

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 15th September 2025 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
79/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
80/25-26	To Receive Mathew Cook, Manager Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Maxine Lewis said she was happy to discuss youth clubs and youth provision for the valley.
81/25-26	Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
85/25-26	Christmas 2025 (Bettws Concert and Christmas Gifts for Schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor D Davies will provide the Clerk with some documentation about the matter.
92/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
93/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted. • There were no comments on the PAC Consultation.
96/25-26	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk updated members on the progress made with the on-going Staff Confidential matter.
97/25-26	Items for the October 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"> ➤ 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

		<p>➤ To Welcome Representatives of Awen Cultural Trust</p> <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 17th November 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor and via zoom</p>
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