

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council  
held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via  
Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Councillors G Andrews, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, N Harwood Scorer, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd and M Trowbridge (from 6.37 pm)

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors J Coles, L Thomas & G Walters

**No Apologies:** Councillor D Williams

**Also Present:** A Harris, Clerk & RFO

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
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm Charity	Member Director
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
G Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
19/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
20/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillors H Griffiths &amp; M Lewis anything relating to BCBC</li> </ul>
21/25-26	To Receive Yiota Haramblos, REACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council unanimously agreed to continue with the next stage.</li> <li>It was agreed to include the Warden in the working group meetings to keep him uptodate with progress and he could give feedback as he's best placed to understand the workings of the park.</li> </ul>
22/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the April 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the April 2025 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
23/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the April 2025 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> </ul>
24/25-26	Crime Figures April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>

25/25-26	Community Award 2024/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To invite the winners, Don Sage in the general category and Dylan Sage in the sports category, to the June meeting for a presentation.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to include future community awards on the June agenda.</li> </ul>
26/25-26	One Voice Wales Motions for 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no proposals for a motion for debate at the OVW AGM in October 2025</li> </ul>
27/25-26	Regional Transport Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that councillors who wished to respond would respond individually.</li> </ul>
28/25-26	Steps Project Pontycymer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that funding could not be awarded as the project is not aligned to a CAT and the steps have a title register and number.</li> <li>The Clerk highlighted the danger of the steps, including the raised top step, which is a trip hazard, and the CAT Officer said she would raise it with BCBC's legal department to write to the landowner asking them to conduct the work.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to ask BCBC to block off the steps as they are unsafe.</li> </ul>
29/25-26	Financial Regulations Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to amend the council's Financial Regulations to reflect the changes.</li> </ul>
30/25-26	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented.</li> <li>The budget monitoring sheets were approved and the income noted and approved</li> <li>The Clerk had sourced the services of KLG Services as minuted in the annual meeting minute no 10/25</li> </ul>
31/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted and all matters discussed.</li> <li>The Clerk would forward the contact details of her Wales &amp; West contact to Councillor Trowbridge to chase up the grass cutting.</li> <li>Councillor Griffiths would report the pot hole and road condition in Bettws.</li> <li>Councillor M Lewis would report on the overhanging hedge and debris on</li> </ul>

		path in Llangeinor and enquire about grass cutting.
32/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
33/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a new quad bike.</li> <li>The Clerk would ascertain whether the council's insurance covers the Warden for maintaining the pocket park going forward.</li> <li>The Clerk had registered the council's interest in being part of the bio-diversity pilot group.</li> <li>The Chair was asked to write to the gardener about the council's concerns prior to the beginning of June.</li> <li>The group to meet with BCBC about the lakes will consist of: Councillors H Griffiths, Neal Harwood Scorer, William Davies, Chris Lloyd and Maxine Lewis plus the Clerk and Warden.</li> </ul>
34/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>There was no request to arrange a meeting to discuss the National Grid proposals and approach to the consultation, permission was given for the drone filming, the correspondence of thanks were noted, the consultations were noted and individual responses would be made.</li> </ul>
35/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information received was noted.</li> <li>There were no objections to the pre-planning consultation.</li> </ul>
26/25-26	Items for the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Councillor vacancy governor Ysgol Calon y Cymoedd</li> <li>➤ To receive the Community Award winners for a presentation</li> <li>➤ Future of Community Awards 25/26</li> <li>➤ Internal Audit and Audit Statement</li> <li>➤ Christmas 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>➤ Feedback from Bettws Ward on progress on Christmas Concert 2025</p> <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via zoom</p>
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