



**GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE RICHARD PRICE CENTRE,  
LLANGEINOR AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 6530 PM**

Present: Councillor G Andrews (Chair)

Councillors:

J Coles  
D Davies  
W Davies  
N Harwood-Scorer  
M Jones (via zoom)  
M Lewis  
C Lloyd  
M Thomas (via zoom)  
G Walters

Apologies: Councillor H Griffiths

No Apologies: Councillors R Jones & M  
Trowbridge

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

101/23-24 Apologies (as above)

**102/23-24- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

**103/23-24 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING**

The November 2023 Ordinary Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

**104/23-24 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING**

**Minute 93/23-24 Garw Valley Active for Life Scheme 2023 and 2024**

The Clerk informed Members that a replacement invoice had been received from Halo to reflect the provision of only 5 weeks activity scheme in Bettws during the summer.

**Minute 97/23-24 Clerk's Report Including Warden's Report**

**Potential for Capital Funding:** The Clerk updated Members on this potential for funding. She suggested inviting the REACH representative to the January 2024 meeting to give a full explanation of the funding pot and what it is hoped to be include in the application.

**Resolved:** The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved.

**105/23-24 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE 2024/25 PRECEPT BUDGET**

The Clerk had provided a copy of the net base figure for Band D properties, a list showing where the council's precept sat in the borough in comparison to other T&CCs, a budget monitoring sheet showing the forecast for the year, a list of CAT projects in the valley and a draft precept budget for 2024/25. The budget is recommended to full

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council by the Finance Committee following a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and was discussed. The budget includes overheads and operating expenditure and projects to include the annual lake clean up, CAT containers, Christmas lighting, events, war memorial repair, renewed footpaths in Parc Calon Lan, Parc Calon Lan de-silt (though this is dependent on BCBC), the provision of Tommy silhouettes in each ward, refurbishment of the Strand (again subject to permission from BCBC) and a tidy up of the Pocket Park.

A vote was taken on whether to accept the proposed budget.

Many of the councillors thanked the Clerk for her work in pulling together the draft budget and the provision of all the information requested.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed to request a 2024/25 precept budget of £121,000, resulting in a precept decrease of £0.07 or -0.1%.

### **106/23-24 URGENT BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES/WARD REPORTS**

Councillor Maxine Lewis informed Members that a lack of food is a problem for some school children in the valley, though efforts to raise funds and to donate were being made and this was discussed.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

### **107/23-24 URGENT CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair had attended the Christmas Carol concert at the Richard Price Centre, it had been very well received, though despite all tickets being given out, attendance had been disappointing.

**Resolved:** The information was noted. The concert would be reviewed by the Events Committee and reported back to full council.

### **108/23-24 URGENT CLERK'S REPORT incl. WARDEN'S REPORT**

As it had only been two weeks since the November Ordinary Meeting, the Clerk had asked the Warden to write a report in January to cover both months.

**Christmas Selection Boxes** - the Clerk informed Members that Councillor Chris Lloyd and her were picking up the selection boxes for all 5 primary schools the following day and delivering them straight after purchase.

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**Resolved:** The information was noted.

### **109/23-24 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been sent out to Members since the last meeting. The Clerk highlighted the following:

- One Voice Wales - Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill - consultation closes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- IRPW - Draft Annual Report - responses are due by 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- BCBC - Coychurch Crematorium /Christmas Service - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00 pm

**Resolved:** All information was noted.

### **110/23-24 URGENT PLANNING MATTERS**

There was only 1 application, no decisions or appeals in the month. Application P/23/699/FUL with a proposal made, with a further proposal made and the first proposal being withdrawn. A vote was taken on the second proposal.

**Resolved:** Application number P/23/699/FUL was discussed and the Clerk was asked to object to the planning application. It was unanimously agreed that if the land was cleared for houses the council would not object, but they did not accept the current proposal due to the type and design of accommodation being offered and the type of roof planned.

### **111/23-24 ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2024 MEETING**

- REACH to inform Council on the proposed funding project for Parc Calon Lan

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

The date for the next meeting is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Bettws Life Centre and via zoom.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm