

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council  
held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via  
Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Councillors D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, M Trowbridge, G Walters\* and D Williams

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors G Andrews, J Coles and L Thomas

**No Apologies:** Councillor N Harwood Scorer

**Also Present:** A Harris, Clerk & RFO and PCSO Mike Rees (up to item 3)

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 Richard Price Centre	Governor Volunteer
G Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
27/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>
28/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As above</li></ul>
29/25-26	To Receive the Community Award Winners 24/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The winners were Don Sage for the general community award for his contribution to many aspects of Garw life and Dylan Sage in the community sports category for his amazing achievements in the world of competitive cycling.</li><li>Both were presented with an engraved shield to keep for a year, a card and gift plus a small, engraved trophy to keep. Flowers were presented to their accompanying wife and mother.</li></ul>

30/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the May 2025 Annual and Ordinary Meeting and the June Extraordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the May 2025 Annual and Ordinary Meeting and June Extraordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
31/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the May 2025 Annual and Ordinary Meetings and the June Extraordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>Future Community Awards and Update on Christmas Concert will be included on the July 2025 meeting agenda.</li> <li>The two Bettws councillors present agreed to accept the quote for clearing behind the font.</li> </ul>
32/25-26	Crime Figures May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
33/25-26	Councillor Vacancy Governor Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None of the two Bettws councillors present were able to take up the role and it was agreed to include this item on the July agenda when more Bettws councillors may be present.</li> </ul>
34/25-26	Bus Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed to include this on the July agenda.</li> <li>Members agreed in principle that they liked the idea of such a service in the valley but needed more information on the need.</li> <li>In the meantime the Clerk would find out from OVW if it is within the council's remit to run such a service and if it is, what legalities must be adhered to.</li> </ul>
35/25-26	Christmas 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pontycymer and Llangeinor wards requested the same trees and motifs as in Christmas 2024.</li> <li>The Blaengarw ward needed to streamline their offer as they spend all their ward funds on Christmas; the Clerk was asked to provide the Blaengarw councillors with a list of what motifs they have.</li> <li>The Bettws ward asked for the same motifs as Christmas 2024 but asked the Clerk to find out some information on an alternative Christmas tree.</li> </ul>
36/25-26	Approve the Risk Management Schedule 2025/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to accept the Risk Management Schedule for 2025/2025</li> </ul>
37/25-26	Finance & Accounts including Internal Audit Report and Audit Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget monitoring sheets were approved and the income noted and approval given to move the two income streams into the Contingency/General Reserve budget line.</li> <li>• Authority was given to the Clerk to remain with the HSBC for the council's day-to-day banking.</li> <li>• The Internal Auditor's Report and the Audit Statement were accepted and approved.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to prepare and submit the council's External Audit.</li> </ul>
38/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted and all matters discussed.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to the Boys &amp; Girls Club of Wales and to arrange for the Warden to carry out work on the footpath from Tudor Drive to Bryngarw.</li> <li>• Councillor Davies will give the Clerk the time for the Last Energy consultation meeting at the RP Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>
39/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> </ul>
40/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> <li>• Authority was given to the Clerk to purchase and install a bin at the Pocket Park and arrange its emptying.</li> <li>• The arrangements for the school community awards were noted.</li> </ul>
41/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• The Chair accepted the invitation to the Bridgend Samaritans and declined the invitation to the Maesteg Town Council Civic Service.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to defer the request from Hope Rescue to the March 2026 meeting.</li> <li>• The Clerk had asked Cwm Garw Fund Palace to complete a grant funding form and return in time for</li> </ul>

		<p>consideration at the July 2025 council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to contribute £650 towards the pantomime</li> <li>• It was agreed to give the ok to Carn Rovers on the condition they provide a Risk Assessment and a copy of their public liability insurance and it is reviewed annually.</li> </ul>
42/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information received was noted.</li> <li>• There were no objections.</li> </ul>
43/25-26	Items for the July 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>➤ Christmas 2025 Feedback</li> <li>➤ Staff Confidential: Update</li> <li>➤ Future Community Awards</li> <li>➤ Councillor Governor YGG Calon y Cymoedd</li> <li>➤ Draft Letter T&amp;CCs Chairs &amp; Clerks Meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via zoom</p>