



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF A PRECEPT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 7th
DECEMBER 2020 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor C Lloyd (Chair)

Councillors:

G Andrews
S Dendy
C Gillard-Sage
H Griffiths (from 6.35p onwards)
R Jones
G Lloyd
R Stirman
M Thomas
M Trowbridge
G Walters

Apologies: M Jones

No apologies given: R Clatworthy

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO & Cllr
R Shaw

68/21 Apologies (as above)

69/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

70/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes were presented for approval.

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

71/21 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2020 MEETINGS

Minute 54/21 Consider Matters Arising from the October 2020 Minutes

Pond Weed/Reed Cut Back Pontycymer Lake:

The Clerk confirmed that all permissions are in place and the work will be carried out in early January. The mobilisation bill has been reduced due to the kindness of a resident who has offered to store the machinery. No permits were required.

Work ParcCalon Lan:

The work has started to repair 3 of the wooden bridges and should be completed by the end of the month.

The repair to the stone bench has been completed.

The footpath and drainage channel work has been delayed due to bad weather but will be carried out as soon as a few consecutive dry days are forecast to minimise the damage to the grass in the monument area.

The internal work at the Visitor Centre has been completed.

Mountain Bike Trails Survey:

The trails have been surveyed and quotes have been returned for short term and long term maintenance. This will be discussed during precept setting for 2021/22.

Minute 61/21 Finance & Accounts

The ward funds on the budget monitoring sheet has been amended to show a shared cost of the purchase of the reindeers for the Santa sleigh journey through the valley and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost has been reimbursed to the Bettws ward.

Minute 64/21 Clerk's Report

The bus parked on land at the Avenue has been removed.

The work at Bettws Life Centre has started and will be completed by the end of January 2021.

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

72/21 PRECEPT BUDGET 2021/22

The Finance Committee's draft precept budget was presented to full council for approval, in addition the forecasted figures for the end of year to 31st March 2021 were presented. Each budget line was discussed and comments made.

The Clerk informed Members of the feedback from the artist who installed the PC Lan memorial and Councillor Dendy said the war memorial needed to be replaced not repaired.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed request a precept budget of £120,001 for the year 2021/22. The Clerk would ask the Warden to carry out the repairs to the PC Lan memorial and obtain quotes for the work to the war memorial as well as apply for funding for the work.

73/21 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the payments for December totalling £5,800.49.

2. Income:

There was no income received in the month.

3. Discretionary Payment 2021/22:

The appropriate sum under Section 137 (4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit has been set by the Welsh Government at £8.41 per elector.

4. Finance Committee Recommendations:

The following recommendations were made by the Finance Committee to full council:

- It was noted that the budget for 2020/21 had been reviewed by the Committee and there are no threats to the budget.
- A draft precept budget for 2021/22 was recommended and discussed in the previous minute.
- Verbal requests by the Warden to the Clerk regarding sick pay and transport would be discussed by the Employment Committee at its meeting on 16th December and reported to the January full council meeting if all information needed to facilitate a discussion was available, if not it would be included in the February meeting.

Resolved: The payments for December 2020 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. Other information was noted and the recommendations by the Finance Committee were accepted. The Clerk would provide Cllr R Jones with a copy of the Warden's contract of employment as requested.

74/21 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN

The Clerk had included a written Warden's report including a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month with the meeting papers. These were discussed.

Christmas Provision:

All lights, trees and decorations were now in place and a solution to provide provision for Pontrhyll had been found.

Remembrance Benches:

Objections had been received for the one in Bettws, an alternative location was suggested.

Life Saving Ring Blaengarw Lake:

The Clerk suggested this should be moved so that it is more visible and accessible from the lake.

Issues this Month:

Lighting columns out of order at Brynhyfryd.

S4C filming Am Dro:

The Clerk notified Members that the previously agreed film crew for the S4C programme Am Dro would be filming in Parc Calon Lan and the surrounding Blaengarw areas on 11th December.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to seek the necessary permissions to replace the bench at the end of Heol Glannant off Heol Richard Price with a Remembrance bench, it was agreed the life ring should be relocated, it was noted that the lighting columns at Brynhyfryd had now been repaired. The Clerk was also asked to write to the SW Police to request PCSO attendance at meetings and to request that PACT meetings are reinstated.

75/21 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received including the additional sheet distributed with the consent of the Chair as the correspondence had been received following the meeting papers being sent out. Of particular note was the surveys, a scam, a temporary traffic order, a generic letter from CISS asking for financial support and an invitation for a representative of the council to attend a virtual meeting regarding tree planting in Bridgend.

Resolved: All correspondence was noted. It was agreed that the letter from CISS would be deferred to the March meeting for consideration and that Councillor Dendy would attend the virtual meeting.

Note: At 7.24 pm Councillors Dendy or Stirman did not take part in the planning item and their connection to the virtual meeting was muted.

76/21 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS

3 planning requests had been included in the meeting papers, 1 decision and no appeals had been received.

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Resolved: No objections were made to the planning applications. The Planning Aid correspondence was noted.

77/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The following would be included on the agenda for the January 2021 meeting if the information to facilitate a discussion was obtained in time due to the Christmas holiday shut down.

- Employment Committee Recommendations
- South Wales Fire Service - M Samuels

Resolved: The agenda will be kept open for urgent items to be added in the month, The date for the next meeting will be Monday, 18th January 2021 via Zoom at 6.30 pm. This will be an ordinary meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm