

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 20th January 2025 at the Tanio, Bettws and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews*, J Coles , D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, C Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis, L Thomas (from 6.40 pm) and M Trowbridge

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillor G Walters

Also Present: 2 members of the public (left after item on REACH Project), Claudia Frost (Land Studio), BCBC Officer (REACH Project), PCSO M Rees (left after the crime figures item) and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre Tynyrheol Primary School	Director Vice-Chair of Governors
H Griffiths	Ffaldau School & Federation of Schools All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Governor Member
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm Charity	Member Director

A one minute silence was held at the start of the meeting for a past councillor Wayne Sherlock who had recently passed away.

The Chair requested authority from full council to move item 6 Crime Figures to item 3 and the rest of the agenda to remain in its order following item 3. This was unanimously approved.

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
121/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
122/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
123/24-25	Crime Figures November and December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillor M Lewis agreed to make a referral and to request the Rolly Patrolly vehicle to attend.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCSO M Rees suggested the Llangeinor councillors ask the Head to put out a message to all parents through the school.
124/24-25	Yiota Haramblos and Councillor J Coles ref REACH project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Yiota's departure this was discussed further. It was unanimously agreed to take the project forward to a feasibility study and a funding application.
125/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the December 2024 Precept Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the December Precept Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
126/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the December 2024 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed that the agreement for the school lighting would be between the school and the contractor, that the Head needs to consider the assumptions made on the quote as it may affect the cost and that the 3 Bettws councillors would discuss whether they would contribute the funding from their ward funds. It was unanimously agreed to order two signs, to make some small changes to the dog section of the sign. The Clerk was asked to chase up confirmation about the lights being in storage and it was noted that the response regarding the lack of stock was disappointing.
127/24-25	CAT Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of a footway/drainage and work in partnership with Calon y Cwm and BCBC to apply for match funding from the T&CC Fund (see next item)
128/24-25	Suggested projects for T&CC Funding 2025/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to investigate the possibility and if appropriate apply to install a footway past the shower block at Carn football area to the football field working in partnership with Calon y Cwm. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility and if appropriate apply to renew the steps at Meadow Lane and install solar lighting.

129/24-25	Future of Local Delivery Service - suggestions of working in partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was deferred to the February 2025 agenda as a second meeting of this group had been called for the night following the council meeting.
130/24-25	Finance & Accounts including Bank Signatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented. The budget monitoring sheet was approved and the income noted and approved. It was unanimously agreed to add two members of the Finance Committee as signatories - Councillor H Griffiths on the Cambridge Building Society account and Councillor Deb Davies on both the HSBC and Cambridge BS accounts.
131/24-25	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Electoral Arrangement Review will be included on the agenda for discussion at the February meeting. The Bettws councillors would plan regarding help with litter picking. It was agreed that Councillors L Thomas, M Trowbridge, M Lewis and N Harwood-Scorer would form a working group and draft a plan for future emergencies and present at the March 2025 meeting.
132/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair had received several complaints about the length of time planning applications are processed at BCBC. The information was noted.
133/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. It was agreed to investigate installing a Tommy Silhouette on the fencing behind the font in Bettws. The co-options will be added to the February 2025 agenda.
134/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Chair and Clerk had accepted the invitation to the meeting on 21/1/25.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had provided BAVO with the requested information. • Councillor L Thomas had accepted the invitation to attend the Tanio performance. • It was agreed to invite the GVBGCW to the February meeting. • The British Legion meeting was noted, Councillor H Griffiths would attend.
135/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted.
136/24-25	Items for the Next Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at Halo Pontycymer on Monday 17th February 2025 at 6.30 pm and via zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future of Local Service Delivery ➤ GVBGC - Presentation ➤ Electoral Arrangement Review ➤ Co-option Bettws and Blaengarw Wards • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.