



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF A PRECEPT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 6th
DECEMBER 2021 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor H Griffiths

Councillors: G Andrews
D Davies
M Jones
R Jones
M Lewis
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
M Thomas
M Trowbridge

Apologies: Councillors Gillard-Sage & Walters

No Apologies: Councillor S Dendy

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

93/22 Apologies (as above)

94/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Councillor | Item | Interest |
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| D Davies | Richard Price Centre | Director |
| M Jones | All Bridgend County Borough Matters | Member |

95/22 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING.

The Ordinary November Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

96/22 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING

Minute 81/22 To Consider Matters Arising from the October 2021 Meeting

Bettws Footpath: Waiting on the quote as the contractors work out access to the field.

Bridge Repairs Pont Lake: Survey carried out by BCBC surveyor. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the work and report back at the January meeting.

Minute 82/22 To Receive the Crime Figures for August and September 2021

Councillor M Jones will chase up a response to the crime figures from the ASB Management Group.

Minute 84/22 Footpaths Parc Calon Lan

A list of funding schemes had been circulated to Members.

Minute 85/22 Finance & Accounts

The Clerk had written a response to the Men's Shed and would raise this matter in the Correspondence item.

Minute 86/22 Borough Council/Ward Updates

A replacement bin for Federation Lane has been chased up again with BCBC, but a reply has not been received.

Minute 87/22 Chair's Request

Conditions of highways reported to BCBC with accompanying photos. No response has been received.

Minute 88/22 Clerk's Report

Meetings: Covid regulations allowing the Richard Price Centre has been booked for the January and February meetings, with the March and April meetings hoped to be held at Bettws Life Centre.

Steps Pontycymer Lake: The Clerk had sent out photos of the completed work to Councillors. The Chair had been happy to sign off the work.

Christmas: An issues relating to the current motifs/lighting were raised.

Minute 89/22 Correspondence

It was noted that Huw Marshall of Ysgol Gynradd Calon y Cwm had requested a list of the governor roles Members held and this had been provided.

Resolved: The information was noted. Councillor M Jones will chase up a response to the crime figures from the ASB Management Group. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the work and report back at the January meeting.

97/22 PRECEPT 2022/23

The net equivalent tax base for the GVCC area (band D equivalent), draft precept budget prepared by the Finance Committee and a forecasted budget monitoring sheet for December 2021 had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The Clerk took Members through the draft budget line by line and answered any questions asked and each line was discussed.

The Clerk was thanked for her work on the draft budget.

Resolved: The draft budget was unanimously accepted and it was unanimously agreed to request a precept budget for 2022/23 of £120,001 from BCBC.

98/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1. Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the payments for December 2021 as detailed on the payment sheets. The balance carried forward to January 2022 was accepted.

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2.Income:

No income had been received in the month.

3.External Audit:

The conclusion of audit has still not been received.

Resolved: The payments for December 2021 were approved and authority was given to make the payments.

99/22 URGENT CLERK'S REPORT

Appraisals:

Members were asked to feedback any comments on the Warden's work performance to the Clerk and any comments on the Clerk's work performance to the Chair by 7th January 2022 so that appraisals could be arranged.

Financial Request:

Councillor M Jones had been approached by a resident who was organising a Christmas event at Bettws Life Centre for funding to purchase selection boxes for the children.

Resolved: All information was noted. It was agreed to donate £250 towards the selection boxes from the Bettws ward fund.

100/22 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received, of particular note were the following:

- Reports of continuing dog mess issues on Oxford Street - referred to BCBC
- One Voice Wales training dates for the remainder of 2021
- Welsh Government's discretionary expenditure 2022/23
- Christmas Service at Coychurch Crematorium - 16th December 202 7.00 pm
- Thank you for the donation to the pantomime from the Richard Price Centre
- Resident - advice on permission for signage
- Men's Shed - further correspondence in response to the community council's reply to an email.

Resolved: All correspondence and action of the Clerk was noted. It was agreed that the Vice-Chair and Clerk would meet with the Men's Shed to offer support; Councillor M Jones and M Trowbridge also offered to attend if needed. It was agreed that the signage could not be put on the bridge etc. at Parc Calon Lan. Councillor M Thomas would let the resident know regarding signage.

101/22 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS

Three planning request had been included in the meeting papers; 4 decision were included in the planning table and there were no appeals. 2 emails from Planning Aid Wales had also been circulated.

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

102/22 ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2022 MEETING

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

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, 17th January 2022 at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor and via Zoom at 6.30 pm, covid permitting.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.