



**GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL CWM GARW**

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIA TELE-CONFERRING ON**  
**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors M Jones & M Thomas

No Apologies: Councillors R Clatworthy, M  
Trowbridge & G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO,

**1/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters incl. Planning	Member
R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters incl. Planning	Member

**2/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2020 ORDINARY MEETING**

The Minutes were presented for approval.

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

**3/21 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH 2020 ORDINARY MEETING**

Minute 142/20 Borough Council & Ward Updates

The COVID-19 volunteer information was published on the Council's website in March and has been updated since that date.

Minute 142/20 Privacy Policy

This adopted policy has been published on the Council's website.

Minute 145/20 Events Committee Recommendations

All events are on hold until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Visitor Centre will remain closed throughout the summer holiday period.

The Bettws and Shwt planters have been planted in red/white/blue for the VE Day Anniversary.

Minute 146/20 Finance & Accounts

The Plant! Reclaim of £531.51 has been received.

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### Minute 149/20 Correspondence

The Love2Walk Festival is on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Resolved:** The information and action of the Clerk was noted.

### 4/21 TO RATIFY THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE CLERK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SINCE 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 TO DATE

The Clerk had included a list of decisions and reasons for those decisions to Members with their meeting papers:

- Close the Visitor Centre car park and cabin
- To cancel the April and May ordinary meetings and to use tele-conferencing facilities for future meeting provided by BT at a reduced local government rate
- To move £50k from the HSBC bank account to the Cambridge Building Society account to ensure the money held in the HSBC account was within the Financial Compensation Scheme threshold.

**Resolved:** The actions and decisions were all unanimously approved.

### 5/21 SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARDS

This was discussed. A proposal was made to contact the schools to find out their plans for this year.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would contact all schools to find out what their plans are for the end of term awards 2020.

### 6/21 SCHOOL GOVERNOR TYNRYHEOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The vacancy for a community school governor still exists at Tynryheol Primary School. The School Governor's Clerk had contacted the Council to ask if Members would be happy for a member of the community to take on that role. This was discussed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that a member of the community could take up the role.

### 7/21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING/DECORATIONS 2020

The Clerk asked Members to discuss the Christmas needs for their ward with the other members of their ward and that one representative for each ward lets the Clerk now what their ward's requirements are for Christmas 2020 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Resolved:** This was agreed.

## **8/21 GRASS FIRES**

The Chair raised her concerns regarding the grass fires that had recently been started in the valley and in the next valley which had almost reached Garw land. She suggested looking into having local fire beaters and contacting NRW and BCBC to raise the Council's concerns about the delay in de-silting the lakes causing there to be very little water in the lakes should it be needed to put out fires. This was discussed.

**Resolved:** It as agreed that the Clerk would find out more about fire beating and contact NRW and BCBC regarding the de-silting of the lakes.

## **9/21 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING INTERNAL AUDIT**

### **1. Payments to end March, April, May and June 2020:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 - £755.46
- April 2020 - £4,490.50
- May 2020 - £7,231.49
- June 2020 - £6,416.46

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £18,893.91 of payments for the period up to June 2020 as detailed on the papers. It was noted that the balance carried forward from the end of March 2020 was higher due to minor accounting adjustments including writing back in uncashed cheques.

### **2. Income:**

The precept of £120,630, Rights of Way claim for 2019/20 of £2,975, £600 for the community path maintenance and £531.51 for Plant! Reclaim had been received in the period since the last meeting.

### **3. Internal Audit and Report:**

The Clerk had included the bank reconciliation for the year, a copy of the internal audit report and the annual audit statement in the papers.

### **4. VAT Reclaim 2019/20**

The Clerk had submitted a reclaim for the previous year.

### **5. Budget 2020/21:**

The Clerk had published the new budget on the Council's website.

**Resolved:** The 2020 payments from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted. The Internal Audit Report, Bank Reconciliation and Annual Audit Statement

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were approved and accepted and it was unanimously agreed that the Chair and Clerk would sign the statement and the Clerk would prepare the External Audit papers. The internal audit report was recognised as being very thorough and the Clerk was praised for the standard of the internal audit papers.

### **10/21 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO DATE**

The Clerk had included a written Clerk's report and a written Warden's report including a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would order two remembrance wreaths and write to SW Police to express the Council's disappointment regarding the breach of confidentiality regarding recent operation in the valley. It was agreed that the Visitor Centre would not open over the summer holiday period.

### **11/21 CORRESPONDENCE FROM 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO DATE**

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received including the surveys, which the Clerk had carried out on behalf of the Council.

**Resolved:** All correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor R Shaw to ask him to make a referral to BCBC regarding the trees on Bridgend Road and the ongoing issues with parking on the bend at Gloucester Buildings.

### **12/21 PLANNING MATTERS 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO DATE**

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

**Resolved:** There were no observations made on any of the requests or decisions or on the information sent out by Planning Aid Wales.

### **13/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

**Resolved:** The agenda will be kept open for items to be added in the month. The date for the next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via tele-conferencing at 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm