



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BETTWS LIFE CENTRE ON
MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor R Shaw

Councillors:

G Andrews
R Clatworthy (left the meeting at 8.15 pm)
S Dendy
H Griffiths
C Lloyd
M Jones
R Jones
R Stirman

Apologies: Councillors C Gillard-Sage, M Thomas, G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

69/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ms S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters RES Funding	Member BCBC Committee Member
Mr M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mr R Shaw	All Bridgend County Borough Matters BAVO	Member BCBC Member
Mrs R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC

70/19 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE

There were no SW Police representatives present. The Clerk tabled a graph and narrative of the September 2018 figures.

Resolved: The information was noted.

71/19 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with this, the Chair duly signed the Minute Book. The Clerk had been asked to check the information in Minute no 43/19 of the previous minutes 'A discussion followed around the numbers attending from Bettws, value for money, consideration of holding a scheme in Bettws using the Life Centre for inside activities and the School for outside.' This had been confirmed as accurate.

72/19 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 2018 ORDINARY MINUTES

Minute 59/19 - Borough Council Updates and Ward Reports:

There was no update from Councillors Dendy and Andrews on what bins need replacing in Blaengarw.

Minute 60/19 - Maintenance Costs for Reed Cutting and Pond Weed Removal:

Councillor Dendy has passed on the contact details for RES to the Clerk to make enquiries and the Clerk had been asked to submit an application for consideration for funds.

Minute 63/19 - CCTV Pontycymer:

The Clerk has spoken to the Co-op Manager and he's checking whether it's feasible for the Council to link into the Ethernet connection port of the Co-op's CCTV. I've been in touch with the camera unit to ask whether this is something that could be considered but have not yet received a response.

Minute 64/19 - Correspondence:

A letter has been received from Bettws OAP confirming numbers for their Christmas lunch.

Resolved: The information was noted. A donation of £250 would be made to the OAP Christmas lunch.

73/19 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor M Jones
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- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy
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- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
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- Pontycymer - Councillor H Griffiths

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted.

74/19 AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7: To Consider the criteria for the Community Award

The Clerk tabled a draft criteria for the Community Award and this was discussed.

Item 8: To put forward ideas for the Town and Community Council Fund 2019/20

Some ideas were put forward for discussion in addition to the one already submitted for updating Waun Bant play area including funding for a skate park, completing the BMX track. Alternative funding streams were suggested ie. RES (Llynfi Afan Wind Farm), BIFFA awards, Tarmac grants.

Item 9: To consider alternatives to Community Council plaques

The Clerk tabled pictures of an alternative to a plaque which are costly at £52.50 each. The alternatives were a badge or a lapel pin of the council's logo at a cost of £12.55 each.

Resolved: The criteria for the Community Award was agreed and it would be advertised in January, nominations closing date would be mid February, a decision would be made at the February council meeting and the winner invited to the March

council meeting. It was agreed to look into other streams of funding and to include resurfacing the car park in Llangeinor in the precept. Following a vote it was agreed that the plaque would remain as the council's long service recognition all except Councillor C Lloyd agreed.

75/19 TO RECEIVE A STRATEGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councillor R Shaw as Chair of the Strategy Committee gave an update and gave the committee's recommendations to Full Council which were:

- That a sub-committee is set up to oversee matters concerning new initiatives in the Park including a Friends of the Park Group and the committee would consist of a representative from each ward.
- To submit an Expression of Interest to BCBC for play areas in the new year.
- That the Chair would check that the Community Council's strategy connects to the Wellbeing Plan.
- In addition, it was noted that in the previous strategy and ordinary minutes detailing the list of items for inclusion in the precept, the provision of touring caravan facilities had not been included in the Year 2 plan and this should be amended.

Noted: Councillors M Jones and R Jones stated that they do not agree with increasing the precept for 2019/20 and do not agree with the resolved decisions made on the 3 year plan as stated in the October Ordinary Meeting minutes.

Resolved: All recommendations were agreed. The Clerk would look into setting up a meeting with a representative of a local Friends Group and ask them to talk to the sub-committee members to take this forward. The additional information ref. the caravan facilities was noted.

76/19 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. The accounts submitted totalling £10,127.27 for November were read and approved. The balance carried forward to December 2018 was £79,633.26 (which included £5,000 from BCBC towards the bus stops in Bettws). It was noted that 9p bank interest had been received.

