



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT HALO LEISURE, PONTYCYMER
ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

Councillors: G Andrews
R Clatworthy
H Griffiths
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
M Trowbridge (left the meeting at 7.16pm)

Apologies: Councillors C Gillard-Sage and M Thomas

No Apologies: Councillors M Jones & R Jones

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk
PCSO M Rees

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations had been given at the start of the Annual Meeting.
The following interests were declared:

| Councillor | Item | Interest |
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| Ms S Dendy | All Bridgend County Borough Matters Friends of the Garw Valley | Member BCBC Member |
| Mrs H Griffiths | Pontycymer Men's Shed | Chair OAP Centre |
| Mrs R Stirman | All Bridgend County Borough Matters Pontycymer Men's Shed Friends of the Garw Valley | Member BCBC Related to a Member Member |

1/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes were presented for approval.

Resolved: The Minutes were approved; the Chair signed the Minutes.

2/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES

PCSO M Rees gave an update on progress and issues over the past month. The February 2019 figures were distributed by the Clerk.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to the Crime Commissioner to say the categories on the Police UK website are too broad and to ask for consideration to be given to change them so that they are more specific.

3/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Minute 156 Christmas Lights to be Removed from Tree in Bettws

Members were informed that the lights had been removed.

Minute 161 Finance and Accounts

Members were informed that funds held in the HSBC has been moved into the Treasurer's Account.

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As requested a breakdown of pension costs and NI & PAYE is shown on this month's sheets.

Minute 163 Daffodil Bulbs

The Clerk confirmed that these had been ordered and that the Llangeinor ward had added another 3 sacks to their original order of 1.

Minute 164 Correspondence

The Clerk had passed on the contact details to the student, but she had already found out the information she needed.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was not known where the Christmas lights were being stored, but as agreed at a previous meeting arrangements would be made for them to be stored along with all other Christmas lights/decorations owned by the council.

4/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor C Lloyd
- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy
- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
- Pontycymer - Councillor R Clatworthy

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted. It was agreed that the Llangeinor Members and Hub would discuss the Lovell's correspondence and move this forward. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC to ask that the refuse vehicles close the back flaps on their vehicles whilst travelling through the valley and that they clean up if littering occurs.

5/20 SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEME

The Clerk updated Members on the cost of holding schemes for 4 weeks during the summer with a limit of 20 children per day for each ward, including a new scheme in Bettws. The Halo Leisure Scheme at Pontycymer would have a limit of 40 children per day as it will be running the scheme to cover both Blaengarw and Pontycymer.

Resolved: It was agreed that the scheme could go ahead with 2 staff for all schemes at a total cost of £8,760.

Note: Councillor Trowbridge left the meeting at 7.16 pm

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6/20 GRASS CUTTING PONTYCYMER CEMETERY

The cemetery grass had recently been cut.

Resolved: That there was currently no need for an extra cut, but that Members would keep a close eye on the need for future additional cuts.

7/20 MOTIONS FOR THE ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This was discussed.

Resolved: There were no motions the council wished to put forward.

8/20 MOSAIC WORK PONTYCYMER

The condition of the mosaic on the square in Pontycymer was discussed and the need for work to be carried out was noted. Installing bollards to stop vehicles driving onto the pavement was suggested.

Resolved: It was agreed that the area was a hazard and the area needs to be regenerated. Councillor Griffiths would speak to the owner of the van that regularly parks in that area. The work to the pavement was a matter for the Borough Council and it was agreed that the Pontycymer Councillors would approach the Pontycymer Borough Councillor about the matter.

9/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Payments May 2019:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £4,447.91 of payments for May as detailed on the May papers. The balance carried forward to June is an unaudited figure of £141,910.88

Income:

The Clerk confirmed that the precept money and the T&CC Fund match funding money for the bust shelters had been received.

The Clerk informed Members that the outcome of the Key Worker insurance claim had not yet been received.

Payments:

The Clerk explained why an additional bin had been purchased.

Money Held in Bank Accounts:

As the money the council now holds in the HSBC bank is over the Financial Compensation Scheme's limit of £85,000 the Clerk asked authority to move the surplus money into the Cambridge Building Society to reduce the HSBC Treasurer's Account to below the limit to minimise risk.

Resolved: The May payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted. The Clerk was given authority to install the spare bin near the basketball court in Parc Calon Lan. The Clerk was also given authority to move the surplus money from the HSBC into the Cambridge Building Society account as requested.

10/20 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

11/20 CLERK'S REPORT

Parc Calon Lan:

The Clerk tabled a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month.

The Clerk said it was time to remove the winter floral displays from the two planters in Bettws and Shwt and replace them with summer planting. Councillor C Lloyd was no longer able to look after the planter in Bettws.

The Clerk asked if there were plans to open the Visitor Centre this summer.

Clerk's Report:

Bleaf Grass Cutting

The Clerk informed Members that Bleaf's vehicle had been off the road and that was the reason for the delay in carrying out the grass cutting.

Litter Oxford Street

This had been referred to the Clerk by a Councillor and the items had now been removed by BCBC.

Attendance

The Clerk had included a register of councillor attendance in the papers this month, she asked for authority to publish the register on the council's website along with the new budget.

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Training

The Clerk informed Members that both Councillors G Lloyd and M Trowbridge would attend Code of Conduct training in June.

Councillor Allowances

The Clerk reminded Members that if they don't wish to claim their councillor allowances for the year they must write to the Clerk by the end of the week.

Memorial Flag

This was discussed.

Easter Egg Hunt

It was noted that this event had been very successful but as with all events there were lessons to be learnt. It was agreed that tickets would need to be issued if this event was held again to ensure that the appropriate amount of eggs were purchased.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was given authority to purchase the plants etc. to update the planters. Councillor Lloyd would ask a local resident to look after the planter. It was agreed that the Friends of the Garw Valley would be asked to open the Centre on the weekend over the summer holiday period. The Clerk was given authority to publish the attendance details and the new budget on the council's website. It was agreed that replacing the flag was a private matter. The Clerk was asked to link the NRW website to the council's website.

12/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the consultations, surveys, invitations and thank you letters received this month. In addition she highlighted the correspondence from residents regarding foliage cutting back, a broken plaque on a memorial bench and the offer (and acceptance) of new trees for the park

Resolved:

13/20 PLANNING MATTERS

A list of planning applications, decisions and appeals were included in the papers as well as one additional decision and appeal on the Additional Correspondence sheet.

Resolved: There were no observations made about any of the planning matters

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14/20 STAFF CONFIDENTIAL (Public to be excluded - none in attendance)

This item is confidential .

15/20 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

As above.

16/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at **6.30 pm on Monday 17th June 2019** at **Halo Leisure, Pontycymer**.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm