

Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 18th March 2024 at Halo Life Centre Pontycymer and via Zoom

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews (Chair), J Coles, W Davies, H Griffiths, N Harwood-Scorer, R Jones (from 7.30 pm via zoom), C Lloyd, M Thomas and G Walters.

Apologies: Councillors D Davies, M Jones, M Lewis and M Trowbridge.

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Ffaldau Primary School	Member Chair of Governors
N Harwood-Scorer	Bettws Club Planning Applications	Resident
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
144/23-24	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
145/23-24	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
146/23-24	To Approve the Minutes of the February 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
147/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the February 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The information was noted and the response of the Clerk to the complaints regarding the tree and scrub clearance were approved.It was agreed that unfortunately it is now too late to present the shields to Pontycymer Fire Station and the next award should be advertised in April 2024. Councillor H Griffiths will chase up the railings repair and the Clerk will advise the residents to

		contact the Garw Valley Railway in regard to the litter.
148/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
149/23-24	Body Camera Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The item will be deferred until it is available.
150/23-24	Silent Walk Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that it had been right to hold the event for those who wished to mark the anniversary.
151/23-24	Litter Collection Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted and authority given to the Clerk to continue with a local licensed waste collector until further information is received.
152/23-24	Deferred Financial Requests 2023/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to donate £25 to each applicant - Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Hope Rescue, Eisteddfod yr Urdd Maldwyn, Marie Curie, Cancer Information & Support Services, Wales Air Ambulance, Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taf National Eisteddfod and Bridgend Carers Centre and the Kids Cancer Charity who would be given £50 from the Pontycymer ward funds.
153/23-24	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. All other information was noted including the VAT reclaim for 22/23.
154/23-24	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. It was unanimously agreed to ask Councillor M Jones to give an update at the April meeting on the Armed Forces Covenant. The pothole near Moelgilau has been marked which indicates it is due for repair, the bench at Pontyrhyl is not the community council's responsibility as it is on Garw Valley Railway land

		<p>and locations for additional bins need to be given to the Clerk to look into what can be provided on the current collection schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor R Jones did not have any updates on the Welsh nursery to give Councillor C Lloyd and Councillor H Griffiths would put in a referral on the dip in the road opposite the Vicarage in Pontycymer. • Councillor N Harwood-Scorer was advised to escalate the Care & Repair dispute to one of the borough councillors.
155/23-24	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no Chair's report this month.
156/23-24	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • Councillor H Griffiths would clarify matters in regard to the lighting columns, the Clerk's action regarding the flower planters was authorised and the leave was noted.
157/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • It was unanimously agreed to invite Tenovus Cancer Care to a future meeting, the Marie Curie and Eisteddfod Rhondda Cynon Taff financial requests had been dealt with in item 9 on the agenda and the Armed Forces Covenant had been dealt with in item 11 on the agenda.
158/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • Concerns were raised regarding work associated with P/23/714/FUL and the Clerk was asked to ask BCBC's Planning Department to investigate the site.
159/23-24	Items for the April 2024 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body Camera Policy (if available) • Armed Forces Covenant (MJ) • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The date for the next meeting is Monday 15th April 2024 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via zoom.
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