

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 19th February 2024 at Bettws Life Centre and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews (Chair), J Coles, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Jones, R Jones, C Lloyd and G Walters.

Apologies: Councillors M Lewis, M Thomas and M Trowbridge.

No Apologies: Councillors R Jones and N Harwood-Scorer

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Tynyrheol Primary School	Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Members
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
126/23-24	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
127/23-24	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
128/23-24	To Approve the Minutes of the January 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the January 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
129/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The information was noted.The Clerk was asked to request further information about the lake surveys and to arrange for the two flower planters at the Strand to be planted once the area has been refurbished.
130/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The information was noted.

131/23-24	Town & Community Council Grant Funding Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to submit the application and Councillor Coles was thanked for his work. • The Clerk's comments were noted.
132/23-24	Pocket Park, Pantygog CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to move forward with the plans for the Park, to invite Guy Smith, CAT Officer, to a further site meeting and to consider a CAT on the Park in the future.
133/23-24	Tree & Scrub Clearance Parc Calon Lan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotes from ARB Cymru and for the work to be carried out asap before the nesting season.
134/23-24	Events Committee Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All recommendations to full council were unanimously accepted.
135/23-24	Children's Activity Scheme Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the provision on offer, with 3 days in Bettws at the quoted cost of £9,650, which is already in next year's budget.
136/23-24	Litter Collection Parc Calon Lan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to put Option 4 in place on a trial basis; a lockable skip which would take an estimated 6 weeks' worth of bags and fly tipping removed from the lakes, river and park. The cost per year would be approximately £3,000 including the purchase of waste bags to insert into the bins. • The Warden would continue emptying the litter bins around the park.
137/23-24	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. All other information was noted.
138/23-24	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. It was suggested to Councillor Davies to contact Open Reach regarding the phone box.

139/23-24	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no Chair's report this month.
140/23-24	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. The Clerks' suggestion of lighting columns was approved and she would seek permission from BCBC. In addition she would look into additional baskets for Bettws. It was unanimously agreed that the steps could be power washed, it was also unanimously agreed that no poly tunnels, sheds or anything would be given permission for installation at the allotment site and the Clerk was asked to keep an eye on developments at the site. The council agreed that the re-presented application form from SBGC is still not detailed enough, does not state its aims and objectives and whether it's aligned to a CAT. The Clerk was asked to seek more information.
141/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the funding request to the March. The enquiry ref. ownership of land was noted and no action would be taken.
142/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information received was noted. The only observation was on P/24/48/FUL regarding energy efficiency which would be referred to planning.
143/23-24	Items for the March 2024 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Camera Policy Deferred Financial Request 2023/24 The agenda would be kept open for urgent items to be added in the month. The date for the next meeting is Monday 18th March 2024 and will take

		place at 6.30 pm at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via zoom.
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