

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at Pontycymer OAP Centre**

**Attendance:**

Councillors G Andrews, J Coles, D Davies (Chair), William Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis, C Lloyd, M Trowbridge and G Walters

**Apologies:** M Jones and M Thomas

**No Apologies:**

Councillor R Jones

**Declarations of Interest:**

| Councillor  | Item   | Interest                                 |
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| D Davies    | Tynyrheol Primary School<br>Richard Price Centre   | Vice-Chair of Governors<br>Director      |
| M Lewis     | All Bridgend County Borough Matters  | Member                                   |
| C Lloyd     | Tynyrheol Primary School   | Governor                                 |
| H Griffiths | All Bridgend County Borough Matters<br>Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen<br>Ffaldau Primary School | Member<br>Governor<br>Chair of Governors |

| Minute Number | Agenda Item  | Action  |
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| 89/22-23      | To Receive Apologies for Absence   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>  |
| 90/22-23      | To Receive Declarations of Interest                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>  |
| 91/22-23      | To Receive Representatives of Ffaldau Primary School                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There were no representatives present.</li></ul>  |
| 92/22-23      | To Receive Rhydian Jones of Halo Leisure for Summer Play Scheme Feedback | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rhydian Jones had sent his apologies.</li></ul>   |
| 93/22-23      | To Approve the Minutes of the October Ordinary Meeting                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.</li></ul>  |
| 94/22-23      | To Consider Matters Arising from the October 2022 Meeting                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The information was noted and it was agreed that the motifs on Victoria Street will be discussed when planning the 2023 Christmas offer.</li><li>The Clerk was asked to write to the residents of Pantygog regarding the defibrillator.</li></ul> |

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|           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to check with planning to see if an application had been received following their advice.</li> </ul>  |
| 95/22-23  | To Receive the Crime Figures for August 2022     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted and it was noted that the drugs figures for Llangeinor have increased and the Blaengarw figures have been reduced.</li> </ul>   |
| 96/22-23  | Keep Wales Tidy Litter Free Zone Scheme          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This item was deferred to the January 2023 meeting as Councillor Trowbridge had been unable to obtain the information she needed for the item.</li> </ul>   |
| 97/22-23  | Turning Circle & Bench Railway Terrace Blaengarw | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the Blaengarw ward would fund a replacement bench off Railway Terrace and the general GVCC fund would cover the cost of the turning circle repair which the Clerk would organise.</li> </ul>   |
| 98/22-23  | Co-option Bettws Ward                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt the applicant onto the council.</li> </ul>   |
| 99/22-23  | Date of Precept Meeting 2022                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to move the meeting to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to enable more councillors to attend.</li> </ul>  |
| 100/22-23 | Finance & Accounts                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The payments for October 2022 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. All other information was noted.</li> </ul>   |
| 101/22-23 | Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updates were noted.</li> <li>It was suggested that the Clerk writes to all the schools regarding the anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>Councillor Lewis would make a referral to BCBC regarding the overgrown hedge in Blaengarw.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to write to the footballer to congratulate her on her achievement.</li> </ul>                                |
| 102/22-23 | Chair's Report                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This was noted.</li> </ul>  |
| 103/22-23 | Clerk's Report                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that the Clerk would purchase selection boxes for those schools that had responded. However at the time of writing, 7 councillors have written to the Clerk (in line with Standing Orders protocol) to ask to change this resolution to purchase for all as emails had not</li> </ul> |

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|           |                                     | <p>been picked up from spam folders in order to respond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk would now purchase the boxes and distribute.</li> <li>• It was agreed that there was not enough information regarding the Bettws Minis to make a decision.</li> <li>• The second Biodiversity Report must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for publishing so the Clerk will draft an update of the last one and raise it at the Precept Meeting in December for approval.</li> </ul>   |
| 103/22-23 | Correspondence                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence was noted. The salary scale increases and implementation date were in line with the Clerk's contract and should be implemented.</li> <li>• The Plant! inspection would be organised, it was unanimously agreed to give the PTA at Calon y Cymoedd a £25 donation, to agree to the filming request subject to risk assessment and a copy of their insurance.</li> <li>• To defer the Noah's Ark financial request to March 2023.</li> <li>• Councillor Maxine Lewis would attend the Warm Spaces scoping meeting.</li> </ul> |
| 104/22-23 | Planning Matters                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No objections were made to the planning applications, the other information was noted.</li> <li>• The Chair had attended Planning Enforcement training by Planning Aid Wales.</li> </ul>   |
| 105/22-23 | Items for the November 2022 Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a precept meeting for urgent matters only.</li> <li>• The date for the next meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.</li> </ul>   |