



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE RICHARD PRICE CENTRE
AND/OR ZOOM ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths

Councillors: G Andrews
D Davies
M Jones
R Jones (from 6.35 pm)
M Lewis
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
C Gillard-Sage
M Thomas
M Trowbridge (from 6.50 pm)
G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor S Dendy

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

118/22 Apologies (as above)

March 2022 Ordinary Meeting

119/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

120/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING.

The January Ordinary Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

121/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2022 MEETING

Minute 106/22 To Consider Matters Arising from the December 2021 Meeting:

Bettws Footpath: The temporary closure notices have been erected, these are for a 6 month period. Following a site visit with the land owner, Rights of Way and the contractor it has been decided that the field is too wet for the work to start as planned as it needs to dry out a little.

BCBC Requests: No responses to date.

Minute 110/22 Bridges Parc Calon Lan

This work is unable to go ahead at present due to the nesting season starting.

Minute 112 Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports

The Davey lamp is now repaired.

The Clerk has chased up the re-pointing of the wall in Llangeinor.

Minute 114/22 Clerk's Report

Flowers in thanks have been delivered to the lady who hosts the Christmas tree in Pantygog.

Minute 115/22 Correspondence

No update from BCBC's legal department as yet, but Huw Irranca-Davies' office is chasing the Clerk for an update.

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Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to earmark the budget for the bridge repairs in next year's budget.

122/22 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

The crime figures for November and December 2021 had been circulated to Members. PCSO M Rees went through the figures with Members and these were discussed and questions asked and answers given.

Resolved: The information was noted.

123/22 RE-VISIT THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 INCLUDING THE TIME CAPSULE AND TREE PLANTING IDEAS

The gardener has been asked to fill the planters with red, white and blue flowers. The hanging baskets in Llangeinor will need other plants to fill them out.

The papers included information on two styles of celebratory benches and a tree plaque produced by war veterans and these were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to purchase 4 benches, 1 for each ward, out of the contingency budget. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know which bench style they'd like and where they'd like it to be installed, subject to a licence being agreed.

124/22 RE-VISIT T&CC FUND 2022/23

Members had been asked to forward their ideas to the Clerk in time for her to obtain quotes for the work and submit applications by the deadline of 28th February 2022.

Resolved: No ideas had been suggested and therefore no applications had been submitted.

125/22 GRANT FUNDING FOR FOOTPATHS PARC CALON LAN

Councillor Dendy was not in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved: This item was not discussed and would be deferred to a future meeting.

126/22 BETTWS FOOTPATH

Photos of the condition of this path had been included in the meeting papers. Councillor M Jones gave some information on the path.

Resolved: It was agreed to consider the work to this path after the local elections.

127/22 BLAEN PARK

Councillor Griffiths reminded Members of the awful condition of this area also known as The Strand.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the CAT Officer at BCBC to enquire about asset transferring the space to the Community Council.

128/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments:

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

2. Income:

No income had been received in the month.

3. Bank Charges:

It was noted that HSBC has now started charging the council £5 per month for administering its account.

Resolved: The payments for February 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. The Clerk was asked to look into alternative banking.

129/22 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor M Jones gave the update for the Bettws ward which included the new nursery, budget meetings at BCBC, referrals, pot holes, damaged fencing, damaged benches. He also gave information on a Mayor's award, which he said was a great achievement. An event to mark the occasion will be held at Bettws Life Centre at 4.30 pm on 18th March 2022 and the Chair and all councillors were invited to attend the presentation. He asked the council if they would consider making a donation of £350 towards the event.

It was noted that Councillor Glyn Walters would be presented with his BEM at Buckingham Palace within the coming weeks.

Resolved: It was agreed that a donation of £150 would be made for the Mayor's Award event.

130/22 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had attended an event to mark the start of the construction of the new Bettws Nursery.

She also informed Members that there was a lot of incorrect information being posted on local social media pages.

Resolution: The information was noted.

131/22 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Plant! Site

In recent storms most of the fence between the footpath and the Plant! site behind the Co-op has been destroyed. The Clerk had attempted to find a contractor to remove the fence and quote for a new one but all were extremely busy following the storms.

Future Meetings

The Clerk asked Members to let her know in advance if they intended joining the council meetings via zoom so that paper wouldn't be wasted in printing out the meeting papers.

Outstanding Community Awards

Now that Covid restrictions were being lifted the Clerk reminded Members that they had been unable to hold the presentation for the two winners and asked when they wished to hold it.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was given authority to seek quotes for the work to replace the fencing. The Community presentation would be held at the April 2022 meeting.

132/22 **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:

- Welsh Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 Pre-Consultation
- Welsh Government Consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales

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- Request for financial support from Bridgend Carers Centre
- Copy, Notice and Plan in respect of a temporary footpath closure in Bettws
- Boundary Commission Wales Public Hearing in Swansea on 1st March 2022
- A financial request from Pontycymer Men's Shed
- A financial request from Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

Resolved: All correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. It was agreed to donate £50 towards the Men's Shed event. Other financial requests would be deferred to the March meeting.

133/22 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

134/22 STAFF CONFIDENTIAL (The Clerk was not present for the discussion about her request)

At the staff appraisals both members of staff had made requests and these were discussed.

Resolved: The Staff Appointments Committee would meet to discuss the remuneration element of the requests.

135/22 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2022 MEETING

- Grant funding for footpaths Parc Calon Lan (SD)
- Deferred Financial Donations 2021/22
- Car Parking Bettws Schools (CL)

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 March 2022 at Bettws Life Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm, covid permitting.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.