Chairman 2014/15
Councillor G Davies

The Clerk
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Dear Councillor, 9th February 2015

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council to be held at the Blaengarw Workmen's Hall on **Monday 16th February 2015 at 6.00pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members are advised to give three days' notice to the Clerk of any questions regarding the business of the Council to be considered at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

NJ Eyre

Mrs Nicola Eyre BSc ACA
CLERK

Members are reminded that they attended this Meeting under the provisions of the Community Council's Code of Conduct

The press and members of the public are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest, if any, from Members in items on the Agenda

3. Chairman's announcements

4. To receive information from the Police and ask questions on the information received

5. Question and answer session with Mr Liley regarding renewable energy (from January Meeting)

6. To record the accuracy of the Minutes of the January 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting

7. To report matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2015 not on the Agenda (for information purposes only).

8. Finance & Accounts:

   a) To confirm the bank reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts as at 31st January 2015 *(Attached)*

b) To receive and adopt the schedule of payments and receipts from 1st January to 31st December *(Attached)*

c) To receive the Receipts and Payments Account from 1st April 2014 to 31st January 2015 *(Attached)*

d) To approve the Clerk's expense claim for January 2015 – see attached schedule

e) To confirm the re-appointment of Mr B Rees as the internal auditor for 2014/15 (Mr Rees has been the Council's Internal Auditor since 2008/09)

f) To discuss the renewal notice received from the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Council has paid for the Clerk to be a Member since February 2012. The cost of membership for 2015/16 is £210 (cost for 2014/15 was £207 and 2013/14 was £203). A copy of the renewal notice has been provided to every Member.

g) To discuss the Clerk's attendance at the joint One Voice Wales/SLCC event on 14/5/15. The event will focus on community governance, devolution of services/asset transfers from unitary authorities, financial governance and accountability and contributing to sustainability. The cost of the event is £69 (plus VAT). A copy of the invitation has been provided to every Member. Councillors are also able to attend the event.

h) To discuss the renewal notice received from One Voice Wales for membership for 2015-16. The Council has been a member since April 2012 – copy sent to every Member

i) To discuss the request for financial assistance from the Teenage Cancer Trust Wales – copy sent to every Member

j) To discuss the request for financial assistance from The Bridgend and County Borough Veterans Association – copy given to every Member present at the January Ordinary Meeting and sent to the Members not present

9. To receive the Clerk's Report *(Attached)*

10. To receive and consider the Correspondence in the *attached schedule.*

11. Planning:

a) To receive and consider the planning applications below:

i) P/15/47/FUL – application for 2 semi-detached 4 bed dwellings with integral garage at 2-4 Heol Dewi Sant (plot between 2B and 6), Bettws

b) To note the planning application decisions below:

i) P/14/795/FUL – permission granted for a rear two storey kitchen/bathroom/ bedroom extension at 43 Alexandra Road, Pontycymmer

ii) P/14/289/FUL – permission refused to convert a vacant shop into a flat at 24A Y Wern, Bettws

12. To receive an update on the Breathing spaces land from Cllrs M Jones and Mrs M Thomas and to discuss the update (from the January Ordinary Meeting)

13. To discuss the venue for the April to October 2015 Ordinary Council Meetings (Clerk)

14. To discuss and appoint a Member to the vacancy for a Community Council representative on the Board of Governors at Ffaldau Primary School

15. Items for the March 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting

16. To confirm that the next ordinary meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council will take place on **Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.00pm** in the Blaengarw Workmen's Hall.