



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT PONTYCYMER OAP CENTRE
AND/OR ZOOM ON MONDAY 6th JUNE 2022 AT 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor D Davies

Councillors:

G Andrews
J Coles
W Davies
H Griffiths
R Jones (from 6.38pm)
M Lewis
C Lloyd
M Thomas

Apologies: Councillor M Jones
No Apologies: Councillor M Trowbridge

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

16/22-23 Apologies (as above)

July 2022 Ordinary Meeting

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The Chair, Councillor Deb Davies, welcomed the Community Award 2020 winners and their families to the meeting.

17/22-23- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
J Coles	Footpath	David Street
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 Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

18/22-23 TO PRESENT THE COMMUNITY AWARD FOR 2020

The awards for both Community Award 2020 and Community Sports Award 2020 were presented by the Chair to Richard Durston and Travis Huntley. Both received a large shield to keep for a year and a smaller one to keep and a gift and flowers were presented to the ladies who accompanied them.

19/22-23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2022 ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS

The May 2022 Annual and Ordinary Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

20/22-23 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY 2022 MEETINGS

Annual Meeting: None

Ordinary Meeting:

Minute 4/22-23 To Consider Matters Arising from the April 2022 Meeting

Bettws Footpath: Still no update from BCBC, Councillor M Jones has made a referral

Bins: The damaged bin has been replaced in the Pontyrhyl play area. No news on the Federation Bin replacement and the one outside Ffaldau School is replaced, though the request was not for a replacement it is for a bin.

Leased Land Map: No update from BCBC, however in the meantime the Warden had spoken to contractors carrying out highway work and they'd kindly laid some tarmac in the affected area.

Dog Waste Bin Oxford Street: The Clerk was still waiting to hear back from BCBC regarding permission.

Minute 8/22-23 Parc Calon Lan Footpaths

The Clerk has requested an up-to-date quote from the contractor to enable Councillor Coles to look for suitable funding.

Minute 10/22-23 Borough Councillor/Ward Reports

Facebook: The Clerk had obtained advice from OVW on the administration of a council Facebook page and they had clarified that the Clerk and Chair should administer the site. They'd also given the Clerk a draft Social Media Policy for the council to adopt which had been distributed to Members. The Clerk had obtained a quote of £28 to have a Facebook tab added to the council's website.

Tree Surgery Railway Terrace, Blaengarw: The Clerk had an appointment to meet with the tree surgeon to look at the work needed and obtain a quote for the autumn, the following week.

Minute 11/22-23 Chair's Report

The defibrillator cabinet has been purchased and the local responder, Don Sage, will arrange its installation at Bryn Stores and registry on the ambulance database.

Minute 12/22-23 Clerk's Report

Fly Tipping: This had been reported to BCBC but no response had yet been received.

The Strand: Progress on this proposed asset transfer was discussed. It was agreed that this is a community council project and that the proper legal channels for an adverse possession should be made.

Bus Shelters: The Clerk had spoken to the BCBC Officer in charge of bus shelters and asked for the one on Pontycymer Square to be cleaned and painted.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to chase up the bins, contact the council's solicitor to discuss the adverse possession of the land known as The Strand and given authority to get the Facebook tab set up on the website. The Social Media Policy was also unanimously accepted and adopted.

21/22-23 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR APRIL 2022

The crime figures for April 2022 had been circulated to Members. The PCSOs were unable to attend the meeting.

It was noted that parking along Cuckoo Street has become an issue since the renovated flats have become occupied. An elderly lady had a close encounter with a bus in the week because it could not pull into the bus stop because of surrounding cars.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to report the car parking issue at Cuckoo Street to the Highways Department at BCBC.

22/22-23 CO-OPTION PONTYCYMER WARD

Two applications had been received, both from previous community councillors. The Chair proposed that as there is also another vacancy in the Bettws Ward which had not received any applications, that the Pontycymer Ward co-option is discussed and voted on and that the other applicant is offered the Bettws Ward, and this was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: Following a proposal and seconder Glyn Walters was elected as the councillor for Pontycymer Ward and it was agreed to offer Sorrel Dendy the councillor position for the Bettws Ward. The votes were 6 to 3 in favour of Glyn Walters for the Pontycymer Ward and 6 to 2 in favour of Sorrel Dendy being elected to the Bettws Ward with 1 abstention.

