



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BLAENGARW WORKMEN'S
HALL ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

Councillors: G Andrews
C Gillard-Sage
H Griffiths
M Jones (arrived 7.29 pm)
R Jones (arrived 7.14 pm)
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
M Thomas
M Trowbridge

Apologies: Councillors R Clatworthy, R
Stirman and G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

106/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

107/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2019 PRECEPT MEETING

The Minutes were presented for approval.

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

108/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES

The crime figures for October and November 2019 had been distributed to Members in advance of the meeting. These were discussed and ongoing problems noted including off road biking. There were no representative of SW Police present. Councillors agreed that there is a need for more support services in the valley.

109/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2019 PRECEPT MEETING

Minute 92/20 Clerk's Report/Plant! site Tree Re-stock:

The Clerk informed Members that the tree planting had been started. The ground is poor in areas so the purchase of some top soil is necessary.

Minute 100/20 Urgent Correspondence and Planning Matters:

The Clerk updated Members on the objections made last month.

Minute 103/20 Precept Requirement for 2020/21:

The Clerk informed Members that a precept request of £120,630 had been submitted to BCBC and she had received confirmation of the receipt of the request.

Resolved: The information was noted and the top soil purchase authorised.

110/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillors C Lloyd and M Trowbridge
- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy

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- Llangeinor - Councillor G Lloyd
- Pontycymer - Councillors C Gillard-Sage and H Griffiths

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted which included problems with off-road biking, fly tipping, disruptions in Oxford Street, accidents and break-ins, the need for trees to be cut back on Bridgend Road and the need for the Royal to be boarded up again. The speed bumps in Bettws had been improved and Councillor M Trowbridge's request to invite BCBC Officer John Rees to a future meeting to discuss the 'Love It Don't Trash' scheme was agreed and the Clerk was asked to extend the invite. It was noted that residents need to report crime and inform the police of the alarm and distress it causes them. Councillor Gillard-Sage would contact Councillor Shaw about the trees and the Royal.

The Bettws councillors had not yet met with Bettws Football Club or Awen Cultural Trust to discuss their financial requests. It was suggested and agreed that the Bettws councillors should ask Awen for proper quotations at their meeting and submit a Town and Community Council Fund application for match funding; the Clerk reminded the councillors that the closing date for applications is 28th February 2020.

111/20 MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

There were no suggestions for nominees for these awards.

112/20 GRANT FUNDING

This was discussed and it was agreed that a plan was needed before searching for appropriate funding.

113/20 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Clerk had distributed a list of the terms of reference for each Community Council committee and these were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed that in the main they would remain as they are with the following amendments: if a committee member could not attend they would suggest an alternative ward member to attend on their behalf and that the venues for the meetings would be more flexible and held in different wards.

114/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments January 2020:

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The Clerk requested authority to pay the £4,412.21 of payments for January 2020 as detailed on the January papers. It was noted that the balance carried forward to February 2020 was £85,901.83. The Clerk explained that the overspend on room hire of £20 was due to paying for a room at Llangeinor for the November and December meetings.

2. Notification of Discretionary Expenditure Limit 2020/21:

The Clerk informed Members that she had been notified that this would increase from £8.12 to £8.32 per elector in 2020/21.

3. Financial Request:

Councillor M Trowbridge made a request to the Council for a donation towards a Bettws Men's Shed event and this was discussed.

Resolved: The January 2020 payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted. It was agreed that the contribution towards the financial request would be made from the Bettws ward funds. Councillor Gillard-Sage offered some practical support for the planned event.

115/20 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on her attendance at the Green Network Group and informed Members that she had been elected Chair of the Group. The Group would be holding a balsam bash event in June throughout the borough and in the first two weeks of June it would be held in the Garw Valley; the event would involve students, BCBC, GV Railway and the Community Council were asked if they would be happy for this to take place.

Resolved: The Community Council agreed they were happy for this to take place.

116/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk tabled a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month. The drainage issues on a footpath near Pontycymer Lake were highlighted and a photo of the problem circulated and the work that BCBC were due to carry out was explained. It was noted that if the work by BCBC did not resolve the problem the Warden had been advised by BCBC Officers that future costs will need to be covered by the Community Council.

New Website:

The Clerk showed Members the new website which would go live in February.

Resolved: The information about the drainage problem and future funding was noted. The new website was approved and authority was given for it to live in February. The new website address will be: www.garwvalleycc.co.uk

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117/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received.

Resolved: Emails of thanks from Halo Leisure and Bettws OAP were noted, Councillor R Shaw's apologies were noted. The request from Age Cymru for financial assistance would be deferred to the March meeting.

118/20 PLANNING MATTERS

The planning request and decisions had been included in the meeting papers.

Resolved: There were no observations made.

119/20 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2020 AGENDA

- Llynfi Afan Wind Farm

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the original planning application and to write to the company to ask for their community funding criteria.

120/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 17th February 2020 at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm