

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council  
held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Councillors J Coles , D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, C Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis, M Thomas, M Trowbridge and G Walters

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors G Andrews

**No Apologies:** Councillor R Jones

**Also Present:** PCSO M Rees (up to item 6), one member of the public and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Vice-Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Ffaldau School and Federation of Schools	Member Governor
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
69/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>
70/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>
71/24-25	Presentation by Halo Leisure on the Summer Activity Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This item was not discussed as the representative of Halo had not been able to attend the meeting. Council requested that the item is deferred to the November 2024 agenda.</li></ul>
72/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the September Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Minutes of the September 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings were approved and signed by the Chair.</li></ul>

73/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the September 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk would write to the church contact, obtain a quote for the decorative panelling and invite Claudia Frost to the November meeting.</li> <li>• Councillor C Lloyd would purchase batteries as a matter of urgency and replace and a discussion would be included on a future meeting agenda regarding who pays for the items going forward.</li> </ul>
74/24-25	To Receive the Crime Figures for September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The crime figures for September were discussed, PCSO M Rees explained the figures.</li> </ul>
75/24-25	Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Coles gave a summary presentation on the Covenant information received some months ago. Councillor Coles presented a draft of the wording for GVCC.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to sign the Covenant.</li> </ul>
76/24-25	Christmas/Christmas Concert 2024 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk and Councillor Lloyd would purchase and deliver the mugs and the Clerk would get stickers made of the council logo to put on the box.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that the hall would remain open until 10.00 pm at the hire cost of £237.42</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to invite the following: Borough Mayor, Borough Deputy Mayor, Leader BCB, Deputy Leader BCBC, Rev Geraint and Councillor M Jones.</li> <li>• Tickets are available from Blaengarw Primary School or on request from Councillors.</li> </ul>
77/24-25	Bottom Half of the Community Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
78/24-25	Awen Christmas Event PC Lan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that this would be a fantastic addition and the Clerk was asked to liaise with Awen.</li> </ul>

79/24-25	Co-option Bettws Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr W L Thomas of Bettws.</li> </ul>
80/24-25	Financial Requests x 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that due to the restrictions of the discretionary expenditure powers of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a donation could not be given to Dylan Sage, though he would be a worthy candidate for the Sports Community Award 24/25.</li> <li>• It was agreed to request further information from Bettws Primary School ie a quote for the LED lights, what the charges are to use the facilities, who uses them, what local children's teams use the facilities and to include it for further discussion on the November agenda.</li> <li>• It was agreed to donate £2,000 to Carn Rovers for their storage container, that when the completed financial assistance form is received from Pontycymer Rugby and Community Sports Ltd the request will be considered and that the Llangeinor ward would donate £650 to the Richard Price Centre for the pantomime.</li> </ul>
81/24-25	Finance & Accounts including Conclusion of Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented. #</li> <li>• The budget monitoring sheet and balance c/f were approved and the income noted. The Clerk was asked to publish a Notice of Conclusion of Audit and invite the electorate to inspect the Audit Statement at a cost per copy of £0.00.</li> </ul>
82/24-25	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk had referred all issues passed on to her to BCBC. Councillor M Lewis will make a referral about the school transport concerns.</li> </ul>

83/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
84/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>A vote was taken on working in partnership with CHCC all voted yes apart from Councillor M Trowbridge who voted against.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote to remove the pond weed and cut back the reeds at Pontycymer lake.</li> <li>It was agreed to share the cost of the storage cupboard with the two other councils.</li> </ul>
85/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>The Chair would accept the BTC invitation to their Civic Service, the Chair and Clerk had accepted the invitation to the meeting at BCBC on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</li> <li>If relevant the Clerk would include the IRPW draft annual report 25/26 on the November agenda.</li> </ul>
86/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information received was noted.</li> <li>There were no objections or matters raised.</li> </ul>
87/24-25	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted and the Clerk was asked to action the outcome with immediate effect.</li> </ul>
88/24-25	Items for the next Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be held at the Richard Price Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation by Halo Leisure</li> <li>➤ Defibrillators</li> <li>➤ Bettws Primary School Financial Request</li> </ul> </li> <li>The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.</li> </ul>