

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 17th February 2025 at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles (left at 8.27 pm) , D Davies (up to 8.21 pm), W Davies, H Griffiths, C Lloyd (up to 8.21 pm), N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis, L Thomas and M Trowbridge

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillor G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor G Andrews

Also Present: 3 representatives of South Wales Police (left after the crime figures item) and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
J Coles	Co-option Blaengarw Ward	Friend of Applicant
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 Co-option Bettws Ward	Governor Spouse of Applicant
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm Charity	Member Director

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
137/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
138/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
139/24-25	To receive representatives of Garw SBGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The request to attend the meeting had been withdrawn.
140/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the January 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the January 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

141/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2025 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full council approved the Bettws ward spend on the floodlights. • It was agreed to delay an application for the work on the footpath at Carn until the Heads of Terms for the CAT had been agreed. • All other information was accepted.
142/24-25	Crime Figures January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • PCSO Rees was asked to send the information on SW Listens to the Clerk to share.
143/24-25	Future of Local Delivery Service Update/Suggestions from Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to consider taking over the grass cutting in both cemeteries and discuss further. Councillor M Lewis will make a referral to BCBC asking what the current costs are.
144/24-25	Town & Community Council Forum Review	<p>It was unanimously agreed to feedback the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meetings should be later in the day as 4.00 pm is too early as it is impossible for any full-time working attendee to attend. • That the agenda should be more T&CC focussed as at the moment it leans heavily towards the borough's agenda. • That the meetings should be more T&CC led.
145/24-25	Electoral Arrangement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to include this on the March 2025 agenda for further discussion.
146/24-25	Co-option Bettws & Blaengarw Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Lloyd was successfully co-opted as a councillor for the Bettws Ward. • The vacancy for the Blaengarw Ward will be readvertised and the co-option will be included on the March 2025 agenda.
147/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<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. • All other actions were accepted.

148/24-25	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted and all matters discussed.
149/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
150/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted and the Clerk's purchase of branding signs was authorised and approved. Councillors Trowbridge and Lloyd would visit the proposed monolith site and M Trowbridge would send the Clerk the information to obtain permissions and quotes. The Clerk would seek permission for an alternative location for the bench and planters via BCBC.
151/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The CISS financial request would be deferred to the March 2025 meeting. The Calon y Cwm request will be included on the March 2025 agenda The Chair and Clerk will accept the invitation to the Chairs & Clerks meeting on 26/2/25 The Clerk would send the link to the Last Energy community engagement dates to all The co-option for the Blaengarw ward will be re-advertised and included on the March 2025 agenda.
152/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information received was noted. The Clerk was asked to object to planning application P/24/807/FUL on the following grounds: There has been no consultation. The type of accommodation is not suitable for this location. Single person accommodation does not meet the needs of the community of Bettws as the community needs more family accommodation not single person accommodation.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 20 single person flats being built not far from this site and V2C are not able to give any guarantees of occupancy; this HMO application is privately owned and also does not give any guarantees • The application is situated next to two primary schools. Traffic levels are already high outside the school and a multi occupancy building will worsen the situation with additional cars parking at this proper • The plans show a 4 bedroom house with accommodation for 6 people meaning two bedrooms will be shared. There is only 1 bathroom and 1 downstairs toilet is this adequate for 6 people?
153/24-25	Items for the Next Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at Halo Pontycymer on Monday 17th March 2025 at 6.30 pm and via zoom ➤ Electoral Arrangement Review ➤ Co-option Blaengarw Ward ➤ Calon y Cwm - financial request ➤ Draft Emergency Procedure - Working Grou ➤ Deferred Financial Requests 24/25 • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.