

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Halo Life Centre Pontycymer and via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Councillors G Andrews (Chair), J Coles, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, R Jones (from 6.45 pm via zoom), C Lloyd, M Lewis and G Walters.

**Apologies:** Councillors M Jones, N Harwood-Scorer, M Thomas and M Trowbridge

**Members of the Public:** PCSO M Ress and Yiota Haramblos of REACH

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Ffaldau Primary School	Member Chair of Governors
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
160/23-24	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
161/23-24	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
162/23-24	To Receive Yiota Haramblos of REACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council noted the increase in the bid to £1m and unanimously agreed for REACH to continue with the bid and look at a Feasibility Study.</li> </ul>
163/23-24	To Approve the Minutes of the March 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
164/23-24	To Consider Matters Arising from the March 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the information and action of the Clerk were noted.</li> <li>The Borough Members confirmed that they have a meeting at BCBC in early May to clarify the situation regarding</li> </ul>

		<p>the Strand and the change of lighting columns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council unanimously agreed to award South Wales Contractors the work for the footpaths in Parc Calon Lan. The tree planting will be carried out by volunteers, supervised by the Warden with the aid of Councillor J Coles.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to liaise with SW Contractors in regard to the additional turning circle work and to obtain quotes for the wall and steps at the Strand. Councillor H Griffiths will chase up the repair of the railings with BCBC.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to continue with the current litter bag collection with the licensed waste carrier.</li> </ul>
165/23-24	To Receive the Crime Figures for March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
166/23-24	Community Award 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notice and dates were agreed.</li> </ul>
167/23-24	Community Cushions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Coles was asked to send the Clerk costs and links to the alternative equipment for discussion at the May 2024 meeting.</li> </ul>
168/23-24	Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor M Jones was absent from the meeting and therefore this item was deferred to the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.</li> </ul>
169/23-24	Spring Bulbs 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed not to order crocus or bluebells and to order 3 sacks for Pontycymer, 2 sacks for Blaengarw, 2 sacks for Bettws and none for Llangeinor.</li> </ul>
170/23-24	Finance & Accounts including Conclusion of Audit 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. The action of the Clerk was noted.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to accept the Conclusion of Audit for 2022/23 and to accept the allowances form prepared by the Clerk for future use.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that the Finance Committee should meet as suggested by the Clerk.</li> </ul>
171/23-24	Borough Council Updates/Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
172/23-24	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no Chair's report this month.</li> </ul>
173/23-24	Clerk's Report incl. Warden Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted. NRW had responded to the report of sewerage running into the river and would inspect.</li> </ul>
174/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• The Chair was unable to accept the invitation from Maesteg Town Council.</li> <li>• The thank you correspondence was noted. The Clerk's action regarding Garw SB&amp;G Club was noted and it was noted that no further information had been received in time for the meeting to enable a decision. The Clerk was asked to defer the financial request from Llangollen International Eisteddfod until March 2025.</li> <li>• The Garw Valley WI funding request was noted and the Clerk was asked to obtain further information as some of the information and documentation requested had not been received.</li> <li>• The council approved the balsam bash events and dates.</li> </ul>
175/23-24	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information received was noted.</li> </ul>
176/23-24	Items for the May 2024 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces Covenant (MJ)</li> <li>• Community Award</li> <li>• Finance Committee Recommendations (HG)</li> <li>• Community Equipment (JC)</li> </ul> <p>The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.</p> <p>The date for the next Ordinary Meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and will take place at</p>

		6.30 pm at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via zoom. However prior to the Ordinary Meeting the Annual Meeting will take place at Halo Leisure at 6.00 pm
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