



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT PONTYCYMER OAP CENTRE,
OXFORD STREET and VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2022 AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths
Councillor D Davies (Incoming Chair 2022/23)

Councillors:

G Andrews
J Coles
William Davies
M Lewis
C Lloyd
M Thomas

No Apologies:

R Jones
M Jones
M Trowbridge

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

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The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and was initially chaired by Councillor Heather Griffiths up to and including minute 3/22.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and welcomed the two new Garw Valley community councillors, John Coles and Billy Davies.

1/22 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

2/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared in items on the agenda.

3/22 TO APPOINT A CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2022/23

One nomination was proposed - Llangeinor Ward Councillor Deb Davies.

Councillor Heather Griffiths welcomed Councillor Davies to her role as Chair of Council.

RESOLVED: Councillor Deb Davies was unanimously elected Chair of Council for the year 2022/23 and took over chairing the meeting from this item onwards.

4/22 TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

One nomination was proposed - Blaengarw Ward Councillor Gareth Andrews.

RESOLVED: Councillor Gareth Andrews was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of Council for the year 2022/23. As per point 5e of the Council's Standing Orders, Councillor Andrews will be the in-coming Chair for 2023/24.

5/22 TO NOTE THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MAY 2021 MEETING AS AN AIDE MEMOIRE

The Minutes were received and noted.

6/22 TO DETERMINE A TIME-TABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2022/2023

The Clerk had distributed a list of meetings for the year.

RESOLVED:

It was unanimously agreed that the council meetings would remain on the 3rd Monday of the month and start at 6.30 pm. With the exception of the June 2022 meeting which it was unanimously agreed would this year be held earlier in the month on 6th June.

7/22 **TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND AGREE THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED:

Finance & Resources Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members:

Cllr R Jones	- Bettws
Cllr D Davies	- Llangeinor
Cllr H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr C G Andrews	- Blaengarw

Events Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members:

Cllr J Coles	- Blaengarw
Cllr H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr C Lloyd	- Llangeinor
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Staff Appointments Committee:

The Terms of Reference would remain unchanged. The Committee will be made up of the following Members

Cllr H Griffiths	- Pontycymer
Cllr M Trowbridge	- Bettws
Cllr D Davies	- Llangeinor
Cllr G Andrews	- Blaengarw

Disciplinary Committee:

It was also resolved that the Staff Appointments Committee will also serve as the Disciplinary Committee to meet when necessary to deal with all matters relating to staff discipline.

Chairs would be appointed at initial committee meetings.

The vacancy on the Events Committee for Bettws would be included on the June 2022 agenda as no Bettws ward Councillors were present at the meeting.

8/22 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED:

- It was unanimously agreed to the following representatives for the year 2022/23:
 - BCBC T&CC Forum - Councillor John Coles
 - 5 Primary Schools Community Governors:

Councillor Chris Lloyd Calon y Cymoedd
Councillor Maxine Lewis Ffaldau Primary
Councillor Deb Davies Tynyrheol Primary
Councillor Gareth Andrews Blaengarw Primary
Councillor Rees Lewis Bettws Primary
 - One Voice Wales Area Committee - Councillor John Coles
 - One Voice Wales Larger and Annual Meetings, plus Conferences - Councillor Heather Griffiths

9/22 TO NOTE THE AGREED CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ALLOWANCE AS AGREED AT THE DECEMBER 2021 PRECEPT MEETING

RESOLVED:

It was noted that allowances would be paid in line with the amounts set out in the above meeting and in the timescales agreed in the Allowances Policy.

It was noted that no allowance would be paid to the Vice-Chair as previously agreed.

10/22 TO DISCUSS THE IRPW REPORT 2022 REF. ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

The new schedule within the IRPW Report February 2022 was discussed including the Attendance Allowance max. £30 per anum.

RESOLVED:

It was unanimously agreed to offer the attendance allowance to Councillors, a payment of £30 pa as well as the Councillor Allowance of £150 pa which was once

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again agreed. The Clerk would write to the Councillors asking them to accept or decline the allowances offered, with the exception of any BCBC councillors who were not entitled to these allowances.

11/22 TO APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023

The agreed Internal Auditor for 2021/2022 was noted as Mr W Davies.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that as a matter of good practice to change the internal auditor for 2022/23. The Clerk was given authority to engage the services of a different auditor for 2022/23.

12/22 TO AGREE THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR FOR 2022/2023

RESOLVED:

It was unanimously agreed to use the services of King Davies & Partners, Maesteg for any legal matters.

13/22 CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED:

All Councillors agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office stating this.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.15pm