



**GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE BETTWS LIFE CENTRE  
AND/OR ZOOM ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths

Councillors:

G Andrews  
S Dendy  
M Jones  
R Jones (from 6.37 pm)  
M Lewis  
C Lloyd  
M Thomas  
M Trowbridge (from 6.38)  
G Walters - via zoom

Apologies: Councillors D Davies & G Lloyd

No Apologies: Councillor C Gillard-Sage

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

154/22 Apologies (as above)

**155/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>
S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

**156/22 TO PRESENT THE COMMUNITY AWARD FOR 2020**

This had not been organised as the Clerk had been advised that during a pre-election period it would be best to arrange this for the new council to present in May.

**157/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2022 ORDINARY MEETING.**

The March Ordinary Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

**158/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH 2022 MEETING**

**Minute 139 Matters Arising from the February Meeting**

- **Bettws footpath:** waiting on the land agent paperwork
- **Replacement/New Bins:** waiting on BCBC update
- **Leased Land Map:** waiting on BCBC response
- **Jubilee Benches:** confirmation has been received that they should arrive in time for the June weekend.
- **Fence Quote Plant! Site:** a quote had been received, this was discussed.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. The Clerk was given authority to give the go ahead for the work.

**159/22 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

The crime figures for February 2022 had been circulated to Members. The PCSOs were unable to attend the meeting and had sent apologies.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

**160/22 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

The Clerk had written a draft report which had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting; this was discussed. Councillor Thomas asked if copies would be left in public places for residents who are not on the internet.

**Resolved:** The Clerk was asked to make it clear that this was the council's first annual report. The Clerk was thanked for her work and the draft was approved for publication on the council's website.

**161/22 PLACE MAKING CHARTER**

This had been discussed at a previous meeting and it had been agreed to wait for further information. Councillor Dendy updated Members on the current situation and informed Members that BCBC had signed up to the Charter.

**Resolved:** It was agreed in principle that the council would sign up to the Charter, but this was for the new council to confirm.

**162/22 DONATION TO NOAH'S ARK**

A letter had been received from Lisa Davies regarding fund raising for Olivia Finch's treatment.

The Clerk informed Members that a personal donation could not be made as donations have to be of benefit to the whole community, however a donation towards Noah's Ark could be made, where Olivia is receiving treatment.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to donate £100 to Noah's Ark. The Chair would inform Lisa Davies of the outcome of the discussion.

**163/22 DOG WASTE AND FLY TIPPING**

Councillor Griffiths raised her concerns regarding these two issues. She also raised concerns from residents regarding the council's leased land field, near Blaengarw Primary being churned up by horses. Councillor Griffiths requested that the Pontycymer ward install a dog waste bin on the sitting out land on Oxford Street.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to fund a dog waste bin from the Pontycymer ward funds.

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### 164/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

#### **1. Payments:**

The Clerk requested authority to pay the payments to the year ended 31st March 2022 and the April payments as detailed on the payment sheets. The balance carried forward to May 2022 was accepted.

#### **2. Income:**

There had been no income received in the month, however VAT and Rights of Way agency agreement claims had been submitted.

#### **3. Financial Request:**

A financial request from Ty Hafan had been omitted from the previous month's deferred financial donations; this was discussed.

**Resolved:** The payments to end of March and April 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. It was unanimously agreed to donate £25.00 to Ty Hafan.

### 165/22 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Due to the pre-election period, no reports were given.

**Resolved:** Noted.

### 166/22 CHAIR'S REPORT

Due to the pre-election period the Chair had nothing to report this month.

**Resolution:** The information was noted.

### 167/22 CLERK'S REPORT

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

#### **Pre-election Period:**

The Clerk had made enquiries regarding publicity in uncontested wards in this period and was awaiting a response.

**Local Elections:**

The Clerk updated Members on the uncontested elections, vacancies and future co-options.

**Resolved: All information was noted.**

**168/22 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:

- Audit Notice 2021/22 Complete Documents
- Reminder of the Public Space Protection Order Consultation and Heronsbridge School Consultations
- Proposed diversion of footpath 106 Garw Valley S119 Highways Act 1980
- Pryor & Rickett Silviculture ref. woodland planting
- Outdoor Partnership ref. improve opportunities for more people in Wales to achieve through the outdoors
- Thanks from Pontycymer Men's Shed for donation
- Garw and Ogmere Vale Forest Resource Plan
- Kids Cancer Charity
- Thanks from Urdd Cymru for donation
- Request for information on Community Wind Farm Fund

**Resolved: All correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. It was agreed to donate £25 to the Kids Cancer Charity. The Clerk was asked to make observations that the Forest Resource Plan is too generic, is non-specific to the Garw Valley and to request what specific plans are in place and what links were being made between all partners.**

**169/22 PLANNING MATTERS**

7 planning request had been included in the meeting papers, no decisions and no appeals. One email from Planning Aid Wales had also been circulated.

**Other Planning Correspondence:**

**Planning Inspectorate** - DNS/3213662 Land at Upper Ogmere ref. Renewable Energy Systems Ltd. Extended period of suspension to 30<sup>th</sup> June with a revised determination date of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Pre-planning Consultation** - land formerly Ffaldau Arms, Victoria Street, Pontycymer CF32 8LN: response no later than 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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**Resolved:** No objections were made to the planning applications. The Clerk was asked to object to the access road to the rear of the pre-planning consultation for land formerly Ffaldau Arms.

**170/22 ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2022 MEETINGS**

- IRPW Report on the annual meeting agenda

**Resolved:** The agenda will be kept open for urgent items to be added in the month.

The date for the next meetings is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Pontycymer OAP Centre and via Zoom at 6.00 pm. The Annual Meeting will start at 6.00 pm followed by the Ordinary Meeting at approximately 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.