

Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 16th September 2024 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles (from 7.24 pm), D Davies, W Davies, C Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis and M Trowbridge

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews, H Griffiths, R Jones and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor M Thomas

Also Present: PCSO J Elliot (up to item 5)

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Chair of Governors
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
N Harwood-Scorer	Co-option Bettws Ward	Personal/Prejudicial Interest

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
48/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
49/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
50/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the July Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the July 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings were approved and signed by the Chair.
51/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the July 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. It was unanimously agreed to ask BCBC to cease carrying out maintenance to this area from January 2025 when the CC would take over managing it all. The Clerk was asked to write to the contractor to agree a date for

		<p>installation in 2025, to request a risk assessment and a copy of their public liability insurance for the council's records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to adhere to the guidance from the Pageant master for the VE Day 80th Anniversary. • It was agreed that the Warden will repair the loose areas in time for Remembrance Day 2024 and that going forward the Clerk applies for funding for a full repair from the War Memorial Fund.
52/24-25	To Receive the Crime Figures for July and August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crime figures for July and August and the information regarding the smell of cannabis were noted.
53/24-25	Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Coles was unable to present on this subject and asked for it to be included on the October 2024 agenda
54/24-25	Places of Worship Garw Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor W Davies would ask the Llandaff Diocese to write to the council confirming its plans for the winter so that the council could write in reply.
55/24-25	Co-option Bettws Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to co-opt the second candidate, Luke McGuinness-West. • Both candidates were worthy.
56/24-25	Future Ward Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair and Clerk would attend the BCBC meeting and feed back to Members at the council meeting in November.
57/24-25	Bench Wood Street, Pontycymer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the Pontycymer Ward will purchase a bench and cover the cost of installation. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for a license, purchase and installation.
58/24-25	Land/Gardening Packs Blaengarw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to make the funding application.

59/24–25	Christmas/Concert 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to contact the 5 primary schools to ask if they are happy to accept mugs for all the children and to ask for numbers to enable purchasing well in advance of Christmas. • It was unanimously agreed to use the red Christmas bauble poster for the concert publicity; Councillor D Davies was asked to change the colour of the wording regarding entertainment from gold to white and to include the information about purchasing tickets from Blaengarw School. • It was unanimously agreed to accept the cost of the hall hire and choir. • All information was accepted and agreed.
60/24-25	Risk Management Plan 2024/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft risk assessment schedule for 2024/2025 was accepted.
61/24-25	Training Plan 2024/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor M Lewis did not require Charing Skills training and this will be removed from the draft plan. • The newly co-opted Councillor would require Code of Conduct training and possibly some others, the Clerk would discuss this with the new Councillor. • All other members were asked to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend any future training. • The Clerk was asked to amend the plan and publish.
62/24-25	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 and the income noted. • It was unanimously agreed to use the £6,000 to purchase 3 new benches and 3 new bins for the Strand green open space and to install them after the

		wall and step repairs are completed in early 2025.
63/24-25	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • Questions regarding behaviour at the Halo summer play scheme could be asked at the October meeting when they will present feedback to the council. • The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown balsam and the water issues in Llangeinor. • One of the damaged decorative edging has been retrieved by a resident of Rose Cottages and is in their possession, the other is missing. Councillor Trowbridge was asked to pass on the contact details of the original supplier so that the Clerk could obtain a quote in time for precept budget setting.
64/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair had nothing to report. This was noted.
65/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The information regarding the Visitor Centre was noted. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the work in time for the November 1st draft precept budget setting exercise. • Councillor J Coles would collect one sack of daffodil bulbs for Blaengarw with the other being planted by the Warden in the existing flower bed areas on the Strand, Councillor N Harwood-Scorer agreed with Councillor M Trowbridge that he would collect the bulbs for them both to plant and Councillor H Griffiths would be asked to collect the sacks for Pontycymer. • Councillor J Coles was thanked for his work in securing free trees.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to renew the insurance at the price quoted. • The Clerk was asked to purchase 2 remembrance wreaths for Pontycymer, 1 for Bettws, 1 Llangeinor and 1 for Blaengarw. • Councillor C Lloyd said she'd be happy to monitor and manage the defibrillators in the valley if the council would cover the cost of the replacement items. She would make arrangements to meet with the responder to find out all the information needed and include her name on the Ambulance Service's defib register.
66/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • Two of the financial requests would be deferred to the October meeting due to a lack of discussion time. • The Clerk had requested further information and the completion of the council's application form from Splice Child and Family Project but nothing had been received in time for the meeting to consider. • Permission was given to Tanio to use PC Lan subject to the receipt of a risk assessment and a copy of Tanio's public liability insurance and the Warden being present for the event. • The Chair accepted the invitation from Maesteg Town Council.
67/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • There were no objections or matters raised.
68/24-25	Items for the next Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at the Richard Price Centre on 21st October 2024 at 6.30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas/Concert 2024 Update ➤ Armed Forces Covenant (JC) ➤ Financial Requests x 2

		<p>➤ Halo Leisure - Feedback on the Summer Activity Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.
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