

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 18th September 2023 at Blaengarw Workmen’s Hall, Blaengarw
and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, D Davies * (up to 7.50 pm), W Davies, H Griffiths (Acting Chair), M Jones, M Lewis, C Lloyd , M Thomas and M Trowbridge

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews (Chair), N Harwood-Scorer and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor R Jones

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	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 Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen Ffaldau Primary School	Member Governor Chair of Governors
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
49/23-24	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
50/23-24	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
51/23-24	Community Award Presentation 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was asked to contact SW Fire & Rescue and invite them to a future meeting for a presentation as they had not attended this evening’s presentation as expected.
52/23-24	Member of the Public to Speak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Winkles’ comments were noted.

53/23-24	To Approve the Minutes of the July 2023 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the July 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair. • The Clerk was asked to amend the attendance list as Councillor M Trowbridge was in attendance, but had been omitted from the attendee list.
54/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the June 2023 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • The action of the Clerk was approved in regards to hedgerow cutback, lighting column repairs and grant funding. • One of the Bettws ward councillors would speak to Bettws OAP in regards to returning a completed form and it was agreed that the moment had been lost in regards to a press release for the vandalism and fires.
55/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for July and August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the figures were lower in July than August. • It was unanimously agreed that a body camera should be purchased for the Warden to wear. • A policy would need to be written for its use.
56/23-24	Draft Annual Report 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was unanimously approved and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.
57/23-24	Promoting the Council's Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the council needs to raise its profile.
58/23-24	Electoral Arrangement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed that there is no need for change to the Garw Valley CC.
59/23-24	Pump Park Parc Calon Lan Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Council agreed in principle to Councillor Lewis' proposal subject to her finding additional funding and the Clerk was asked to meet with Councillor Lewis to formulate a plan to enable the Clerk to obtain quotes for this project.
60/23-24	The Strand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Council agreed that Councillor Lewis and the Clerk should meet on site to formulate a plan to enable the Clerk to discuss them with

		the Parks Department and obtain quotes for this project.
61/23-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Committee Recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the above were discussed. Councillor M Jones said his idea had been for a free community concert with tickets allocated to the four wards to distribute within the community, setting their own criteria. A vote was taken on all the above including Councillor Jones' proposal for a free community concert. Of the Councillors present 7 voted in favour of all the concert recommendations, Councillor D Davies abstained and Councillor J Coles whilst in favour of the concert voted against the free element and the proposed distribution of tickets, he was concerned that tickets would be given out and then people would change their minds and not attend. On the vote regarding Christmas gifts and future events all councillors present unanimously agreed to the recommendations.
62/23-24	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. All other information was noted.
63/23-24	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updates were noted. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC's Chief Executive to ask him to attend a future meeting to inform Members of BCBC's regeneration plans for the valley.
64/23-24	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
65/23-24	Clerk's Report including Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for Pont Lake for 2023, to write a letter to the couple thanking them for their role with the barrier, to purchase 3 column motifs for the Bettws Ward and that the Pontycymer ward would pay to have 4 lighting columns adapted in Blaengarw and asked the Clerk to purchase 4 column

		<p>motifs for the Pontycymer ward to use on the columns in Victoria Street.</p>
66/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence was noted. • The Clerk informed Members that she had already submitted the IRPW request for Councillor Allowances and had dealt with the correspondence and matters raised by residents; Members accepted and approved the Clerk's actions. • The Clerk was asked to defer the financial request from Bridgend Carers Centre to the March 2024 meeting.
67/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • There were no observations.
68/223/24	Items for the October 2023 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date for the next meeting is Monday 16th October 2023 at 6.30 pm and will take place at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, Blaengarw and via zoom.