



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BLAENGARW WORKMEN'S
HALL AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor D Davies

Councillors: G Andrews
J Coles
W Davies
H Griffiths
M Lewis
C Lloyd
G Walters (via zoom but lost connection)

Apologies: Councillors M Jones & M Trowbridge

No Apologies: Councillor R Jones or from Mr N
Harwood Scorer

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

106/22-23 Apologies (as above)

107/22-23- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

108/22-23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING

The November Ordinary Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

109/22-23 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

Minute 94/22-23 Matters Arising from the October 2022 Meeting

Parc Calon Lan Footpaths: Due to illness the Clerk had not been able to meet with Councillor Coles to complete the lottery funding application.

Defibrillator Pantygog: An alternative site been found. The responder will visit and carry out an assessment of the suggested site.

Councillor M Thomas said a recently deceased neighbour's family had asked if they could donate to have a defibrillator installed at the Visitor Centre.

Parc Calon Lan Bridge Repairs: The Clerk had informed Members that the day after completing the works the bridge was vandalised. The contractor had to return to site the following day to work with Karl to repair the damage. There had been additional costs for replacement materials.

Minute 103/22-23 Clerk's Report

Selection Boxes: The Clerk had distributed 727 selection boxes to all the primary schools in the valley. 19 requests had been received to accommodate children with various allergies. It had not been possible to purchase allergy boxes so the Clerk had purchased suitable chocolates and had made up Christmas packages for those children.

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The Clerk thanks Councillor Christine Lloyd who had purchased and collected the boxes and helped the Clerk deliver them to all schools. The Clerk and Chair also updated Members on the lead up to the purchases. Councillor J Coles suggested alternative gifts could be purchased if this were repeated in future such as a mug etc.

Biodiversity Report: It has not been possible to update our report in time for the deadline of 31st December, but it will be drafted in January 2023.

Resolved: The information was noted. Councillors agreed that the public need to know the cost of the bridge repairs so they can see the cost of the damage being done. Councillor M Thomas would find out how much funding was available towards the Blaengarw defibrillator. It was agreed that future selection box purchases would be handled in a different way.

110/22-23 PRECEPT 2023/2024

A draft precept budget by the Finance Committee had been circulated to Members for discussion, along with projects for approval and a budget monitoring sheet for November 2022 showing the forecast to year end. The Clerk took Members through the draft precept budget and each line was discussed and approved.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to request a precept of £120,001 for 2023/24. The precept remains the same as 2022/23 but is 13p less per year per Band D equivalent at £52.72. The precept includes an amendment to the salaries of the staff effective April 2023 which was unanimously agreed.

111/22-23 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor H Griffiths updated Members on recent anti-social behaviour such as egg throwing.

Councillor M Lewis updated Members on various matters including fly tipping, issues around drug taking and the OAP Christmas dinner.

Councillor W Davies said there had been vandalism in the valley including glass smashing and other anti-social behaviour around the lane at Victoria Avenue.

Councillor C Lloyd said there had been a meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies to discuss the Richard Price Tricentenary and some of the plans are exciting. She also updated Members on events going on for the children at the Richard Price Centre and highlighted the fact that the stage needs curtains and this, along with an estimate of the costs of £2,000, was discussed.

Councillor M Thomas said she'd received complaints that there were no Christmas lighting column motifs outside Glen Garw houses; she had explained that this is due to there not being any suitable columns nearby as they are all wooden.

Resolved: The updates were noted. It was unanimously agreed that the Richard Price Centre should have new curtains which the Community Council would purchase. The Clerk would discuss the matter with the Richard Price Centre and arrange the order.

112/22-23 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the Llangeinor Boys and Girls Club is restarting. She also informed Members that the Tynyrheol Primary School Christmas Concert is taking place at the Richard Price Centre once again and gave the date and times.

Resolution: The information was noted.

113/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden's report had been circulated to all Members.

Christmas Leave:

The Clerk informed Members of the Christmas leave she would be taking.

Resolved: The information was noted.

114/22-23 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Community Governance Review
- Financial Request from the Llangeinor Boys and Girls Club
- Pontyrhyl Drop and Collect consultation - closing date 22/12/22
- Arcadis - invitation to discuss mountain biking opportunities in Bridgend

Resolved: All correspondence was noted. The request from the Llangeinor Boys and Girls Club was agreed and would be paid out of the Llangeinor ward funds.

115/22-23 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS

2 planning request had been received and there were no decisions or appeals.
1 Planning Aid email had been sent out in the month for information.

Resolved: No objections were made to the planning applications, the other information was noted.

116/22 ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING

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

The date for the next meeting is Monday 16th January 2023 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.