23/22-23 WAR MEMORIAL AND BINS

Councillor Martyn Jones has requested this item on the agenda. He had given his apologies so this item was not discussed.

Resolved: Noted.

24/22-23 FOOTPATHS AND DOG WASTE BINS

Councillor Coles raised his concerns about some of the footpaths including footpath 69 and footpaths after reclaimed land and these were discussed.

In regards to dog waste bins he had made a plan of where he thought bins were needed.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor Lewis would refer Councillor Coles' bin requests to BCBC as they were all on their land. It was also agreed that the Clerk would ask Andrew Mason of Rights of Way if he could meet with Councillor Coles to discuss the footpath issues.

25/22-23 DRAFT TRAINING PLAN 2022/2023

The Clerk had prepared a draft training plan which had been distributed with the papers and this was discussed. The plan made suggestions, based on roles within the council, for training.

Resolved: All Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk to agree the training specified to their name on the plan. It was agreed that the training budget would need to be increased from its current level.

26/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE VACANCY BETTWS WARD

Following the Annual Meeting a vacancy on the Events Committee still exists for the Bettws Ward. Councillor Rees Jones was the only Bettws Ward member present at the meeting and he did not wish to take up this post.

Resolved: It was proposed that as Sorrel Dendy has an interest in events, to wait to see if she accepts the Bettws Ward vacancy and then ask if she'd like to be the Bettws representative on this committee and this was unanimously agreed.

27/22-23 SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2021/2022

The Clerk asked Members if they wished to invite the 5 primary schools to take part in this scheme again this year.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the scheme again this year and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

28/22-23 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the June 2022 payments as detailed on the payment sheets. The balance carried forward to July 2022 was accepted.

2.Income:

No income had been received in the month.

Resolved: The payments for June 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments.

29/22-23 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Bettws: Councillor Jones updated Members on the recent Tanio event and how successful it was. He also said the Llanmoor construction project had been pushed back due to a boundary line problem.

Blaengarw: There was nothing to report.

Llangeinor: The Llangeinor report formed part of the Chair's Report

Pontycymer: Councillor W Davies said he'd reported brambles to the side of Pontycymer steps to the Clerk and thanked her and the Warden for their prompt action. Councillor Griffiths had referred issues with dropped kerbs, fly tipping, pot holes etc. Councillor Lewis had dealt with a tree blocking a resident's sky signal, brambles etc. Councillor Griffiths had asked BCBC for its grass cutting rota.

Resolved: The updates were noted.

30/22-23 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair and Councillor Lloyd had met with the Clerk to walk around the Llangeinor ward to look at issues and potential future projects which the Clerk had already actioned.

Resolution: The information was noted. The Clerk had already received a positive response from BCBC to one of the matters raised.

31/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The report from the Warden, circulated to Members, was noted.

The Warden had raised concerns about the clothing bank to the side of the Co-op. Frequently bags are left at its base and then strewn through the trees down to the riverbank making unnecessary work.

Graffiti Parc Calon Lan:

Further unpleasant graffiti had been carried out in the park twice since the Clerk last reported on this matter. The Clerk had referred the matter to the PCSOs.

Flower Beds Parc Calon Lan:

These are due to be planted in the week and it is hoped to be able to buy suitable red, white and blue plants.

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Reported this month:

- Issues with overgrown trees and rats reported to V2C.
- Tree blocking Sky signal in David Street, Blaengarw

Annual Leave:

The Clerk reminded Members of her annual leave dates from 18th - 28th June.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to talk to the Co-op Manager about the clothing bank and suggest a second bin is needed.

32/22-23 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- T&CC Forum dates for 2022/2023
- Public event and consultation on Coal Tip Safety

Resolved: All correspondence was noted.

33/22-23 PLANNING MATTERS

4 planning requests, 1 decision and no appeals had been included in the meeting papers.

Resolved: No objections were made to the planning applications.

34/22 ITEMS FOR THE JULY 2022 MEETING

Resolved: The agenda will be kept open for items to be added in the month.

The date for the next meeting is Monday 18th July 2022 at Pontycymer OAP Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm.