cllr M. Evans, seconded by Cllr L. Lewis

8600 To receive the minutes of the Planning and Public Consultation Committee 1 meeting held on 5th June 2025.

Moved by Cllr B. Doughty, seconded by Cllr P. Edwards.

8601 To consider Pencoed Town Council's Annual Report for 2024/25

Moved by Cllr R. Williams, seconded by Cllr B. Doughty.

8602 To consider Pencoed Town Council's Annual Training Plan for 2025/26.

The Town Clerk gives an overview of PTC's training plan for 2025/26, with the total costs amounting to approximately £1,450.

Training plan moved by Cllr J. Jones, seconded by Cllr J. Butcher.

8603 To consider Cllr J. Butcher's notice of motion:

"The decision of the Council by Minute 7526 be rescinded and re-entered such that the records show that Pencoed Town Council reaffirm its continued support for Twinning arrangements with Waldsassen and Plouzané in accordance with

the laid down written Charters. Such support shall not be restricted by any past ruling of this Council.”

The Mayor T. Lyddon asks Cllr J. Butcher to leave the meeting for this agenda item as he has a prejudicial interest in this.

This is disputed by Cllr J. Butcher.

Cllr P. Edwards recommends that this issue is deferred to the next meeting for clarification on interests.

The Town Clerk is to seek the exact minute relating to the above resolution and the Town Twinning constitution.

Vote to defer this item to the next meeting – majority agreed.

RESOLVED TO DEFER ITEM TO NEXT MEETING.

8604 To consider matters relating to Pencoed’s Welfare Hall, as raised by Cllr J. Butcher at the previous Full Council meeting.

Cllr J. Butcher provides an oral report on Pencoed Miners Welfare Hall, its history, present and plans for the future.

Cllr J. Butcher raises Pencoed Town Council’s previous involvement in the Welfare Hall, and their later relocation from the Welfare Hall to Salem Chapel Vestry. Ultimately resulting in many Councillors leaving the Welfare Hall Management Committee.

Now: currently the Hall operates successfully and more professionally than ever. Constitution varied so that any member of the council that has resigned is only subject to nomination by majority vote.

Cllr J. Butcher has been asked by the Welfare Hall Management to talk to the Council and to create contact and participation.

Miner’s Welfare Hall has long standing history in Pencoed.
Fantastic if the Council took more participatory role, at no cost to Council. Good PR for PTC.

AGM in mid-July, Cllrs B. Doughty, P. Edwards and T. Lyddon asked to consider joining group.

The Town Clerk proposed a meeting with the mentioned Councillors to advise on this.

Cllr R. Williams states that this issue has come up before, you are always a Councillor and don’t stop being a Councillor.

- If grants were being given to the Welfare Hall, then Councillors couldn’t be involved in agreement.

Cllr P. Edwards states that a conversation would be helpful.

Cllr L. Lewis clarifies that her resignation from the Welfare Hall wasn't political.

Cllr J. Butcher – Councillor here also sit on Salem, should be no conflict.

Cllr C. Edwards thanks Cllr J. Butcher for bringing this to Council. Need to serve the people of Pencoed. Need to work together, put differences aside.

Cllr J. Jones states that she attended a Welfare Hall meeting, a lot of passion of trying to work with community. Missing of other members was sad. Why was the Council not represented?

Cllr L. Lewis in agreement, also Cllr M. Walters.

Cllr R. Williams states that the reason PTC came to Salem is that the rent is slower, saved the Chapel.

Cllr M. Evans explains that if it wasn't for PTC the vestry and chapel likely wouldn't be standing.

Cllr J. Butcher thanks the Council for hearing the proposal and leaves it to mentioned Councillors to consider.

Cllr P. Edwards – puts himself forward for the Welfare Hall AGM.

Cllr T. Lyddon – puts herself forward.

Cllr B. Doughty – Happy to be part of the Hall.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

Subsequent to this meeting it was revealed that an incorrect agenda was publicly circulated, meaning proper notice of this particular agenda item was not given (The Local Government Act 1972, sch 12, para 26(2)). Therefore, the above discussion is now on hold and is to be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

8605 To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies

Coity Walia – nothing to report

Town and Community Councils' Forum – no report

Rockwool meetings – Cllr P. Edwards - catch up meeting, open day for all. Independent source to measure lighting, within limits. Have shut down part of the community, more projects outside of the area. Acoustic wall installed in a certain part. BCBC given permission for Rockwool to move temporary warehouse.

Cllr B. Doughty – possible visit for the Town Council? P To be raised by Cllr P. Edwards.

One Voice Wales and the Larger Council Forum – nothing to report

Welfare Hall Management Committee – already cover by Cllr J. Butcher as above.

Friends of Salem – Nothing to report.

Liaison Group PRFC – Nothing to report.

Safer Streets – Nothing to report.

21st Century Schools Group – Nothing to report.

Penprysg Bridge Working Group – Nothing to report.

Cllr B. Doughty recommends that the Town Clerk writes to the chairman of the group. £450m is coming to Wales, thus will there be any improvement on the bridge?

Road safety issues raised by Cllr T. Lyddon.

Cllr C. Edwards recommends that the Menshed be added to this section – unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED TO NOTE AND ACCEPT.

8606 To consider the Town Clerk's General Report

The Town Clerk states that the internal audit has been completed, with the Annual Return and documents collected on June 17th, 2025.

Hendre Ward by-election – The Town Clerk congratulates Cllr J. Williams on winning the Hendre Ward by-election. The Clerk met with him subsequent to the election and all declarations were signed and interests registered.

Memorial Garden – The Clerk, Mayor T. Lyddon and Chair of Finance Cllr C. Edwards met with a representative from REACH to discuss funding for the Memorial Garden project, where the Council could receive a grant of up to £10,000. Further funding is also to be sought from Rockwool and the like.

Landscaping quote received of £29,000, excluding VAT.

Cricket Shed – the CAT transfer of the storage shed on the Felindre Rd playing fields has been approved. BCBC are to remove the asbestos from the shed, with the Cricket Club subsequently replacing the roof. No cost to the Council.

Land north of Coed Y Graig – interest has been expressed in a CAT transfer of the land lying north of Coed Y Graig, which could be used to facilitate the Menshed's activities.

Cllr J. Butcher recalls that there may be a storage tank in the area.

Defibrillator – the Town Clerk met with the daughter of former Mayor and Councillor, Kenneth King, to discuss the prospects of installing a defibrillator outside the Council offices. £580 has been raised in donations subsequent to Kenneth King's passing.

Referred to the Finance and Projects Committee.

Cllr T. Lyddon thanks the Clerk for his work up to this point.

Agreed by whole council

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

8607 Financial Matters –

a) To receive a list of creditors for the period 1st April 2025 to 30th April 2025

Creditors list from May 1st to May 31st 2025.

Staff Salaries/Wages	XXXX
Staff Pension	424.54
HMRC PAYE	1353.59
R. Williams (Lock up Rent)	120
BCBC (Car Park)	107
Telephone Charges	140.03
Photocopying Charges	50.94
Allstar (Fuel Charges)	104.84
Days Rental (Van Lease)	477.83
Grounds Maintenance (Felindre Road)	1344
Cricket Roller Hire	96.84
Waste Disposal (Nolan)	228
N. Thomas Landscapes	936
Pavilion WIFI (EE)	51.07
Fine Turf Solutions	210
SSE Energy	970.37
Gateway2Conveyancing	140
SLCC Training	710
TCRM	126
Croesty PTA	100
Mayoral Allowance	300
Members Allowances	2080
Expenditure marked XXXX	£4,810.05
Total Monthly Expenditure	£14,881.10

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

c) To receive and consider Pencoed Town Council's annual return for 2024/25.

All documents and annual return moved by Cllr J. Butcher seconded by Cllr C.

Edwards.

Annual return signed and approved by the Mayor T. Lyddon.

RESOLVED TO ACCEPT.

8608 Correspondence

Nothing to report.

8609 To consider the Council's rolling agenda

Memorial gardens – see the Town Clerk's report

Footpath – to be considered at the next Planning and Public Consultation Committee meeting.

Cllr J. Butcher compliments the work of the Council's manual operative on village sector, however rest of the town needs work.

If by the next meeting nothing is done, perhaps the Council invites BCBC to discuss this.

RESOLVED TO NOTE.

8610 If appropriate, to receive items for future agendas

Nothing received.

8611 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 not passed.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:56pm.

