Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 20th February 2023 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom

Attendance:

Councillors D Davies (Chair), William Davies, H Griffiths, R Jones, M Lewis C Lloyd, M Thomas, M Trowbridge and G Walters*

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors G Andrew, J Coles and M Jones

Declarations of Interest:

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

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
131/22-23	To Receive Apologies for Absence	As above
132/22-23	To Receive Declarations of Interest	As above
133/22-23	To Approve the Minutes of the January 2023 Ordinary Meeting	 The minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.
134/22-23	To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2023 Meeting	 The information and action of the Clerk was noted. It was unanimously agreed to increase the budget for the footpaths from £10 to £15,000 moving funds from general reserves. The information regarding the Strand was welcomed. A match funding grant application to the T&CCC fund will be made for 2024/2025. The Clerk was asked to find out when the last survey had been carried out.
135/22-23	To Receive the Crime Figures for November 2022	36information was noted.

136/22-23	Ballot for T&CC Representative on Local Access Forum	• Following the voting the Clerk was asked to submit the nominees in the following order: 1 Cllr J Coles, 2 Cllr D Unwin, 3 Cllr J Pratt, 4 Cllr Y Walton-Davies and 5 Cllr B Doughty
137/22-23	Draft Biodiversity Report	 It was unanimously agreed to approve the draft and publish it on the council's website.
138/22-23	Social Media Policy Update	 This amendment was accepted and approved. There would be no response from Councillors to correspondence using a pseudonym.
139/22-23	Trail Cameras	 It was agreed to purchase three cameras and to put up signs informing the public that cameras are in operation in the park.
140/22-23	Finance & Accounts	 The payments for February 2023 were approved and authority was given to make the payments. All other information was noted.
141/22-23	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	 The updates were noted. The Clerk was asked to seek Centre Great's advice regarding the lighting column and get it fixed. The Clerk was asked to find out if the anti-social behaviour meetings were still being organised.
142/22-23	Chair's Report	 There was no progress in any maintenance works being carried out to report.
143/22-23	Clerk's Report including Warden's Report	 The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to put the Coronation on the agenda for March and present the gift options available. The Clerk was authorised to order more signage. The purchase of train cameras and a boardwalk down the lake at Pontycymer was suggested for the funding and the Clerk was asked to discuss other ideas with the Warden and apply. It was agreed to wait until April to carry out the work to the turning circle. The Clerk was asked to progress the hanging baskets at the suggested locations. The locations of suggested planters were agreed and would be funded by ward funds. The invitation to the March meeting was approved. Councillor W Davies offered to open up the Visitor Centre for the falconry event.

		 The tree maintenance was approved and the Clerk was asked to arrange the work to be carried out by ARB Cymru by the beginning of March. The Clerk was asked to progress the improvements to the Sitting out area in Lluest with the Llangeinor Councillors' approval to use ward funds.
144/22-23	Correspondence	 All correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the financial donation request to March 2023 meeting. Members were asked to respond to the RPrice event. Tanio Cymru were given permission for their events subject to risk assessment and insurance being given to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to invite the Menter laith representative to the June meeting. Authority was given to pay the OVW membership registration for 2023/2024.
145/22-23	Planning Matters	 Councillor Coles had sent the Clerk his objection to one of the planning applications and a vote was taken with a unanimous decision not to object. No objections were made to the planning applications, the other information was noted.
130/22-23	Items for the March 2023 Meeting	 The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month. The date for the next meeting is Monday 20th March2023 at the Richard Price Centre and via Zoom at 6.30 pm.