

# GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED CWM GARW

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Bettws Life Centre Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor G Davies (Chairman)

Councillors: D T Griffiths; Mrs D Griffiths; H Griffiths; W J Hillier; T M Jenkins; M Jones;

J Szeligiewicz; and M Thomas.

Police: PCSO Wallen

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was initially chaired by Councillor T M Jenkins.

No. Minute

70/15 Apologies for Absence

The Members *resolved* to note the apologies received from Cllrs C G Andrews, F J Hughes, S Maclaren and G Walters.

#### 71/15 Declarations of Interest

See Minute 72/15

#### 72/15 Police Matters

The Police had provided statistics for each of the four wards.

PCSO Andrew Wallen was in attendance and informed the Members that there had been problems with anti-social behaviour by the Flying Start building in Bettws. A letter drop to 60 households had been done and a temporary camera installed. As a result the problems at the Flying Start building had gone but shifted to the Primary School instead.

Cllrs G Davies, M Jones and M Thomas apologised for their late arrival and Cllr G Davies took the Chair.

Cllrs M Jones and M Thomas declared an interest with all BCBC-related matters.

PCSO Wallen stated the problems by Tynyrheol Primary School back in July are no longer an issue. PCSO Wallen also stated that he'd been in contact with Mr Rob Williams at the Bettws Boys and Girls Club and he wants to attend a Community Council Meeting to discuss the Club with the Members.

A Member informed the Council that the playscheme in Llangeinor didn't take place. The Clerk is to contact the Richard Price Centre to request the donation is returned.

A Member also wanted to congratulate PCSO Dean Hamilton for the progress that he's made with the youths and residents at Dan y Mynydd Residential Home.

The Council thanked PCSO Wallen and he left the Meeting.

Prior to moving onto the next item on the Agenda, the Chairman addressed the Council regarding Cllr Mrs T M Jenkins accompanying the Clerk at a visit to the Monitoring Officer at BCBC and that he should have been informed. A heated discussion took place and Cllr Mrs H Griffiths left the Meeting at 7.25pm.

It was suggested that if any Member of the Council or its employees wishes to discuss Council business with an external body, they should go through the Chairman.

## 73/15 Minutes of the July 2014 Extraordinary Council Meeting

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 are a true record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes

## 74/15 <u>Minutes of the July Full Council Meeting</u>

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 are a true record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes

## 75/15 <u>Matters arising from the July 2014 Full Council Minutes</u>

None

### 76/15 Finance & Accounts

Cllr D T Griffiths and Cllr Mrs D Griffiths called for an Extraordinary Meeting to be convened to discuss the financial status of the Council. As the Extraordinary Meeting will involve discussing all the financial matters of the Council which includes the Clerk's and Warden's salaries, the Council will be seeking independent specialist support and advice from BCBC to organise and attend this Meeting due to the Clerk's conflict of interest.

- 1. The Clerk presented payments for approval totalling £11,660.55 *Resolved: that the payments are approved*
- 2. The Clerk submitted three invoices for approval:
- a. BCBC Festive lighting 8,194.92 (plus VAT of £1,638.98). The Clerk informed the Members that the invoice was overstated and had agreed with BCBC that it should be £7,799.60 (plus VAT of £1,559.92)
- b. BCBC B-Leaf, Pen Parcau clearance work, Bettws £63.84 (plus VAT of £12.76)
- c. Came & Co Insurance Policy renewal £2,490.10 Resolved: the invoices are approved for payment
- 3. Total income of £6,145.25 has been received since 7/7/14

Date	Received from	Description	£	p
31/7/14	HMRC	VAT Refund	5,933	66
22/8/14	HSBC	Interest	11	59
4/9/14	NRW	Plant! (strimmer course)	200	00

Resolved: the Members noted the income received.

4. No resolution was passed for the Receipts and Payments Account updated since 7/7/14 to 08/09/14. This will be discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting.

One of the Members requested the Clerk contacts the Bettws Life Centre to enquire what playscheme activities took place over the summer holidays with the £1,000 donation. This Member was concerned that the Centre was charging a £1 fee for each session attended. All Members were in favour of this request and so it was *resolved* that the Clerk contacts the Bettws Life Centre asking for a report on the playscheme.

