

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday
16th May 2022 at Pontycymer OAP Centre and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews, J Coles, D Davies, William Davies, H Griffiths, M Jones, M Lewis, C Lloyd, M Thomas and M Trowbridge (There are currently two vacancies on the council)

Apologies:

None

No Apologies:

R Jones

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Activity Scheme 2022 Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Richard Price Centre Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen Ffaldau Primary School	Member Governor Chair of Governors
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Bettws Primary School	Member Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
3/22-23	To Approve the Minutes of the April 2022 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.
4/22-23	To Consider Matters Arising from the March 2022 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. Councillor M Jones agreed to refer the Bettws footpath issue to BCBC. Councillor Griffiths agreed to refer the bin issue to BCBC. The council now wished it to be minuted that Members had unanimously agreed to sign up to the Place Making Charter.
5/22-23	To Receive the Crime Figures for March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
6/22-23	Activity Scheme 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to retain the budget provision at £9,650 which would be sufficient funding for the scheme now

		<p>that the Richard Price Centre had been taken out of the offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Governors were asked to speak to the Head Teachers and inform their schools of the scheme and to ask the schools to publicise it. • Councillor M Jones said he'd look to see if the anti-social behaviour group run by BCBC could be reinstated.
7/22-23	Spring Bulbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to go ahead and the Clerk was asked to order the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bettws - 3 daffodil, 1 bluebell ➤ Blaengarw - 2 daffodil, 2 bluebell ➤ Llangeinor - 3 daffodil ➤ Pontycymer - 3 daffodil, 3 bluebell
8/22-23	Parc Calon Lan Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that Councillor J Coles would be responsible for finding and applying for funding for this project. • The Clerk would obtain an up-to-date quote given the recent increase in the cost of building materials.
9/22-23	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The payments for May 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. • All income was noted.
10/22-23	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to look into setting up a Facebook page and the rules around it. • It was suggested Councillor Coles links into Pontycymer Men's Shed who already have a volunteer group set up. • The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the tree cut back on Railway Terrace.
11/22-23	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to speak to the local responder, Don Sage, to organise a cabinet and its installation and registry on the Ambulance Service database and the Council would fund the cabinet.
12/22-23	Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to refer the fly tipping matter to BCBC.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3 borough councillors said they would work together to identify the land ownership at the Strand. • The Clerk was asked to raise the rat issue with Public Health Protection. Anyone who wishes to attend training was asked to let the Clerk know. • The Clerk was asked to find out who is now in charge of Bus Shelters at BCBC and request that the one on Pontycymer Square is cleaned and painted.
13/22-23	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence was noted. • The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident's complaint regarding the condition of Blaengarw Lake, explaining that the Council is just as frustrated, that they have their contribution towards the de-silting of the lake in the budget but will not be given the go ahead for the work by both Natural Resources Wales and BCBC until the work NRW is carrying out at the top of the valley is completed.
14/22-23	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections were made to the planning applications.
15/22-23	Items for the June 2022 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rights of Way (JC) ➤ Bettws Ward Committee Representatives ➤ Draft Training Plan ➤ Dog Waste Bins & Benches (JC) • The date for the next meeting is earlier than usual and will be held on Monday 6th June 2022 at Pontycymer OAP Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.