2. Finance Committee - Councillor H Griffiths as Chair of the Finance Committee made the following recommendation:

To apply for match funding to upgrade the play area at Waun Bant in Pontycymer to include floral displays, new bins, painting the fence and gates, cleaning equipment, and provision of some equipment for disabled children.

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It was noted that most of the Finance Committee meeting had been taken up by drafting a precept budget which would be presented to Full Council for discussion at its precept meeting on 3rd December.

Resolved: That the action and information given by the Clerk was approved. The Receipts and Payments for November 2018 were authorised and accepted. Other information was noted and the recommendation from the Finance Committee agreed.

77/19 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair updated Members on the meetings/events he'd attended on behalf of the Community Council i.e. the opening of Brynmenyn Primary School, British Legion Concert, Remembrance Service, Llangeinor Community Group, One Voice Wales Larger Council Meeting etc. and spoke about the Public Meetings the Community Council had held recently. The completed surveys would now be analysed by Councillor Stirman in time for the precept meeting. The Chair also commented on the good audit result.

78/19 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON PARC CALON LAN

By Election Bettws - Statement of Persons Nominated has now been published

Dog Waste Bag Dispenser PC Lan - broken have contacted the supplier to see if they will supply a new one free of charge

Halloween Event - had been a success. Many entries received and the Co-op Manager donated 8 boxes of chocolates for the winners in each ward to go with the voucher the Community Council gave

New Bins - have been requested for Heol Dewi Sant, Maes Glas and Federation Lane. The Clerk is waiting to hear if these can be included on the collection schedule before ordering.

Standing Orders - the Clerk recommended including in the Standing Orders that the Employment Committee is no open to the press or public

Larger Council Meeting - the Clerk had attended and one of the guest talks was on insurance. It was noted that arboreal surveys are required every 3years.

Joint Working Initiative - the Clerk had been invited by the Clerk of Porthcawl Town Council to a meeting of all borough clerks with a view to how we go forward to face new challenges together, share experiences and possible share contractors to get a better deal.

Upper Garw Work - the Clerk had been informed by NRW that site visits between NRW and the feasibility study contractors had been held on 8th and 9th November in order to inform the study.

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Councillor Allowances - consideration should be given by the council to what the policy is regarding councillor allowances if a councillor should resign or be disqualified mid year.

Christmas - the Clerk updated members that the solar powered trees would be installed in Bettws and Llangeinor on 23rd November. That one of the motifs received for Pontycymer is not what was ordered, that two motifs have been put up in Lluest which were not requested by this council and that the two new motifs for Blaengarw have been put up on the wrong lighting columns although they seem to have been well received. The Clerk informed members of the dates and times of the Christmas events and requested authority to purchase bags of coins and tubs of chocolates for Santa and his Elves to give out at each event. The Clerk also requested authority to spend £60 on the wooden remembrance Christmas trees.

Parc Calon Lan Update:

The 3 flower beds near the monument have been cleaned out and planted with winter plants.

BCBC have taken over the bin emptying in the Parc. The Clerk has signed an open ended SLA at a cost of £80 per week which is a £10 a week saving.

The first week of December the Clerk will accompany a local handyman around the wards to put up some new council signage

Chris Jones of Earth Bound has been working with local primary school children carrying out clearing up work as part of the Mountain School initiative.

Resolved: All information and action by the Clerk was noted, authorised and approved. The Clerk was given authority to purchase the chocolates and trees as requested for the Christmas events. The Clerk was asked to attend the suggested Clerks meeting. The suggestion to add to the Standing Orders were agreed as was the need for an arboreal survey and the Clerk was asked to include Councillor Allowances on a future agenda.

78/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the consultations, surveys and invitations for this month as well as the various correspondence from former and current residents and D Griffiths. The Clerk was asked to attend the suggested meeting with BAVO and reply to the former resident suggesting they purchase a bench and plaque for Pontycymer Lake and refer D Griffiths to the council's insurers and the Rights of Way Department.

79/19 PLANNING MATTERS

1. All applications, decisions and appeals information was noted.
2. All correspondence from Planning Aid Wales was noted.

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Resolved: No objections were raised to any of the planning applications.

80/19 ITEMS FOR THE PRECEPT AND JANUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The agenda would be kept open for items received during the month.

81/19 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a Precept Meeting to be held at Bettws Life Centre on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm