



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT LLANGEINOR AFC ON MONDAY
18th NOVEMBER 2019 6.00 PM

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

Councillors:

M Jones
R Jones
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
R Stirman
M Thomas
M Trowbridge

Apologies: Councillors R Clatworthy, H Griffiths and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillors G Andrew and C Gillard-Sage

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

87/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Seren Cwm Garw	Member Secretary
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
R Jones	Bettws Football Club	Committee Member
R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Llangeinor AFC	Member Personal

88/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes were presented for approval.

Resolved: The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.

89/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES

PCSO A Jenkins gave an update on progress and issues over the past month. The August and September 2019 figures were distributed by the Clerk. Many issues were raised including vandalism of Halloween items, lamping in Garw Fechan, the number of 'investigation complete; no suspect identified' outcomes on the crime figures etc.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to invite the Inspector to the January meeting to discuss the crime figure outcomes further.

90/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Minute 69/20 - Summer Activity Scheme: following Karl Paterson's presentation to council, the Clerk asked for authority to inform Mr Paterson that the council wishes to go ahead with the scheme again in 2020 at a cost of £8,510.

Minute 72/20 - Matters Arising from the September Minutes: Councillor Dendy provided the information requested.

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Minute 75/20 - Final Recommendations Review of County Electoral Arrangements: A response to the Council's request had been received from BCBC and had been circulated to Members.

Minute 78/20 - Events Recommendations: Councillor R Shaw had accepted the invitation to attend the Pontycymer Christmas event. Councillor Andrews had booked the WEXA for the Blaengarw event. The Events Committee would meet before the first event to confirm all arrangements were in place for the 3 events.

Resolved: The Clerk was given authority to inform Mr Paterson of the council's wish to go ahead with the scheme again in 2020 at a cost of £8,510. Councillor Dendy would email the Wind Farm Grant information to all Members.

91/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor M Jones & Councillor C Lloyd
- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy
- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
- Pontycymer - No update given

A letter of thanks had been received from Mr George Davies regarding the new bench in Llangeinor.

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted. It was agreed to produce forms in Welsh for Ysgol Calon y Cymoedd in future. It was agreed that an alternative way of displaying the items for the Halloween Treasure Hunt would be considered for 2020.

92/20 MEMORIAL REQUEST CRAIG BARBER

This item was not discussed as the resident who raised the item had informed the Clerk that the matter had been resolved.

Resolved: The information was noted.

93/20 MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020

The closing date for nominations is 24th January 2020. Information on the awards had been circulated to Members.

Resolved: It was agreed to include this on the January agenda.

94/20 GARW VALLEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2019

Councillor Thomas had written to Members to express her disappointment at the arrangements for the service held at the cenotaph in Pontycymer and highlighted some of the issues, which were discussed.

Resolved: The information was noted and it was agreed to invite the organiser to the next meeting of the Events Committee to discuss the 2020 service. Councillor Dendy offered to clean the cenotaph before next year's event. The Clerk would ask the Warden to inspect the cenotaph to see if any maintenance works were needed.

95/20 PROJECTS 2020/21 - FURTHER DISCUSSION

The following projects were suggested and discussed:

- Changing room refurbishment at Llangeinor AFC
- Repairs and Maintenance The Strand, Blaengarw

Resolved: It was agreed that the Llangeinor AFC request could not be considered at this time as the CAT was not yet in place. It was suggested that The Strand should be considered for CAT by Councillor Dendy/Seren Cwm Garw.

96/20 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANT FUND 2020/21

No projects were suggested for a grant funding application.

Resolved: This was noted.

97/20 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to submit an update on BCBC's Charter as an agenda item.

98/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING FINANCIAL REQUEST FROM AWEN CULTURAL SERVICES

1. Payments November 2019:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £7,837.79 of payments for November as detailed on the November papers. It was noted that the balance carried forward to December is £96,494.10.

2. Budget Monitoring:

The Clerk requested authority to amend the budget and move £1,000 from the Contingency budget line to add in a dog waste bag budget line.

3. Financial Requests:

Three requests were received as follows and were discussed in some detail.

- Awen Cultural Services £8,000 for improvements to the Bettws Life Centre building.
- Bettws Football Club £4,398 for security camera system, 2 mini bds sports shelters and repairs to the covered standing area. The club is in the process of a CAT.
- Bettws OAP Association £651 for the hire of Bettws Life Centre hall for their weekly meetings.

Resolved: The November payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The Clerk was given authority to amend the budget as requested. The requests from Awen and Bettws Football Club would be considered by the Finance Committee when setting the precept budget and a recommendation would be made to Full Council in December through the draft precept budget process. Members agreed in principle to support sports clubs engaged in the CAT process and would look at business plans for refurbishments to consider match funding via the T&CC grant fund in future. The Bettws ward councillors agreed to pay half of the cost of the request from Bettws OAP Association out of their ward funds.

Note: Standing Orders were suspended at 9.00 pm.

91/20 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

92/20 CLERK'S REPORT including update from the Warden

Parc Calon Lan:

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

Clerk's Report:

Plant! Site Tree Re-stock

The Plant! Site behind the Co-op in Pontycymer needs urgent attention and the trees need to be replenished. I've obtained a quote for 100 whips and have contacted Plant! to see if they can help with the cost which is just under £600. The trees need to be planted by February 2020 and if Plant! cannot assist there is sufficient funding in the PCLan budget to cover the cost.

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Appraisals

Members were asked to give any observations on the Warden to the Clerk, and any on the Clerk to the Chair by 6th December.

Website

The new website is progressing well and looks very modern. A sample should be available shortly.

School Community Governors

Vacancies for Community Council Governors - Tynyrheol Primary School and the new Bettws and Blaengarw Federation.

Events Committee

Councillor Stirman has resigned as a member of the Events Committee so there is now a vacancy for a representative from the Llangeinor ward.

Borough Clerk's Meeting - agenda items included:

- Presentation on Employability Bridgend
- Presentation on Brexit Key messages
- Inter Town & Community Councils Collaboration
- Wellbeing and Future Generations Act
- Maintenance of Parks and Playing Fields - CAT
- Future items for Cabinet, Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Proposed changes to Management Structure

Laptop

The Clerk asked if Members wanted to take out the additional insurance for the recently purchased Clerk laptop at a cost of £8 a month.

Resolved: The information was noted. Councillor Dendy was nominated to take up the role of Community Council representative governor for the new Bettws and Blaengarw Federation. Authority was not given to purchase the additional insurance.

93/20 CORRESPONDENCE

With the permission of the Chair the Clerk added several items of correspondence which were received after the meeting's papers had been distributed.

The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the request to place a memorial stone at PC Lan, several events and invitations, a letter from Bridgend

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Athletic RFC, the comments received by BCBC following the Polling Districts, Places and Station Review and apologies from Councillor Shaw re attendance at this meeting.

Resolved: All items were noted.

94/20 PLANNING MATTERS

With the permission of the Chair the Clerk added several planning applications which were received after the meeting's papers had been distributed.

The planning requests, decisions and appeals had been included in the meeting papers.

In addition a pre-application consultation for proposals to enhance the existing Paper Mill facility in Llangynwyd had been emailed to Members.

Resolved: There were no observations made.

95/20 URGENT ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER 2019 PRECEPT MEETING

Other than the items suggested above no other items were suggested therefore the agenda would be kept open and items given to the Clerk.

96/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is the Precept Meeting which will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 16th December 2019 at Llangeinor AFC.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm