



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BETTWS LIFE CENTRE ON
MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor R Shaw

Councillors:

G Andrews
S Dendy
H Griffiths
C Lloyd
M Jones
R Jones
R Stirman
M Thomas

Apologies: Councillor R Clatworthy

No Apologies: Councillors Clive Gillard-Sage and G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

82/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

| Councillor | Item | Interest |
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| Ms S Dendy | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member BCBC |
| Mr M Jones | All Bridgend County Borough Matters Planning Appeal P/18/546/FUL | Member BCBC Personal Interest |
| Mr R Shaw | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member BCBC |
| Mrs R Stirman | All Bridgend County Borough Matters Planning Appeal P/18/546/FUL | Member BCBC Personal Interest |

83/19 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY OCTOBER 2018 MEETING AND THE ORDINARY NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING

The Minutes of the Extraordinary October 2018 Meeting were approved.

Councillor C Lloyd questioned the resolution of Minute no 72/19 'A donation of £250 would be made to the OAP Christmas lunch' as this had not been discussed further at the November meeting. The Clerk clarified that this had been an on-going matter and had been resolved by the Bettws ward members as a majority decision (Councillors M and R Jones) following confirmation of attendance numbers in the letter referred to as Minute 64/19 - Correspondence).

Resolved: The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with this, the Chair duly signed the Minute Book.

84/19 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY OCTOBER 2018 MEETING AND THE ORDINARY NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Minute 74/19 - Agenda Items:

Resolved that the resurfacing of the car park in Llangeinor would be included in the precept. The Clerk had been unable in the short time between meetings to get quotes for this work in order to include a figure in the precept. This needs to be considered when the draft precept is discussed.

Minute 75/19 - To Receive a Strategy Committee Update:

Friends of the Parc Group - The Clerk had left a message for the organiser of the Friends of Maesteg Park

All other actions for the Clerk are to be actioned over the next month.

Resolved: The information was noted.

85/19 TO DISCUSS AND DETERMINE THE 2019/20 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

Councillor M Jones proposed a motion to postpone the discussion and the determination of the 2019/20 precept requirement until the first week of January 2019.

Resolved: Following a vote a unanimous decision was made to postpone this item and arrange another precept meeting to be held on Friday, 4th January 2019 at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall.

86/19 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

1. The accounts submitted totalling £4,143.17 for December were read and had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. The balance carried forward to January 2019 was £79,170.09 (which included £5,000 from BCBC towards the bus stops in Bettws). It was noted that the amount carried forward was higher than expected as the balance carried forward from November 2018 had been adjusted due to non-authorisation of the Ffaldau School alarm payment in June).

There were a number of queries made:

Councillors M & R Jones: queried the Clerk's mileage expenses for November. The Clerk presented and read out a full breakdown of the mileage incurred and the reasons for travel. The payment of the Clerk's travel, mileage or subsistence expenses are included in the Clerk's contract of employment:

Any travel, mileage or subsistence expenses reasonably and properly incurred by you and with the approval of the Council will be paid at the agreed rate laid down at the time by The Council.

The discussion above led to a further enquiry.

Councillor M Jones: queried the payment of the Clerk's home working payment. The payment of these expenses is also included in the Clerk's contract of employment and is a set monthly amount (agreed in minute 3P/17 – December 2016 Minutes)

Your usual place of work is: from home. Garw Valley Community Council will provide expenses for home working.

Councillor R Jones: queried the Chair's mileage expenses for attending various meetings on behalf of the Community Council. The Chair had provided the Clerk with a full breakdown of the mileage expenses incurred and a copy would be emailed to all Members by the Chair

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following the meeting.

Councillors R Jones and M Thomas: queried the cost of the assessment of working hours and salary of the Clerk by One Voice Wales and the Council's membership of One Voice Wales. This was an assessment agreed by Full Council at its meeting held on 15th October 2018 (item 17 Staff Confidential Matters). As the Clerk was not present for this item no minutes had been taken. The Council agreed to renew its membership of One Voice Wales at the February 2017 Ordinary Meeting (minute 121/17 following a recommendation by the Finance Committee).

Resolved: That the action and information given by the Clerk was approved. The Receipts and Payments for December 2018 were authorised and accepted. Other information was noted.

87/19 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND PLANNING ITEMS

The only urgent item was a planning appeal (P/18/546/FUL) which had been sent out to Members via email and a copy tabled at the meeting.

Resolved: Councillors M Jones and R Stirman declared a personal interest and this was noted. No further observations were made.

88/19 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a Precept Meeting to be held at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall on Friday 4th December 2018 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.14 pm