## 77/15 <u>To approve the 2013/14 Annual Return (post-audit)</u>

The Clerk had provided each Member with a letter from BDO LLP (external auditors) stating that they have issued an unqualified Audit Report and that there were no issues arising. The Clerk has displayed the Notice of Audit Conclusion in each of the four wards.

Resolved: the Council approved and accepted the Annual Return post-audit.

#### 78/15 <u>Clerk's Report</u>

- 1. Portaloo the Portaloo was collected on Tuesday 15th July. The Council has settled the final invoice.
- 2. Theft from Visitor Centre on 17/7/14 the Warden's wallet and the work experience student's mobile phone were stolen from the Visitor Centre. The Centre was unlocked at the time and the Warden accepts full responsibility as it was his error for not locking it. No Council items were taken. The Police were informed.
- 3. The work experience student finished with the Warden on 29<sup>th</sup> August. He asked the Clerk to thank the Council for allowing him to do his placement with them.
- 4. The roller shutter door to the Visitor Centre is faulty and requires a repair. See Minute 85/15

Items 1 to 4 are noted

- 5. Delegation of functional power to the Clerk to act on urgent matters between Council meetings as a result of the problem with the roller shutter door, it has become apparent that the £200 limit (per Financial Regulation 3.4) for the Clerk to act in emergency situations is not high enough. The Clerk is proposing that a resolution is passed to increase the spending power from £200 to £1,000 in emergency situations and would seek the authorisation of an Emergency Committee. See Minute 86/15 for the resolution passed.
- 6. The ride-on lawnmower needs to be repaired as one of the blades is damaged and is ploughing up the grass. The Warden notified the Clerk and has arranged for the repair to be carried out.

Item 6 is noted

7. Vacation of Office by Failure to Attend Meetings – (Cllr S Maclaren)

This item took place in a closed session of the Council under the Public Meetings (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

A discussion took place over whether to accept Cllr Maclaren's reasons for non-attendance at Meetings in accordance with the Advice Note from the Society of Local Council Clerks (a copy of the Advice Note was provided to each Member with at least three clear days' notice prior to the Meeting). The matter was put to a vote and it was:-

Resolved: that the Council accepts the reasons for Cllr Maclaren's non-attendance and he will continue as a Community Councillor.

Cllr D T Griffiths asked for a named vote to be recorded in the Minutes:-

Cllrs Mrs D Griffiths, W J Hillier, M Jones and Mrs M Thomas voted in favour of acceptance of the reasons provided by Cllr Maclaren. Cllrs D T Griffiths, Mrs T M Jenkins and J Szeligiewicz voted against acceptance of the reasons.

- 8. Damaged bin at the Blaengarw end of the Community Route The Clerk raised this with Mr John Clarke at BCBC and requested a replacement. The bin was replaced on 21/8/14.
- 9. Speaking at Meetings regarding other wards the Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales for advice on speaking about other wards at Council Meetings as there is some confusion on this matter. The advice that was received is that there is no reason that prevents a Councillor from discussing matters affecting other wards. The key purpose of warding is to ensure that there is representation for all geographical areas of the community council area.

  Items 8 and 9 are noted
- 10. Christmas lights The Clerk and Chairman visited the Waterton Depot to see the condition of the lights and make arrangements for Christmas 2014. The Clerk had sent a report to all Members prior to the meeting detailing the repairs that are required.

Discussions took place over the affordability of the Christmas lighting and the number of repairs that were required again this year. Cllr G Davies stated that he had received requests for the illuminated Cross to be put on St Cein's Church this Christmas.

The Members *resolved* that the Clerk writes to Mr Steve Cottrell at BCBC to invite him to the next Full Council Meeting to answer questions about the number of repairs required to the Christmas lights.

- 11. Youth Club provision the Clerk had received a phone call from Bridgend Youth Service advising that there is £3,000 available to run a youth club in the Garw Valley for the next six months. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Dean Protheroe at the Garw Valley Life Centre and they are willing to provide a youth club with that funding. Mr Protheroe will keep the Clerk informed of discussions.
- 12. Renewal of insurance policy the renewal quotation is £2,490.10. The three-year agreement ceases on 30/9/16. See Minute 84/15
- 13. White Paper Reforming Local Government a copy of the Report had been sent to every Member. Comments need to be submitted to the Welsh Government by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The SLCC has advised that further detailed consultations will be taking place in the autumn.

- 14. Brown tourism signs to include the MTB trails the installation of these signs has been completed. The invoice has yet to be received as the inspection has not been performed by BCBC.
- 15. Town & Community Council Forum Report (Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014) a copy of the Report was sent to every Member.
- 16. Youth annoyance in Parc Calon Lan the Warden has reported problems to the Police with youth annoyance in the park whereby they are creating a significant mess with stones and litter and snapping a few branches off trees. Since the problems have been reported, the incidences have stopped.
- 17. Rights of Way clearance work the Warden has been working his way across the RoW network. Only one request has been received since the July Meeting (Garw Valley Walk 1 from Pontycymmer Lake up the mountainside) which has been cleared. The Clerk has prepared a claim of £3,200 to submit to BCBC see Minute 90/15
- 18. Maintenance of Upper Garw Valley Community Route the Clerk has submitted an invoice for the £600 that can be claimed from BCBC for the warden cutting the grass along the Community Route. The payment has yet to be received.
- 19. Amendment to lease to include the car park this is still ongoing. *Items 11 to 19 are noted*.
- 20. Mobile catering van "Sally's Snack Bar" has not been in Parc Calon Lan all summer. The Clerk has contacted the owners asking them to confirm whether they are still interested in having the pitch and is awaiting a reply.
  - Resolved: the Council voted unanimously that the pitch is to be no longer made available to Sally's Snack Bar and the Clerk is to write a letter informing them of this decision.
- 21. Plant! The Clerk has submitted a mid-year invoice to the scheme for £5,840 for the work that the Warden and Clerk have done on the scheme since 1<sup>st</sup> April. Payment has yet to be received.
- 22. Daffodil bulbs (Agenda item) the Clerk needs confirmation of the number of bags of daffodils required for each ward and where they are to be delivered to. For information, the 25kg sacks cost approximately £30 each and have approximately 400 bulbs. There is a delivery charge of £4.75 per delivery address. See Minute 89/15.
- 23. Bettws ornamental stone features the Clerk has been trying to find out who owns the land on which the two stone features sit. BCBC has confirmed that they do not own the land. Groundwork has provided the Clerk with the original Landscape Consultant's Brief which states the V2C is the land owner.

  This has arisen as one of the Bettws ward Members notified the Clerk that the greenery needs cutting back at this location.
- 24. Responsibility for clearance of fly-tipping on V2C land this query was raised at the July Meeting when Mr John Clarke was present. Mr Clarke has since confirmed with the Clerk that V2C are responsible for clearing fly-tipping on their land.

- 25. Hydroelectricity potential Mr Jeremy Liley has raised the possibility with the Clerk about a hydroelectricity scheme as a way of generating income. The Clerk said that further information and earning potentials will be needed for the Council to consider the possibility. When Mr Liley has provided more information, the Clerk will present it to the Council.
- 26. Fund for Town and Community Council Projects from BCBC BCBC usually send out a letter in December each year inviting applications for grant funding for capital projects (must be in excess of £5,000 and are up to 50% match funded). The Clerk asked the Members to think about possible ideas for the grant funding if it becomes available for 2015/16 and so that it can be budgeted for in the precept for that year.

The Warden has suggested the resurfacing of the paths in Parc Calon Lan as one possible project.

No suggestions were made at the Meeting.

27. Update on the Clerk's continuing professional development - the Clerk has submitted her Certificate in Local Council Administration Portfolio for assessment. In addition, the Clerk would like to attend the One Voice Wales training course 'The Council as an employer" on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The cost of the course is £30 – See Minute 91/15

Items 21 to 27 are noted

The following item was discussed in a closed session of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the update provided by the Clerk.

Public Meetings (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

28. Breathing Spaces project – the Clerk provided a confidential update to the Members. When the Regeneration Funding Officer at BCBC provides further information to the Clerk, the Clerk is to inform the Council.

The Members thanked the Clerk for bringing the matter to their attention.

