

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 15th January 2024 at Bettws Life Centre and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews (Chair), J Coles, W Davies, H Griffiths, N Harwood-Scorer, M Jones, R Jones, M Lewis, C Lloyd and M Trowbridge

Apologies: Councillors D Davies, C Lloyd, M Thomas and G Walters

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Members
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
112/23-24	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
113/23-24	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
114/23-24	To Receive Yiota Haralambos of REACH ref. Capital Funding Project Parc Calon Lan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was unanimously agreed to give REACH permission to Yiota to her requests.The council unanimously agreed that they would support the initial concept and work with REACH subject to looking for partners.The Clerk would speak to the management at Parc Bryn Bach which already run a wifi hub to find out their on-going costs for maintenance and running the hub.
115/23-24	Calon y Cwm CIO - Future Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was unanimously agreed to support this project and the Clerk would investigate the lease regarding allowing access.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yiota Haralambos agreed to look at the two projects together.
116/23-24	To Approve the Minutes of the December 2023 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the December 2023 Precept Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
117/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the December 2023 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information and action of the Clerk was noted and approved.
118/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for November and December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
119/23-24	Town & Community Council Grant Funding Project Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Coles would prepare an application for the footpaths and the Clerk would obtain up-to-date quotes.
120/23-24	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. All other information was noted.
121/23-24	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange an Events Committee meeting to discuss future events and the Anniversary of the Miners' Strike. The Clerk would organise a meeting at the Pocket Park.
122/23-24	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no Chair's report this month.
123/23-24	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to include the Tree and Scrub Clearance Work on the February agenda for further discussion. Authority was given to the Clerk to seek and alternative contractor for the lake work. The Clerk was asked to speak to Parks at BCBC to establish authority to refurbish this area once quotes had been received for the replacement retaining wall and steps and then to progress the work. Quotes for the

		<p>replacement benches, bins, planter and floral baskets have already been obtained by the Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to remind the borough councillors to put in a referral regarding litter bags. • The Clerk was asked to invite Guy Smith at BCBC to a site meeting at the Strand to update him on the council's plans for the area. The Clerk was asked to seek other similar organisations' policies on wearing body cameras and draft a council policy for discussion at the February meeting.
123/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to defer the 3 funding requests to the March meeting and to respond to Morgannwg Endeavour Charitable Trust supporting the application and thanking them for their hard work.
124/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • There were no observations.
125/23-24	Items for the February 2024 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body Camera Policy • Pocket Park CAT • Tree & Scrub Clearance Parc Calon Lan • The agenda would be kept open for urgent items to be added in the month. • The date for the next meeting is Monday 19th February 2024 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Bettws Life Centre and via zoom.