

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 28th April 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), L Thomas, M Trowbridge, G Walters* and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillor M Lewis

Also Present: 1 representative of South Wales Police (left after the crime figures item), 1 Member of the Public 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
G Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
1/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
2/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
3/25-26	To Receive Mr R Sedgman, Last Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Sedman was thanked for attending the meeting.
4/25-26	To Approve the Minutes of the March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
5/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the March 2025 Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All information was noted.
6/2526	Crime Figures March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The information was accepted and it was noted that there's an issue in the valley with a resident on a quad driving in a dangerous manner.

7/25-26	Spring Bulbs Autumn 2025	<p>The Clerk was asked to purchase the following:</p> <p>Bettws - 3 sacks of daffodils and 1 sack of pink tulips Blaengarw - 1 sack of daffodils Llangeinor - 2 sacks of bluebells Pontycymer - 3 sacks of daffodils and 1 sack of bluebells</p>
8/25-26	Standards Committee Best Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders would be updated to include that councillors announce themselves at the start of each meeting so that they can be identified by any members of the public in attendance.
9/25-26	Community Award 2024/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notice was approved for publication.
10/25-26	IRPW Annual Report 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no changes to the determinations and it was agreed that the council's Allowances Policy covers the requirements stated including how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves mid-year. It was noted that there is no longer a requirement to publish the names of councillors who take the allowances, only the total amount of each allowance paid.
11/25-26	VE DAY 80 th Anniversary 8 th May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that Councillor W Davies would ask the local churches to ring their bells at 6.30 on 8th May 2025, as part of a UK wide plan. Councillors would notify the local fast food outlets of the fish and chip collective tribute. The Clerk was asked to check on the possible funding for a fish and chip supper and let the Llangeinor councillors know the outcome.
12/25-26	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. The budget monitoring sheets were approved and the income noted and approved. All other actions were accepted and approved. The Clerk was asked to source an alternative Internal Auditor.

13/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted and all matters discussed. • Councillor H Griffiths would raise Councillor Thomas' concerns with the two Heads of Bettws schools and the pot hole issues. • Councillor Coles proposal was unanimously agreed and the Clerk would send a letter to the Butterfly Conservation.
14/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
15/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors J Coles and D Williams agreed to be part of the REACH project steering group. • The Clerk was asked to include the project for the steps in Pontycymer on the May agenda and to arrange for the dog waste bag dispensers to be removed. • It was agreed that the street furniture should not be replaced until the work to Bettws Club had been completed.
16/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • Motions for OVW AGM would be included on the May agenda and Mynydd Ty-talwyn Energy Park would be discussed at the May meeting in the Development Control and Planning item. • The requests to publish two posters were agreed. • Councillors Harwood-Scorer and Lewis noted the Maesteg Town Council information. • There were no objections to the removal of the public payphone in Llangeinor and the financial request would be deferred to March 2026.
17/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • There were no objections to the planning applications.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor N Harwood-Scorer gave an update on the occupation of a house in Heol Bradford which has applied for HMO permission.
18/25-26	Items for the Next Ordinary Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw on Monday 19th 2025 at 6.30 pm and via zoom. Please note an Annual Meeting will be held beforehand at 6.00 pm at the same venue and via zoom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consideration to be giving on funding the work to the steps in Pontycymer ➤ Motions for OVW AGM • The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month.