

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 15th September 2025 at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor
and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, W Davies, M Lewis (Chair), L Thomas, G Walters *and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews, H Griffiths, C Lloyd, G Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer and M Trowbridge

Also Present: A Harris, Clerk & RFO, Mathew Cook and Marina Newth (Awen Cultural Trust) (up to item 3)

Councillor	Item	Interest
J Coles	Planning Application no P/24/422/FUL	Known to the applicant
D Davies	Christmas Gifts for Schools Director	Vice-Chair Tynyrheol School Governors Richard Price Centre
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm CIC	Member Director
L Thomas	Planning Application no P/24/422/FUL	Known to the applicant
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
78/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	As above
79/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	As above
80/25-26	To Receive Mathew Cook, Manager Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	Councillor Maxine Lewis said she was happy to discuss youth clubs and youth provision for the valley.
81/25-26	Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	It was unanimously agreed to invite Richard Hughes and Ceri Evans to a future full council meeting as they would like them to meet everyone.
82/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting	The Minutes of the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

83/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting	• All information was noted and action of the Clerk approved. • The Clerk was asked to include the Bus Service working party as an October agenda item.
84/25-26	Crime Figures July & August 2025	• The information was noted.
85/25-26	Christmas 2025 (Bettws Concert and Christmas Gifts for Schools)	• The information was noted. • It was agreed that the cost of buying hats for all the primary school children at £1,342.50 was acceptable
86/25-26	Update on the Lakes	• To date there has been no update and there is an automatic out-of-office reply on the Highways Officer's email until later in the month
87/25-26	Council Insurance Renewal 25/26	• The renewal price and amendments were accepted and the Clerk was given authority to pay the annual renewal.
88/25-26	Draft Annual Report 24/25	• The Draft Annual Report for 2024/25 was approved and accepted and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website. • There was one amendment to change Councillor D Davies from Independent to Reform.
89/25-26	Draft Training Plan 25/26	• The draft Training Plan for 2025/26 was approved and accepted and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.
90/25-26	Finance & Accounts	• All information was noted. • Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. • The budget monitoring sheets were approved.
91/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	• All information was noted and all matters discussed. • The Clerk would report the dropped sewer hole. The Clerk was asked to write to Cabinet Member for Education and Bettws Councillor, Martyn Jones, to enquire about the replacement.

		• Councillor D Davies will provide the Clerk with some documentation about the matter.
92/25-26	Chair's Report	• The information was noted.
93/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	• The information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to order 5 wreaths - 1 each for Llangeinor, Blaengarw and Bettws and 2 for Pontycymer. • Councillor Lewis will attend the service in Pontycymer. • The Pontycymer ward said they would utilise the spare sack of daffodils. Councillor M Lewis will put in a referral about Llangeinor Square.
94/25-26	Correspondence	• All information was noted. • Awen's use of PC Lan for a Light Garden Event was approved subject to the receipt of a risk assessment and a copy of their public liability insurance. • The footpath has been cut back by the Warden. • The request from Cerebral Palsy Wales was deferred to March 2026.
95/25-26	Planning Matters	• All information received was noted. • There were no comments on the PAC Consultation.
96/25-26	Staff Confidential	• The Clerk updated members on the progress made with the on-going Staff Confidential matter.
97/25-26	Items for the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting	• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: ➤ The Strand Project ➤ Christmas Update (Concert & Gifts) ➤ Staff Confidential ➤ Quotes and Tendering with a view to precept setting ➤ Conclusion of Audit 24/25 ➤ Bus Service Working Party

		➤ To Welcome Representatives of Awen Cultural Trust The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 20th October 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor and via zoom
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