Chairman 2014/15
Councillor G Davies

The Clerk
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Dear Councillor, 9th March 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 March 2015 at 7.00pm** 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 a report from Cllr C G Andrews about the Bridgend Community Transport "Wheels to Work" scooter loan project

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

6. To hold a question and answer session with Mr Jonathan Price (Natural Resources Wales) and Mr Jonathan Barrett (Legal Forest Riders) about the Legal Forest Riders using the forestries in the Garw Valley.

7. To record the accuracy of the Minutes of the February 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting

8. To report matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2015 not on the Agenda (for information purposes only).

9. Finance & Accounts:

   a) To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee and to discuss the report and recommendations

   b) To confirm the bank reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts as at 28th February 2015 *(Attached)*

   c) To receive and adopt the schedule of payments and receipts from 1st February to 28th February 2015 *(Attached)*

   d) To receive the Receipts and Payments Account from 1st April 2014 to 28th February 2015 *(Attached)*

   e) To approve the Clerk's expense claim for February 2015 – see attached schedule

   f) To discuss and approve the expenditure for posts and rails for fencing at the end of the Mountain Bike Trails, around the edge of Parc Calon Lan car park and to replace the timber on the raised flowerbed in the park. The cost is £200 including VAT (VAT recoverable).

   g) To discuss the repair/bagging of the CCTV Cameras on Pontycymmer Square (Clerk) – copy of email from CCSU Manager provided to every Member

   h) To discuss the request for financial assistance from the Kidney Wales Foundation "Walk for Life 2015" – copy sent to every Member

   i) To discuss the request for financial assistance from the Samaritans – copy sent to every Member

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

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

12. Planning:

a) To receive and consider the planning applications below:

   i) P/15/113/FUL – application for a single storey extension at 3 Stable Lane, Pantygog

b) To note the planning application decisions below:

   i) P/14/842/FUL – permission granted for a single storey side extension at Premier Lloyd's Store, 14-16 Y Wern, Bettws

   ii) P/15/11/FUL – permission granted for change of use from former clinic to two bedroom dwelling at The Former Clinic, Alexandra Road, Pontycymmer

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

14. To discuss the request to have a memorial bench placed in the Plant! site behind the Co-op Store in Pontycymmer – copy of request sent to every Member and copy of email from the Plant! Scheme Manager (from the February Ordinary Meeting)

15. To formulate the Council's response to the White Paper "Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People" (Letter delivered/sent to every Member on 13th February 2015) (from the February Ordinary Meeting)

16. To discuss the grit bin on Richard Street, Pontycymmer (JS)

17. To discuss the possibility of income generation from the timber in the Darren Fawr Forestry (Mrs DG)

18. To discuss the continuation or disbanding of Committees as outlined in the Clerk's Report (Clerk)

19. Items for the April 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting

20. To confirm that the next ordinary meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council will take place on **Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.00pm** at Bettws Primary School

21. Exclusion of the Public

The following item not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 and 14 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Council resolves pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

22. Approval of Exempt Minutes

To receive for approval the exempt minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th February 2015

NB: The documents for this item will be circulated separately to the agenda