



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE RICHARD PRICE CENTRE
AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor D Davies

Councillors:

J Coles
W Davies
H Griffiths
M Jones
C Lloyd

No one attended via zoom

Apologies: Councillors R Jones, M Lewis, M Thomas, M Trowbridge and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor G Andrews

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

117/22-23 Apologies (as above)

118/22-23- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Tynyrheol Primary School Richard Price Centre	Vice-Chair of Governors Director
M Jones	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

119/22-23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2022 PRECEPT MEETING

The December Precept Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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

120/22-23 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2022 MEETING

Minute 106/22-23 Apologies

No apologies were received from recently co-opted member Neal Harwood Scorer who had been expected to attend to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting started.

If a Councillor fails to deliver the signed declaration at the due time, they thereupon vacate the office and there is now a casual vacancy. However Mr Scorer can reapply if there is no call for an election when a Notice of Vacancy has passed its closing date.

Minute 109/22-23 Matters Arising from the November 2022 Meeting

Parc Calon Lan Footpaths: Councillor Coles and the Clerk had met and have all the information they need to apply for lottery funding.

Bettws Footpath: is now completed with some additional remedial works such as grass seed sowing to be carried out in Spring.

Defibrillator Pantygog: Local Responder Don Sage has identified a location which has been agreed with the resident who owns the property and the Clerk has placed an order.

Parc Calon Lan Bridge Repairs: Further to the Clerk's report that the new bridge works had been vandalised within 24 hours of completion, after that repair had been carried out they were vandalised again and will need further repair.

Bettws Bluebells: Councillor M Jones confirmed that these have now been planted.

Clerk's Report: The bereaved Blaengarw family who offered to part fund a defibrillator at the Visitor Centre Parc Calon Lan have donated £850, the total cost for the defibrillator and cabinet will be £1,422 excluding vat. This was discussed.

Minute 110/22-23 Precept 2023/2024

The Clerk had submitted a precept request of £120,001 to BCBC for 2023/24 and had requested confirmation of receipt which had been received.

Minute 111/22-23 Borough Council Update/Ward Reports

The curtains which will be used in the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor have been ordered and an invoice received.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was suggested that Councillor Coles also applies to the Wind Farm Fund for footpath funding. The Clerk was asked to purchase two defibrillators and cabinets, 1 for Pantygog, the other for Blaengarw using the donated funds towards the Blaengarw purchase with the council funding the rest.

121/22-23 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022

Sgt. R Lea and PC C Harper attended the meeting and the crime figures for September and October 2022 were discussed. They explained the violent or sexual crime category.

Resolved: PC Harper, the Neighbourhood Beat Manger, said he'd email his contact details to the Clerk to circulate to Members.

122/22-23 KEEP WALES TIDY LITTER FREE ZONE SCHEME

Resolved: This item was deferred to the February 2023 meeting as Councillor Trowbridge was not present at the meeting.

123/22-23 T&CC Fund 2023/24

A covering letter and an application form for this fund had been sent via email to all Members. The Clerk reminded Members that the closing date is 28th February and that the projects need to identify links with BCBC's Corporate Priorities and identify links with Decarbonisation and Climate Change Response and CAT.

Ideas were suggested and discussed. It was previously agreed that the Clerk would apply for match funding for the footpath work in Parc Calon Lan.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for grant funding for the footpath work in Parc Calon Lan and for upgrading the Strand.

124/22-23 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payments:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the December 2022 and January 2023 payments as detailed on the payment sheet. The balance carried forward to February 2023 was accepted.

2.Income:

Income of £13,481.16 had been received in the month as a repayment for partnership work for BCBC.

3.External/Full Audit:

No conclusion has been received to date.

Resolved: The payments for December 2022 and January 2023 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. All other information was noted.

125/22-23 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS

Councillor W Davies said anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem.

She also informed members that she was dealing with a vexatious complainant.

Councillor M Jones said that BCBC's budget consultation is underway and will be discussed at the February Cabinet meeting. He informed Members that the CAT Steering Group would be visiting the Valley on 25/1/23.

Councillor J Coles said that contractors working for BCBC on drainage had been seen felling Japanese knotweed, which would spread the problem. He also said that he'd requested 3 bins to be installed via Councillor M Lewis and that BCBC had indeed installed one new dog waste bin, but had removed two other litter bins so instead of bins being increased by 3 to 6 in a particular area, there was now 1.

Councillor C Lloyd said the Richard Price tricentenary celebrations were being organised and that a meeting of various organisations will be held at the Centre on Friday 20th January. She invited borough councillors and the Clerk to attend. Councillor Lloyd also updated Members that the Llangeinor Boys and Girls Club had restarted. Questions were asked about the use and condition of the RP Centre and the planned celebrations.

It was noted that drugs continue to be a problem in Llangeinor and the valley and that there will be defibrillator training at the RP Centre on 1st February at 6.30 pm and Cuppa with a Copper would take place on 8th February.

Resolved: The updates were noted. It was unanimously agreed that the Council's Social Media Policy would be updated to state that no Member will reply to any correspondence using a pseudonym. It was also unanimously agreed that the Community Council would support the Richard Price celebratory event on 23rd February by covering the cost of the hospitality and it was unanimously agreed that the Community Council would cover the cost of a condition survey of the building. It was agreed that BCBC dignitaries should be invited to the RP event.

126/22-23 CHAIR'S REPORT

Resolution: There was nothing to report.

127/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING WARDEN'S REPORT

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

Invitation to Blue Plaque Unveiling

The Clerk had sent out an invitation to all councillors today to an event at Newington Green, London to unveil a blue plaque commemorating Dr Richard Price. A previous email from Huw Irranca-Davies' office had indicated that all community councillors would be invited but this was not clear from the invite received today.

Dog Waste Pontycymer

The Clerk highlighted issues with a serial offender caught on camera visiting the Plant! site on a daily basis and letting their dog defecate in the Plant area despite signs saying dogs not permitted in this area and dog waste bags supplied outside the site. She'd reported the matter to enforcement but she had not received a positive response.

Resolved: The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to clarify who the invitation to the blue plaque unveiling included. The Clerk was asked to write to a specific BCBC Officer regarding the dog waste issue.

128/22-23 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew Members' attention to some of the correspondence received plus with the permission of the Chair some additional correspondence received since the papers were distributed. Of particular note were the following:

- Cardiff Conservation Volunteers - details of their service and costs
- BCBC Notice of Vacancy - Bettws Ward
- Wales Air Ambulance - financial request
- Vacancy - Independent Member Standards Committee
- Cancer Information Support Services - financial request
- Marie Curie Cancer Care - financial request
- Yes Cymru - financial request.

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Resolved: All correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the 4 financial requests to the March 2023 meeting.

129/22-23 PLANNING MATTERS

4 planning request had been received and there was one decision and no appeals.
4 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.

130/22 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 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 20th February 2023 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.