

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

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews, J Coles , D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, C Lloyd, G Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (Chair), M Lewis, L Thomas, M Trowbridge and G Walters (left at 7.30 pm)

*via zoom

Apologies: None

Also Present: 1 representative 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
G Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm Charity	Member Director

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
154/24-25	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
155/24-25	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
156/24-25	To Approve the Minutes of the February 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the February 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
157/24-25	To Consider Matters Arising from the February 2025 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The quantified quote for the footbridge was accepted.The incoming Chair Councillor M Lewis was asked to put the 28th Mary 2025 at

		<p>6.00 pm in her diary for the next Chairs & Clerks meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to invite Last Energy to a council meeting. • All other information was accepted and approved.
158/24-25	Crime Figures February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
159/24-25	Electoral Arrangement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council does not agree with the proposed decrease in the number of councillors for the Blaengarw ward as this ward contains a large amount of GVCC managed parkland, Parc Calon Lan and a decrease in councillors will increase the burden of effort on the remaining two. • The council does not agree with the proposed decrease in the number of councillors for the Bettws ward as there is proposed expansion of the number of electorate in this ward over the next 5 years due to the proposed housing developments
160/24-25	Co-opted Blaengarw Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Williams was co-opted as a Blaengarw ward councillor for the Garw Valley Community Council.
161/24-25	Calon y Cwm Financial Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to agree in principle to this donation subject to the signing of a CAT lease. The funding would be earmarked in the 25/26 budget.
162/24-25	Draft Emergency Procedure - Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item would be included on a future agenda once the group had prepared a draft and made the agenda request.
163/24-25	Deferred Financial Requests 24/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to give £25 to each organization and that the £50 budget line overspend would be met out of the contingency budget line.
164/24-25	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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other actions were accepted and approved.
165/24-25	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted and all matters discussed. • Councillor M Lewis agreed to make a referral about the missing signs. • The Clerk was asked to order three replacement defibrillator pads. • The Clerk would talk to the Warden about fitting the defibrillator cabinet for Pantygog.
166/24-25	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
167/24-25	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to invite Yiota to the June meeting. • The information on the tread of the steps was accepted. • The Clerk was asked to find an alternative contractor for the year at the same or lower cost than the current contractor charges. • The best practice document from the Standards Committee will be included for consideration on the April 2025 agenda. • The Clerk was given authority to apply for the fruit trees and get them planted as long as they are free of charge.
168/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The IRPW Annual Report 2025 would be included on the April agenda • The OVW Membership Renewal would be paid on its due date of 1st April. • The save the date from Maesteg TC had been given to outgoing Chair, Councillor Neal Harwood-Scorer and incoming Chair, Councillor Maxine Lewis. • It was agreed that both would attend. • The financial requests had been considered (see minute 163/24-25). • The financial request from Blaengarw RFC could not be considered as they

		<p>had not returned the completed financial request application and returned it to the council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was disappointing that Tanio would not be holding an Easter event in PC Lan this year. • The request to place a small children's library in PC Lan was considered and a vote was taken. Councillor J Coles abstained; all other councillors voted in favour to give the go ahead for an initial 3 month trial to be reviewed after that period of time.
169/24-25	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • Councillor Coles said that plans for application P/24/30/FUL were very traditional.
170/24-25	Items for the Next Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at Halo Pontycymer on Monday 28th April 2025 at 6.30 pm and via zoom ➤ Spring Bulbs ➤ Community Award 2024/25 ➤ IRPW Report 2025 ➤ Invite Last Energy to attend the meeting. ➤ June agenda: Yiota Haramblos REACH update. • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.