

**Draft Summary of the Precept Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 16th December 2025 at the Tanio, Bettws and via Zoom**

Attendance:

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

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors M Thomas, L Thomas, H Griffiths and C Lloyd

No Apologies: Councillor M Trowbridge

Also Present: 1 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
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
107/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above• The Clerk read out a resignation letter from Councillor M Thomas and informed the council that due to Councillor R Jones' non-attendance since May 2024 which broke the six-month rule, she had written to him to inform him of his disqualification.• The Clerk would contact BCBC and arrange two notices of vacancy to be advertised.• The action of the Clerk and the information was accepted.
108/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above
109/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the November Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minutes of the November Ordinary Council Meetings were approved and signed by the Chair.

110/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the November 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the REACH Project will be given a slot at the January 2025 meeting. • There was confusion over the information on the summer activity scheme as it was the PCSOs who had provided the information in the first instance. • It was agreed that in future councillors will pack the Christmas gifts for schools and deliver them. • All other information was noted and the progress on the Strand was well received.
111/24-25	To receive the Recommendations of the Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendations by the Finance Committee were unanimously accepted.
112/24-25	Draft Precept Budget 2025/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vote was taken on whether to agree the draft precept - 6 votes for and Councillor Glyn Walters against. • It was agreed to accept the draft precept budget for 25/26 and the Clerk would request a precept of £130,748 from BCBC, an increase of 34p per month, 8p per week per Band D council tax. It was noted that the precept had not been raised since the financial year 2020/21 (5 years).
113/24-25	Christmas Concert 2024 Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that going forward the event would be organised by the Events Committee and the host ward councillors would take ownership of the event; in 2025 the event will be held in Bettws, followed by Pontycymer in 2026. • The Clerk was asked to write to Awen to enquire why there were so few spotlights remaining in the Hall.
114/24-25	Clean Energy Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write to the company asking if any future correspondence with residents on this matter is copied to GVCC for the Clerk to circulate it

		amongst the council members and to raise the two points above.
115/24-25	Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no suggestions for nominations; members were asked to let the Clerk know if they wished to make a nomination by 3rd January and to provide the Clerk with all the information required on that nominee.
116/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented. The budget monitoring sheet was approved and the income noted and approved.
117/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. It was agreed that column numbers need to be provided to the Clerk if reporting Christmas lights that are not working.
118/24-25	Urgent Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the electoral register. The financial request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Ronald McDonald Charity will be deferred to March 2025. • It was noted and approved that the Clerk had provided the councillor attendance information to the IRPW. • The contact details for any questions or more information on the proposals by WEPA UK were on the email circulated to all members.
119/24-25	Urgent Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted.
120/24-25	Items for the Next Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at Tanio, Bettws on Monday 20th January 2025 at 6.30 pm and via zoom ➤ Yiota Haramblos/Claudia Frost ref. REACH Project ➤ GVBGC - presentation ➤ Project proposals for the T&CC grant funding 25/26

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