The following items were provided for information purposes only as the three clear days' notice as defined in Sch 12 para 26 of the Local Government Act 1972 had not been provided to the Members due to the timing of receipt:

- 29. School trip to Darren Fawr MTB Trails/Parc Calon Lan the Clerk had received a phone call from a school in Essex who want to visit for a school trip at the beginning of October. The teacher had requested a copy of the Risk Assessment for the MTB Trails which the Clerk has provided.
- 30. The Clerk Magazine article the Clerk had submitted an article to The Clerk Magazine about the new steps in Pontycymmer, the Darren Fawr MTB Trails, the Miner's Lamp and the path in Bettws which was published in the September 2014 edition.
- 31. Damaged stonework on the steps leading up to the Co-op off Pontycymmer Square the Clerk provided a photo to the Council of the further vandalism done to the walls after being notified by the Warden. The Clerk informed Cllr R Jenkins of this matter on the telephone.

#### 79/15 Correspondence

- 1. Home Start Charity request for financial assistance *item left on the table*
- 2. St John Council for Mid Glamorgan request for financial assistance Resolved: that the Council in accordance with its powers under s137 LGA1972 should incur expenditure of Fifty Pounds (£50) which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure
- 3. Shelter Cymru request for financial assistance *item left on the table*

Prior to moving on to the next item of correspondence, Cllrs D T Griffiths and Mrs D Griffiths wanted it noted in the Minutes that they wish to personally thank the Garw Valley Community First Responders for their attendance when Cllr D T Griffiths was taken ill at home. The Community Council has previously donated funding under s137 LGA 1972 to this organisation.

- 4. Marie Curie informing of a charity walk on 16/8/14
- 5. St Brides Minor Community Council invitation for the Chairman and Consort to attend an evening of song, tunes and readings on 1/8/14.
- 6. BCBC letter re: consultation on the Rural Development Programme *no comments submitted*
- 7. Huw Irranca-Davies MP enclosing a copy of the official Hansard parliamentary record for 26/6/14
- 8. One Voice Wales enclosing the Minutes of the AGM held on 22/7/13
- 9. One Voice Wales informing of the AGM being held on 21/7/14
- 10. One Voice Wales forwarding a presentation made by the Wales Audit Office regarding asset transfers, devolution of services and audit implications
- 11. BCBC (Highways) requesting comments on the site compound for the Garreg Side bridge replacement *no comments submitted*
- 12. BCBC (Licensing Department) informing that the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is under review for the five year period commencing January 2015. BCBC are consulting on the proposed changes. Deadline for response was 3/9/14 no comments submitted
- 13. Clerk to TJ Services Wales Ltd regarding the closure of the Llangeinor urinal
- 14. Maesteg Town Council invitation for Chair and Consort to attend the Civic Service on 17/8/14
- 15. Pencoed Town Council invitation for Chair and Consort to attend the Civic Service on 5/10/14 neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman is able to attend. The Clerk has sent an apology.
- 16. Mayor of BCBC invitation for Chair and Consort to attend the Civic Service on 7/9/14 the Chairman attended the event
- 17. Bridgend Town Council invitation for Chair and Consort to attend the Civic Service on 28/9/14 *neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman is able to attend. The Clerk has sent an apology.*
- 18. Gwyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro 2015 invitation for the Chairman to an event on 16/10/2014
- 19. BCBC invitation to all Members to a pre-opening meeting at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall on 18/9/14 at 6pm
- 20. Clerk to Cllr R Jenkins informing of a damaged 'Pontycymmer' road sign
- 21. BCBC (Highways) informing that they will introduce some concrete bollards along the carriageway edge to replace the missing features near Bettws Church

- 22. BCBC letter re: proposal to end MLD at Blaengarw Primary School
- 23. Cllr Pugh informing that BCBC will only cut the grass in The Strand Park, Blaengarw and that it is unlikely any maintenance work will be carried out. Mr Clarke's team has carried out the repair to the damaged steps at the end of August
- 24. Bridgend Valleys Railway Group enquiring about using the Breathing Spaces field on the August Bank Holiday Monday **2015**. The Clerk has replied stating that the field is currently underlet to Blaengarw Play Development Group Ltd and permission needs to be sought from them
- 25. Clerk to Mr Smiles informing that Blaengarw Play Development Group Ltd is responsible for the area of land referred to in his letter.
- 26. Griffin Park Health and Wellbeing Centre invitation to all Members to an open day on 29/8/14

Items 4 to 26 are noted

- 27. Bro Garw invitation to exhibition on 17<sup>th</sup> September *Cllrs M Jones and Mrs M Thomas objected to their names being on the email stating that they are aware of the organisation and have given their support. The two Councillors have informed the organisation directly of this.*
- 28. Reach Bridgend Keepers Projects. The deadline for installation is 30<sup>th</sup> September Resolved: the Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the sculpture being installed in the park
- 29. Reach providing information about The Heritage of Orchards & Cider Making in Wales project and asking if the Members are aware of any interested community groups.
- 30. Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation informing of their services and enclosing the latest newsletter
- 31. Change Step informing of the mentoring and advice service that they offer to military veterans
- 32. Dogs Trust asking to display enclosed poster on the Council's noticeboard. The Members gave the approval to display the poster.
- 33. BAVO enclosing 'Involve' Magazine. There is an article on page 4 congratulating the Garw Valley Community First Responders who won the Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award sponsored by BAVO at the Bridge FM's Local Heroes Awards 2014.
- 34. BAVO providing information and a link to the summer newsletter
- 35. BAVO informing that nominations are open for their Volunteer Achievement Awards
- 36. One Voice Wales informing that nominations are open for the St David Awards 2015
- 37. One Voice Wales enclosing an information sheet from the Police regarding the NATO Summit
- 38. One Voice Wales information from the Information Commissioner regarding data protection
- 39. One Voice Wales forwarding an e-bulletin about the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill
- 40. One Voice Wales invitation to an exhibition about "A Sense of Energy"
- 41. One Voice Wales enclosing the eight motions put forward for OVW's AGM on 4/10/14.
- 42. One Voice Wales enclosing the Training Programme
- 43. BCBC requesting information on T&CC websites and long term vacant council seats (information being requested by Lesley Griffiths AM)
- 44. BCBC informing that the next T&CC Forum is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> October and requesting items for the Agenda to be received no later than 7<sup>th</sup> October.

- 45. Mr David Hills asking if the Council is aware of any groups mounting an organised opposite to the Pant y Wal Wind Farm extension. The Clerk has replied stating that she is not aware of such a group.
- 46. Land Registry informing that the application made by Mr Stephen Dent has been completed because the Council has withdrawn its objection. The Land Registry has also included a Completion of the Registration of the land.
- 47. Mrs Sandra Dent (phone call made to Cllr Andrews and referred to the Clerk) request for a key to the gate at the end of Pwll Carn Terrace, Blaengarw. The Clerk has forwarded the request to BCBC (Parks Dept.)
- 48. The Welsh Government Marine Planning Team requesting views on the Marine Plan
- 49. OVW advertising the opportunity to join the Heritage Lottery Fund Committee. More information available from the Clerk.
- 50. Wales Audit Office informing of a £30 redistribution from reserves to all Town and Community Councils in Wales. The Clerk has completed the necessary paperwork and the £30 has been received.

Items 29 to 50 are noted

With the consent of the Chairman, the Clerk reported the following correspondence which had been received after the Minutes had been circulated and was provided for information purposes only (the three clear days' notice as defined in Sch 12 para 26 of the Local Government Act 1972 could not be adhered to due to the timing of receipt of these items):

- BCBC (Children's Directorate) proposal to make a regulated alteration to Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Garw in the form of an enlargement. Consultation closes on 20<sup>th</sup> October
- 2. Bridgend Valleys Railway Company Ltd requesting a letter of support at the appropriate time for a bid to the Heritage Lottery Grant.
- 3. Bridgend Carers Centre enclosing newsletter
- 4. Welsh Government informing of support for businesses in the community
- 5. Women Making a Difference advertising a "Women for Change" course
- 6. CAM Engineering requesting permission to replace the rusted bolts on the Miner's Lamp (free of charge)

#### 80/15 Planning Matters

P/14/565/FUL – application to construct a new timber framed building to match the existing B-Leaf Building for use by Wood-B Wood Machining Facility for adults with learning difficulties at Bryngarw Country Park (Bryngarw Park sits in both the Bettws and Llangeinor ward boundaries) – *no objections* 

#### **BETTWS**

#### **Applications**

P/14/511/FUL – application for re-siting of external staircase (amendment to Planning Application P/12/208/FUL) at 4 Dan yr Eglwys – *no objections* 

#### Decisions

None

#### **LLANGEINOR**

#### **Applications**

P/14/531/FUL – application to construct one detached dwelling and provide access on land adjacent to 15 West Rhondda Road, Pontyrhyl – *no objections* 

