



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BETTWS LIFE CENTRE ON
MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor R Shaw

Councillors:

R Clatworthy
J Davies
S Dendy
C Lloyd
M Jones
R Jones
R Stirman
M Thomas

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews and G Walters

Absent but no apologies received:
Councillors J Davies and C Gillard-Sage

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

40/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ms S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mr M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mr R Shaw	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Llangeinor AFC	Member BCBC Member
Mrs R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC

41/19 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE

PCSO Rees gave an update on progress and issues over the past month. The Clerk tabled a graph and narrative of the June and July 2018 figures.

Resolved: The information was noted.

42/19 TO RECEIVE MS ABI HICKS FOR A PRESENTATION

This item did not go ahead as Ms Hicks did not attend. However, the Clerk had met with Ms Hicks prior to the meeting and was able to give Members an update.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Ms Hicks to inform her that they would be happy for her to plant the existing raised beds with flowers, fruit and vegetables, but that no fencing was to be erected, no pond was to be added and to request the removal of the pallets and other materials at the site.

43/19 TO RECEIVE MR KARL PATTERSON FOR FEEDBACK ON THE SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES

Mr Karl Patterson gave Members feedback on the success of the Summer Play Schemes. 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. Consideration was also given regarding charging £1 per child or increasing the contribution for 2019.

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Resolved: It was agreed to continue with contributing to the scheme in 2019 and to consider when setting the precept for 2019/20 whether to increase the contribution to £5,000.

44/19 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

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

45/19 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY 2018 ORDINARY MINUTES

Minute 30/19

Item 8: Promoting the Council's Work

Unable to progress the newsletter as only one ward submitted a first draft.

Item 9: Events Committee

The Clerk updated Members on progress re. the School Awards.

Minute 32/19

Item 8: To Consider Council Meeting Venues

The Clerk gave her findings.

Minute 35/19

Memorial Bench - Mrs Hollett

This has now been installed at the top of Pont Lake.

Entrances into the Park

The Chair, Clerk and Warden met with the Rights of Way Manager. All entrances are DDA compliant although it was agreed the entrance to Pont Lake restricts disability scooters and double prams so a quotation is being sought for a K barrier to replace the existing one.

Minute 38/19 Items for the September Agenda

Remembrance Silhouettes have not been included as the closing date for applications was 30th June. However since setting the agenda a second opportunity has been opened up, but you have to be organising a memorial event to apply so the Community Council doesn't meet the criteria.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headteachers to explain the way the School Award should work. It was agreed to schedule in some meetings in Llangeinor in 2019/20.

46/19 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

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

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted. It was noted that the opening of the Visitor Centre in 2019 needs further consideration. It was agreed to erect No Dogs Allowed signs in the Plant! field behind the Co-op due to ongoing issues with dog mess in the field.

47/19 AGENDA ITEMS

Item 9: To Discuss Footpaths

It was agreed to defer this discussion until the new year.

Item 10: To Consider the Chair's Report on the Findings/Recommendations of the Independent Review Panel on the T&CC Sector in Wales

The Chair's paper on this item had been circulated with the meeting papers for discussion.

Item 11: To Consider the Chair's Report on the Role of the Council

The Chair's paper on this item had been circulated with the meeting papers for discussion.

Item 12: To Consider a Facebook Page

It was agreed to defer this discussion to the October meeting.

Item 13: To Receive an Events Committee Update

The meeting had been cancelled so there was no update given. Councillor Clatworthy had resigned as Chair and Councillor R Jones resigned from the Committee.

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Resolved: Following the discussion on the Chair's two papers it was agreed to set up a Strategy Committee to plan for the next 3.5 years. It was agreed that the Chair would Chair that Committee and the four wards would be represented by Councillors M Jones, R Stirman, H Griffiths and S Dendy. Councillors H Griffiths and C Lloyd were elected to replace members of the Events Committee.

48/19 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.The accounts submitted totalling £7,951.05 and £3,450.95 for approval for August and September 2018 were read and approved. The balance carried forward to October 2018 was £95,469.13.

2.Financial Request - had been received from Welsh Talking Books.

Resolved: That the action and information given by the Clerk was approved. The Receipts and Payments for August and September 2018 were authorised and accepted. Other information was noted. It was agreed to defer the financial request from Welsh Talking Books until the March 2019 meeting.

49/19 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair updated Members on the meetings/events he'd attended.

50/19 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON PARC CALON LAN

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The Clerk had put in place contingency arrangements for bin emptying, grass cutting, dog waste bag replenishing and floral care during the Warden's absence. The services of contractors for grass cutting have been arranged up to the end of October and bin emptying on an initial six week basis to be reviewed after that time.

Clerk's Report

Daffodil Bulb Planting - the bulbs had been delivered and the Clerk made arrangements to distribute the sacks the following Saturday for Councillors to plant.

Remembrance Wreath - the Clerk requested authority to purchase the wreath.

Councillor Attendance at Meetings - the Clerk reminded Councillors of their responsibility to request authorisation for more than 6 months absence from Full Council.

Resolved: All information and action by the Clerk was noted, authorised and approved. Councillor M Thomas would ask Blaengarw Primary School if the children could help plant daffodils again this year. The Clerk was given authority to purchase the wreath.

51/19 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 letter from the cyclist making recommendations for safety measures on the Community Path. The Clerk was asked to write to inform the cyclist that a new risk assessment was currently being undertaken and to reply to the resident to let them know there is a window of opportunity during the external audit process to examine the accounts.

No other action was requested on any items of correspondence.

52/19 PLANNING MATTERS

1. All applications, decisions and appeals information was noted.

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

53/19 ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

- Facebook

Resolved: This was noted and the agenda would be kept open for items received during the month.

54/19 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Bettws Life Centre on Monday 15th October 2018 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm