

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 15th July 2024 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via
Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews, J Coles* (from 7.15 pm), D Davies, W Davies, C Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis and G Walters*

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors H Griffiths, M Jones, R Jones, M Thomas and M Trowbridge

Also Present: PCSO A Jenkins (up to item 5)

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School Community Award 2023	Director Chair of Governors Related to Nominee/Winner
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
N Harwood- Scorer	Planning Ref: P/23/699/FUL	Local Resident

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
33/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
34/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
35/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the June Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the June 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings were approved and signed by the Chair.
36/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the June 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the information and action of the Clerk were noted. It was agreed to accept SW Contractors' quotes for the wall and steps and that the wall is rendered not covered in stone cladding.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service from the floral contractor and Amberol was not acceptable. • The Clerk was asked to ask Councillor Coles to report on the Armed Forces Covenant in September.
37/24-25	To Receive the Crime Figures for June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crime figures were noted. • The Clerk was asked to contact the Rights of Way department at BCBC to ask about ownership of the land.
38/24-25	Draft Annual Report 23/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to accept the Report and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.
39/24-25	Allowances Policy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amendments were accepted and the Clerk was asked to add one additional bullet point saying, 'that a Councillor attendance will be monitored throughout the year and dependent on the level of absenteeism, and whether there were extenuating circumstances, the attendance allowance will be paid back pro rata at the end of that financial year.'
40/24-25	T&CC Fund - 2 nd Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to apply for match funding for the steps on The Strand and accept the quote from SW Contractors for both the retaining wall and the steps in this location.
41/24-25	Events Committee Recommendations including Christmas 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Members unanimously accepted all recommendations. • It was noted that as previously agreed the cost of the Concert ticket would be £3. • Councillor C Lloyd would investigate water bottles and mugs as Christmas gifts and report back to the September meeting. • It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain information on items available to commemorate the animals' work in

		the war and report back in September.
41/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented. • The budget monitoring sheet and balance c/f were approved
42/24-25	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • Councillor M Lewis would put in referrals to BCBC on all hedgerow, overgrowth, fridge/freezer, rats and footway issues. • The Clerk would ask the Warden to cut back the grass in the Plant! site and the Clerk was asked to request that the PCSOs visit the primary schools to remind children of the dangers of cycling.
43/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair had been unable to attend the AGM at the Bridgend Samaritans at the last minute, so there was nothing to report.
44/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to inform the Warden not to replace the flowerbeds, but to create a second area of wildflowers in that area and to employ a temporary contractor to cut the grass in Blaengarw and Bettws
45/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • Councillor M Jones had been absent from council meetings since February 2024 and had written a letter of resignation to the council. This was unanimously accepted. The Clerk would contact BCBC and arrange for a Notice of Vacancy to be published following Councillor Jones' resignation. • The Clerk was asked to notify Tanio of their agreement for them to use PC Lan on 6th August subject to the

		Warden being present and a copy of their Risk Assessment and Public Liability insurance being received in advance of the event.
46/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted including the Clerk's update that she could not submit an objection to a planning decision on P/23/699/FUL as following a check with Planning Aid Wales and BCBC's planning department there is no opportunity to object to a decision other than through the courts of justice. • The council were unhappy with the retrospective conditional consent given to P/24/206/FUL.
47/24-25	Items for the next Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at the Richard Price Centre on 16th September 2024 at 6.30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas Concert 2024 ➤ Armed Forces Covenant (JC) • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.