



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 19TH JULY
2021 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths

Councillors:

G Andrews
D Davies
S Dendy
M Jones
M Lewis
M Thomas
M Trowbridge (from 6.40 pm)
G Walters

Apologies: Councillors C Gillard-Sage,
C Lloyd, G Lloyd and R Jones

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

35/22 Apologies (as above)

36/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters incl. Planning	Member
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

37/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2021 ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

The Annual and Extraordinary June minutes were presented for approval.

Resolved: Both minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.

Note: Councillor M Trowbridge joined the meeting at 6.40 pm

38/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE 2021 MEETINGS

Minute 18/22 Consider Matters Arising from the May 2021 Meetings

One Voice Wales Area Committee: representative vacancy still open

Remembrance Benches: lease renewal negotiations for Pontycymer police station are underway, should hear soon to have the go ahead to install.

Bin Mapping Exercise: Llangeinor and Bettws had not yet completed their bin mapping exercise.

Clerk/Warden Report: Floral displays are now on the lighting columns in Llangeinor.

Minute 18/22 Crime Figures for April 2021

Sgt Watts had been invited to attend tonight's meeting but was unavailable.

Minute 28/22 Clerk's Report

Community Council Governor Tynyrheol Primary School: It has been agreed with the Clerk to the Governors to swap Councillor D Davies to the Community Council representative.

Extraordinary Meeting

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk were noted and approved. The vacancy for the representative for One Voice Wales was kept open.

39/22 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR MAY 2021

The Clerk had distributed a graph and narrative of the crime figures for May 2021 with the meeting papers. Sgt Watts had been invited to attend but was unavailable. He had suggested that if Members had questions on the figures the Clerk could collate them and send to him for a response.

Resolved: The information was noted.

40/22 GARW VALLEY ASB MANAGEMENT GROUP

Councillors S Dendy and M Jones, along with the Clerk, had attended the first meeting of this group. Both councillors gave an update and stressed the importance of the public reporting crime to 101. It was stressed that it is important not to demonize all children as the ones causing issues are in the minority and the majority are good children. Both Councillors M Lewis and M Trowbridge gave examples of the youth work they are doing within the valley.

Resolved: The information was noted.

41/22 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor Dendy had attended the workshop facilitated by Planning Aid Wales and gave some feedback. Councillor M Jones raised some points regarding the LDP and the lack of inclusion of the valley in the plans. These were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor M Jones and the Clerk would work together and respond to the consultation on behalf of the Garw Valley Community Council.

42/22 COVID MEMORIAL

Some ideas were discussed.

Resolved: Members were asked to send their ideas to the Clerk for her to collate and the item would be carried forward for discussion at the September meeting.

43/22 REACH

Councillor M Jones raised some points on the final document including where the funding would come from to carry out the projects? This was discussed.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to accept the report in principle, to include it with the response to the LDP consultation and not to formally accept it until how the projects could be funded becomes clear.

44/22 BLAENGARW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Councillor Thomas had received letters from the schoolchildren offering to litter pick and showing their interest in the environment, raising their concerns etc.

Resolved: This was discussed and it was agreed that community council would work with the children to facilitate their projects.

45/22 CHRISTMAS 2021 PROVISION

This was discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed that those wards that had not submitted their request to the Clerk would do so by 31st July 2021.

46/22 DEFIBRILLATOR BRAICHYCYMMER

Councillor Griffiths made a request for the community council to fund a defibrillator for Braichycymer.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the cost of a defibrillator, cabinet and installation would be funded from the council's general funds.

47/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the payments for July 2021 totalling £6,892.15 The balance carried forward was accepted.

2. Income:

No income was received in July 2021.

Resolved: The payments for July 2021 were approved and authority was given to make the payments

48/22 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Rod Shaw had sent his apologies and a written report. Updates included COVID, Highways, Community Safety Partnership meeting (as reported in minute 42/22 above), Full Council , Youth Clubs and some RoW maintenance needed.

The Pontycymer ward members requested an additional bench on Oxford Street.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk would deal with the RoW maintenance request and the additional bench request.

49/22 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported an area near the black bridge which is overgrown.

Resolved: The Clerk would deal with this matter and refer.

50/22 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN

A written report from the Warden had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Clerk's Report:

Issues raised this month

- **Broken bin Pontyrhyl** - referred to BCBC and they will replace it.
- **Dog mess Ivor Street to Albany Road, Pontycymer** - referred to BCBC who have cleaned the lane and they will visit over the coming weeks. They have also agreed to place a bin in the area along with signage.
- **Grass cutting Pontycymer Police Station** - referred to owner who say BCBC cut this
- **Sunk pavement Pontycymer** - referred to BCBC and requested inspection
- **Weeds/grass cutting Bettws Life Centre** - requested action from Awen Cultural Trust
- **Cherry Trees** - 2 planted last year have been vandalised at the Plant! site behind the Co-op
- **Manhole Lluest** - referred to BCBC
- **Hedge cutting Llangeinor** - to the side of the steps, referred to BCBC
- **Dead Sheep** - Parc Calon Lan asked BCBC for help or advice on removal.
- **Fly Tipping** - rear of Waunbant referred to BCBC but still waiting an update on action to be taken

Footpaths Around the Monument

The Clerk informed members that a contractor would be on site tomorrow to quote for footpaths at PC Lan and steps at Pont lake.

Planter Lluest

This needs to be replanted and maintained. Councillor Stirman had an arrangement with local residents and the Clerk had spoken to one of them who is keen to continue if the council provides the plants.

Blaengarw Primary

Miss Quinn re Community Crusaders project. Request to clear foliage etc. from around the purple container.

Drainage Works PC Lan Pontycymer

The Clerk informed members that work to clear ditches and watercourses has been carried out in the last few weeks by BCBC.

Noticeboard Bettws Life Centre

This has now been installed.

Defibrillator Installations

All defibrillators and cabinets have now been installed.

Resolved: All the information was noted. The dead sheep on the council's leased land was noted and the Clerk would liaise with the Warden and BCBC regarding its removal. The Clerk was asked to purchase replacement cherry trees and arrange the planting. It was agreed that the planter at Lluest should be replanted and maintained by the gardener who carries out the work on the other planters. The Clerk would speak to the Warden regarding the school's request.

51/22 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 were the following:

- Request to place LDP Consultation posters in the council's noticeboards
- Temporary road closure of Bettws Road
- Operation London Bridge information
- Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales

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- RNID request to place a flyer on the council's website
- OVW Innovative Practice Conference 22nd September 2021
- Temporary road closure between A4093 and Pantyrawel to Llangeinor
- Request from Tanio to use PC Lan 23-27th August to deliver a version of Spring Forward.

Resolved: All correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. It was agreed that the poster could be placed in the council's noticeboards, that the RNID flyer could be published on the council's website, that Operation London Bridge and the Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales would be included as agenda items on the September Ordinary Meeting agenda and that the Chair would attend the OVW Innovative Practice Conference on 22nd September 2021. In addition, the Tanio request was agreed.

Note: At 7.31pm Councillors Dendy did not take part in the planning item and her connection to the virtual meeting was muted.

52/22 PLANNING MATTERS

5 planning request had been included in the meeting papers; there were no decisions or appeals to report. 3 emails from Planning Aid Wales had also been circulated.

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

53/22 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

- Operation London Bridge
- Consultation on Clerks Qualifications in Wales

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, 20th September 2021 via Zoom at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm.