

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 28th July 2025 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via
Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, W Davies, H Griffiths, N Harwood Scorer, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, M Trowbridge, and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors D Davies, G Lloyd, L Thomas and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor G Andrews

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

Councillor	Item	Interest
J Coles	Financial Request - Cwm Garw Fun Palace 2025	Known to one of the applicants
W Davies	Financial Request - Cwm Garw Fun Palace 2025	Known to one of the applicants
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 Financial Request - Cwm Garw Fun Palace 2025	Governor Volunteer Related to one of the applicants

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
58/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
59/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
60/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
61/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. Councillor H Griffiths agreed to make a further referral about the Pontycymer steps. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Bettws ward would stick to a

		real tree for Christmas 2025 and look into the possibility of planting a living tree next to it in 2026.
62/25-26	Crime Figures June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
63/25-26	Councillor Vacancy Governor Ysgol Calon y Cymoedd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Harwood Scorer's agreement to take on the role of Councillor Governor for Ysgol Calon y Cymoedd was unanimously accepted. The Clerk will let the Clerk to the Governors know and make the necessary arrangements.
64/25-26	Future Community Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to continue with the awards scheme in its current format and that councillors would also make recommendations in the future.
65/25-26	Draft Letter T&CCs for Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to accept the draft letter and approve its signature.
66/25-26	Christmas 2025 (Update on Bettws Christmas Concert and Christmas gifts for schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted including the concert date of 5th December 2025. The Clerk will send the contact for the Ogmere Vale Male Choir to the Bettws councillors.
67/25-26	Update from Working Group on REACH project meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
68/25-26	Bus Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to accept the invitation from St Brides Minor CC to take part in a working group to look at the possibility of working together on a bus route.
69/25-26	Financial Request - Cwm Garw Fun Palace 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to donate £460.00.
70/25-26	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. The budget monitoring sheets were approved
71/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted and all matters discussed. The Pontcymer Ward agreed to the installation of a bench and bin as requested by Councillor Griffiths. The Clerk would arrange for the foliage cut back exiting Parc Calon Lan to Prospect Place.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Griffiths confirmed that she'd already reported the appearance of the Spar shop in Oxford Street. • The Clerk would obtain a quote for the paving. • Councillor M Lewis explained that the money the Leader referred to is for the coal tip by the cricket pitch and the work to the lakes referred to in Matters Arising. Councillor Williams will send photos of the missing spindles and the questions ref. rights of way to the Clerk.
72/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
73/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • It was unanimously agreed that due to financial constraints the request for a 3 tier planter in the Pocket Park could not be agreed. • Councillors lighting their Lamps of Peace will send the Clerk photos. • The Clerk was asked to make arrangements for the two new bins to be included on the contractor's bin emptying schedule once they've been installed.
74/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • It was noted that the complaints regarding grounds maintenance at Darren Bungalows had been copied to V2C and other organisations. The one area managed by GVCC had been resolved. • The free trees on offer were not the variety the GVCC wishes to plant. • Unfortunately the Last Energy consultation meeting held in the Garw Valley and requested by GVCC had been arranged and clashed with the council meeting date so no councillors could attend.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was accepted and approved that the national government pay award 2025/26, effective 1st April 2025, would apply to the Clerk's salary in line with the Clerk's contract of employment and be backdated to 1st April 2025 in the next salary.
75/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information received was noted. There were no comments.
76/25-26	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk updated members on the progress made with the on-going Staff Confidential matter.
77/25-26	Items for the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Christmas 2025 Feedback ➤ Staff Confidential: Update ➤ Draft Annual Report 24/25 ➤ Blaengarw Workmen's Hall/Awen <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 15th September 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor and via zoom</p>