



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 17TH
JANUARY 2022 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor H Griffiths

Councillors: G Andrews
D Davies
S Dendy
M Lewis
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
C Gillard-Sage
M Trowbridge (from 6.48 pm)

Apologies: Councillors M Jones, R Jones, M Thomas and G Walters

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

103/22 Apologies (as above)

104/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

105/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2021 PRECEPT MEETING.

The December Precept Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

106/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2021 MEETING

Minute 96/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING

Bettws Footpath: A quote has been received by this council and has been accepted by the Rights of Way department at BCBC. The contractor has just finished a path in Coity and is starting one in St Brides and as soon as that is finished they will move on to the Bettws path. It is hoped all work will be completed and paid for by the end of the financial year.

In addition, an email had been received from the Rights of Way Manager asking for a donation towards the work as the quote is higher than expected, and this was discussed.

BCBC Requests: The Clerk had chased up the replacement bin for Federation Lane and repairs to the Highway, but to date there had been no replies from BCBC.

Minute 97/22 PRECEPT 2022/23

Following last month's meeting a precept budget of £120,001 has been requested from BCBC and acknowledgement of the request has been received from BCBC.

Minute 100/22 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

The Vice-Chair and Clerk had met with the Men's Shed representatives in the Richard Price Centre in December 2021. 5 representatives attended along with borough councillor Roz Stirman.

It was a productive meeting, the group had some ideas which they brought to the meeting and the Vice-Chair and Clerk believe they went away from the meeting with a better understanding of how council works and the limitations a community council has.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk would continue to chase up the replacement bins and the bin promised for outside Ffaldau School. Councillor Roz

Stirman had agreed at the meeting with the Men's Shed to take up the BCBC issues. It was unanimously agreed to contribute 10%, £4,823 towards the cost of the Bettws footpath from the council's general reserve.

107/22 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2021

The crime figures for October 2021 had been circulated to Members.

Resolved: The rising anti-social behaviour numbers were a concern.

108/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Clerk had circulated a number of papers regarding ideas for the jubilee and these were discussed. The Queen's Green Canopy, a tree planting initiative was of interest and one suggestion was to plant a large tree in each ward and engage the local schools to make a time capsule to be planted with each tree.

Resolved: It was agreed to ask the gardener to plant red, white and blue flowers in the planters and, if possible, the Llangeinor floral baskets. It was agreed that Councillor Dendy would draw up a plan on how the time capsule would be organised and co-ordinated and this item would be included again on the February 2022 agenda for further discussion, for Members to bring other ideas to the table and then the Events Committee would meet and take the idea forward.

109/22 T&CC FUND 2022/23

A letter of invitation to apply for this match funding had been circulated along with the criteria and the application form and this was discussed. The closing date for applications is 28th February 2022.

Resolved: It was agreed that Members would consider any ideas they may have for match funding and send them to the Clerk asap to enable her to obtain quotes in advance of the February 2022 meeting where projects would be considered to be put forward for the scheme.

110/22 BRIDGES PARC CALON LAN

A quote of £1,800 had been received for the work needed to the wooden bridge at the top of the lake. A quote for the work to the metal bridge had not yet been received.

Resolved: It was agreed to go ahead with the work to the wooden bridge at the cost quoted.

111/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the payments for January 2022 as detailed on the payment sheets. The balance carried forward to February 2022 was accepted.

2.Income:

No income had been received in the month.

3.External Audit:

The conclusion of audit had been received and was unqualified with no notes or issues of concern raised. Members discussed how much to charge residents per requested copy.

Resolved: The payments for January 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. The conclusion of audit was accepted and the Clerk was authorised to display the documents. The Clerk was thanked for her work on the audit and its excellent outcome. It was unanimously agreed not to charge for any requested audit copies.

112 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor Rod Shaw had sent his apologies for not being able to attend and a written report on the Pontycymer ward which had been circulated to all Members. In addition Councillor Griffiths raised the on-going issue of dog mess and thefts and Councillor Lewis had received a request from a member of the public about open water swimming in the lake.

Councillor Dendy gave an update for the Blaengarw ward which included on-going issues with dog mess, littering, bad driving around the ward etc. Councillor Andrews thanked the Clerk for addressing the issues with the Christmas tree lights over the Christmas period.

Councillor Davies said the Davey lamp at Llangeinor was not lit up and Councillor G Lloyd asked the Clerk for an update on the repointing of the stone wall on Llangeinor Road.

There was nothing to report from the Bettws ward.

Resolved: Councillor Lewis was asked to inform the member of the public that open water swimming was not permissible in the lakes. All Members offered their congratulations to Councillor R Jones on the birth of his first child. The Clerk would report the issue with the Davey lamp and chase up the referral to BCBC regarding the re-pointing of the stone wall in Llangeinor.

113 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had nothing to report following the Christmas/New Year period.

114/22 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The report from the Warden, circulated to Members, was noted.

Christmas Tree Pantygog: It was suggested that the resident who hosts the Christmas tree in Pantygog should receive a gift of thanks. The tree had fallen over during the Christmas period when the Warden was on leave.

Blaengarw Lake Work: The contractors are due to be on site in January and the Clerk would chase up a date for the work to be carried out.

Floral Displays: The Clerk asked all wards to confirm that they wanted their planters planted and maintained in the coming year and asked the Llangeinor ward if they wanted to increase the number of flower baskets this year?

Tree Pocket Park Pontycymer: It had not been possible to light the tree this year as there is an underlying issue with the tree and it may need to be removed. The Clerk is waiting for an update from BCBC.

Resolved: All information was noted. It was unanimously agreed to purchase some flowers for the resident who hosts the tree, which Councillor Gillard-Sage would purchase, arrange and deliver. It was agreed that the tree in Pantygog is not a suitable alternative. All ward representatives confirmed they wanted to continue with the planter provision in 2022/23 and the Llangeinor ward asked the Clerk to investigate additional flower baskets.

115/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received, including additional correspondence included with the permission of the Chair as they were received after the papers for the meeting had been circulated to Members. Of particular note were the following:

- T&CC Forum on 7th February 2022
- Resident enquiry re turning circle from Huw Irranca-Davies, SM
- An update from the Garw Valley Railway Society on the cycle path ownership
- Consultation on Ysgol Cynwyd Sant which closes on 25th February 2022
- Welsh Government correspondence re. Renewal Energy Systems Ltd.

Resolved: All correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. It was noted that Councillor Dendy would attend the T&CC Forum and the Clerk was asked to establish

ownership of the turning circle with BCBC before a decision could be made on the response to Huw Irranca-Davies.

116/22 PLANNING MATTERS

Two planning request had been included in the meeting papers; 9 decision were included in the planning table and there were no appeals. Two emails from Planning Aid Wales had also been circulated.

In addition, with the consent of the Chair, 1 additional decision had been included which had been received since the papers were circulated.

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

117/22 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

- Re-visit Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 including Time Capsule/Tree Planting Idea (All/SD)
- Re-visit T&CC Fund 2022/23 (All)
- Grant funding for footpaths Parc Calon Lan (SD)

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, 21st February 2022 at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor and via Zoom at 6.30 pm, covid permitting.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.