#### **Decisions**

P/14/319/LIS – permission granted for alterations to previously approved P/13/189/LIS – replace metal framed windows on south elevation with wood frames at Tynton Farmhouse

P/14/426/FUL – permission granted for shower room extension, convert living room to bedroom and provide ramped access at 49 Craiglas

#### **PONTYCYMMER**

#### **Applications**

P/14/551/FUL – application for construction of summer house, balcony, garage and alterations at The Vicarage, St David Street – *no objections* 

#### Decisions

P/14/253/FUL – permission granted to construct two 3-bedroom terraced houses on land adjacent to 166 Oxford Street

P14/404/FUL – permission granted to replace existing wooden window with UPVC window at 5 Oxford Street

#### **BLAENGARW**

A site inspection took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 at the Former Church Hall, Blaengarw (P/14/343/FUL and P/14/344/FUL – application for change of use of one room to Beauticians and 12 Velux windows)

#### **Applications**

None

#### **Decisions**

P14/343/FUL – permission granted for change of use of one room to beauticians at the former Church Hall, Church Terrace

P14/344/FUL – permission granted for 12 Velux windows at the former Church Hall, Church Terrace

## 81/15 <u>To discuss the planning application P/14/293/FUL – extension to Pant y</u> Wal Wind Farm

The Council had submitted an objection to BCBC on this planning application in May 2014. The Member who tabled the motion wanted to keep awareness of the potential spread of wind farms in the locality.

No resolution was passed on this matter.

### 82/15 To review and discuss changing the Council's banking arrangements

This item is deferred until after the Extraordinary Council Meeting regarding the financial status of the Council is held.

## 83/15 <u>To formulate and decide on terms of reference for the Finance and Resources Committee and other necessary committees</u>

This item was withdrawn as an Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held instead.

#### 84/15 To discuss the renewal of the insurance policy

Resolved: the Council accepts the quotation of £2,490.10 from Came & Company and the Clerk is to make the necessary payment.

## 85/15 To authorise the repair to the Parc Calon Lan Visitor Centre Shutter

Resolved: the Council accepted the quotation of £333.00 from Bolton Gates Company to have the roller shutter repaired. The Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements.

## 86/15 To discuss the delegation of functional power to the Clerk in respect of urgent business arising between meetings

Resolved: the Clerk is to have the authority to spend up to £1,000 in an emergency situation to carry out essential repairs/remedial works provided authorisation is sought from two out of three of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Past-Chairman.

#### 87/15 To discuss the progress with The Strand Park, Blaengarw

The work to make the steps safe in the park has been carried out by Mr John Clarke's team at BCBC.

Resolved: The Council requested that the Clerk writes a letter of thanks to Mr John Clarke for the works carried out on the steps in the park.

#### 88/15 To discuss holding of Council Meetings in Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

The issue of using Blaengarw Workmen's Hall was discussed but no resolution was passed on the matter.

#### 89/15 To discuss the purchase of daffodil bulbs

Resolved: Bettws, Pontycymmer and Blaengarw want two bags each. Llangeinor wants six bags to plant along the grass verges of Heol Pandy.

#### 90/15 To approve the Rights of Way Agency Claim

Resolved: the Council approved the Claim of £3,200 prepared by the Clerk and the Chairman duly signed and dated the Claim.

## 91/15 To discuss the Clerk attending a One Voice Wales Training Course

Resolved: the Council voted unanimously in favour of the Clerk attending the training course outlined in her Clerk's Report (Minute 78/15 (27)).

#### 92/15 To discuss the provision of youth services

See Minute 78/15 (11).

Two Members requested that a letter is sent to the Garw Valley Life Centre to thank them for the excellent playscheme that they provided this summer. With all Members in agreement, it was:-

Resolved: that the Clerk is to write a letter to the Garw Valley Life Centre to thank them for the wonderful playscheme that was provided for the children

### 93/15 <u>Items for the October Meeting</u>

- 1. Presentation of plaques to the Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallists (BH)
- 2. Traffic calming measures, Lluest (BH)
- 3. Street lighting in the car park of the Doctors' Surgery, Pontycymmer (BH)
- 4. Llangeinor boundary signs (Mrs DG)

## 94/15 <u>Date of the next Meeting</u>

Resolved: That the Council will next meet at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Garw Valley Leisure Centre, Pontycymmer

With business concluded the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25pm

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