



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE
PONTYCYMMER LEISURE CENTRE ON MONDAY 20th MAY 2019 AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Councillor R Stirman (Outgoing Chair 2018/19)
Councillor S Dendy (Incoming Chair 2019/20)

Councillors: G Andrews
R Clatworthy
H Griffiths
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
M Trowbridge
G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and was initially chaired by Councillor Roz Stirman,
Chair 2018/19 up to minute 4A/20

1A/20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from: Councillors M Thomas and C Gillard-Sage

2A/20 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ms S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Friends of the Garw Valley	Member BCBC
Mrs R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Pontycymer Men's Shed	Member BCBC

3A/20 TO NOMINATE AND ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

Three nominations were proposed: Councillors G Andrews, S Dendy and R Stirman.

A discussion followed as, whilst not included in the Standing Orders, there has been a gentlemen's agreement for many years that the Vice-Chair is elected as Chair after serving as Vice-Chair for a year, and both positions are usually held in ward rotation order.

Votes were taken with equal results and then Councillor Stirman removed herself from the elections. Another vote was taken for the two remaining candidates and Councillor Dendy was elected as Chair for the year with a 6/3 majority.

RESOLVED: Following the discussion above it was agreed to include a review of the Standing Orders on the system of election, on the June 2019 Ordinary Meeting Agenda for discussion.

4A/19 TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

RESOLVED:

Councillor C Lloyd was proposed as Vice-Chair and was unanimously elected.

5A/20 TO NOTE THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MAY 2018 AS AN AIDE MEMOIRE

The Minutes were received and noted.

6A/20 TO DETERMINE A TIME-TABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/2020

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the meetings for the year ahead would continue to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30 pm and would be held on a rotational basis at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, Pontycymer Leisure Centre and venues in Bettws and Llangeinor. There would be no Ordinary Council Meetings held in August or December, although a Precept Meeting would be held in December.

It was noted that Bettws Life Centre is no longer available for meetings on Monday evenings and the Bettws Councillors agreed to discuss this further and come up with an alternative.

7A/20 TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND AGREE THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED:

Finance & Resources Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members:

Cllr R Jones	- Bettws (if happy to remain)
Cllr G Lloyd	- Llangeinor
Cllr Mrs H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr C G Andrews	- Blaengarw

Events Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members:

Cllr H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr R Clatworthy	- Pontycymer
Cllr R Stirman	- Llangeinor
Cllr C Lloyd	- Bettws
Cllr S Dendy	- Blaengarw

Staff Appointments Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members

Cllr H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr M Trowbridge	- Bettws
Cllr R Stirman	- Llangeinor
Cllr G Andrews	- Blaengarw

Disciplinary Committee:

It was also resolved that the Staff Appointments Committee will also serve as the Disciplinary Committee to meet when necessary to deal with all matters relating to staff discipline.

8A/20 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed that the following would be representatives for the year 2018/19:

- One Voice Wales Area Committee - Cllr R Clatworthy
- One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee - Chair if the Council feels attendance is required
- One Voice Wales Conferences - Chair if the Council feels attendance is required
- Town & Community Council Forum - Cllr S Dendy (Chair)

9A/20 TO NOTE THE AGREED CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ALLOWANCE AS AGREED AT THE APRIL 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED:

It was noted that allowances would be paid in line with the amounts set out in the above meeting and in the timescales agreed in the Allowances Policy.

It was noted that no allowance would be paid to the Vice-Chair as previously agreed.

10A/20 TO APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2019/20

RESOLVED:

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for internal auditors.

Note:

The full council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for the coming year as shown on their Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed at the May 2017 Annual Meeting.

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With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 6.29 pm