



**GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BLAENGARW WORKMEN'S  
HALL ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

Councillors: G Andrews  
C Gillard-Sage  
H Griffiths  
M Jones  
C Lloyd  
G Lloyd  
R Stirman  
M Thomas  
G Walters

Apologies: Councillors R Clatworthy, R Jones  
And M Trowbridge

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO and  
two members of the public

**121/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Item</b>                         | <b>Interest</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| S Dendy           | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member          |
| M Jones           | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member          |
| R Stirman         | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member          |

**122/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING**

The Minutes were presented for approval.

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

**123/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES**

The crime figures for December 2019 had been distributed to Members in advance of the meeting. In addition to the PCSO, Sergeant G Newman was present. The figures were discussed and ongoing problems noted including continuing problems with off road biking, the danger to people using the community path and the damage caused by the bikes. The parking issues in Pantygog and Pontyrhyl continue.

**124/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING**

**Minute 110/20 Borough Council and Ward Updates**

BCBC Officer John Rees will attend the March meeting to discuss the Love It, Don't Trash It scheme.

**Minute 116/20 Clerk's Report**

The new website is going live on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020. [www.garwvalleycc.co.uk](http://www.garwvalleycc.co.uk)

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**125/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS**

- Bettws - Councillors M Jones & C Lloyd
- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy

- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
- Pontycymer - Councillor H Griffiths

**Resolved:** Fly tipping, logging lorries and dog fouling issues were raised and solutions were discussed. Other matters raised included traffic controls in Llangeinor, school modernisation funding, youth facilities in Bettws, drainage and defence systems, preserving footpaths and the height of the water in the Blaengarw lake.

#### **126/20 LLYNFI AFAN WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUNDING**

Mr Rob Fellowes of Quatro PR who run the wind farm community fund was present and updated Members on the way the wind farm community fund works. Members asked questions regarding the length of the funding, the percentage allocated to Blaengarw (10%), if surplus in any year in the pot is carried over to the next year, what organisations received funding in 2019 and if the CC could apply for money.

**Resolved:** That the Community Council cannot apply for funding. The money is only for the use of the Blaengarw ward, however organisations from outside the ward could apply if they could demonstrate that residents of Blaengarw use their facilities.

#### **127/20 POST 16 CONSULTATION**

The consultation on proposals to close the sixth form facility at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen were discussed; concerns included longer days and travel and A level options.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to BCBC to say that the CC is aware and fully supports the submission by CCYD.

#### **128/20 COMMUNITY AWARDS 2019**

The Clerk had prepared a draft notice.

**Resolved:** The notice was approved and the notice and form would be sent out to Members to share on their social media pages, it would also be displayed in the noticeboards and on the website.

#### **129/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

##### **1. Payments February 2020:**

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £4,136.7 of payments for February 2020 as detailed on the February papers. It was noted that the balance carried forward to March 2020 was £81,826.21.

**2.Income:**

It was noted that £61.14 Interest had been received from the Cambridge Building Society

**3.External Audit:**

It was noted that in addition to the finances the theme for this year's audit is checking that meetings are recorded correctly.

**Resolved: The February 2020 payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted.**

**130/20 CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was nothing to report this month.

**131/20 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk tabled a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month.

**Planter Pontycymer Square:**

A licence had been granted to place a 3 tier flower planter on the square, subject to conditions.

**Resolved: The information was noted.**

**132/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received including a letter from BCBC regarding the long term maintenance costs of the work being carried out in the Upper Garw Valley.

**Resolved: Members noted the change to the next T&CC Forum meeting date and apologies from Councillor R Shaw for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter regarding the long term maintenance costs to ask for a clear indication of what those costs will be and to ask if they'd applied funding to cover these costs and if so from where?**

**133/20 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

**Resolved: There were no observations made.**

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**134/20 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2020 AGENDA**

**Resolved: The agenda will be kept open for items to be added in the month.**

**135/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm