

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 20th October 2025 at the Richard Price Centre Llangeinor and
via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, D Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer (from 6.37 pm) L Thomas (up to 8.35 pm), M Trowbridge (up to 8.27 pm) and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews, W Davies and G Walters

Also Present: PCSO M Rees and A C Harris (Clerk & RFO)

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Christmas Gifts for Schools Director	Vice-Chair Tynyrheol School Governors Richard Price Centre
H Griffiths	Ffaldau Primary School All BCBC Matters incl. planning	Chair of Governors Borough Councillor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm CIC	Member Director
C Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer
G Lloyd	Richard Price Centre	Volunteer
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
98/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
99/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
100/25-26	To Receive Rhian Thomas, Halo Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to consider including £9,650 in the precept budget for 26/27 as a contribution towards running the scheme in 2026. The Clerk will contact Halo once the precept has been set in December to inform them of the outcome.

101/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair. With one correction that Councillor D Davies is added to the list of councillors in attendance at the meeting as this had been omitted in error.
102/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to purchase 8 fruit trees and work in partnership with Calon y Cwm to plant a community orchard. It was unanimously agreed not to go ahead with the proposed lake works and move that money into the project budget line as it would be a waste of money as the desilting works is planned to take place soon. Councillor Deb Davies was reminded to provide the Clerk with the documentation.
103/25-26	Crime Figures September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
104/25-26	Christmas 2025 (Bettws Concert and Christmas Gifts for Schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to charge £3 per adult ticket, children would be free. Councillor Deb Davies agreed to produce the poster, tickets and programme. The information and cost of the gifts was unanimously agreed.
105/25-26	The Strand Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the installation of railings along the front wall of the Strand for consideration as a community project at the next council meeting.
106/25-26	Steps Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to request a licence from BCBC for the council to carry out the work which could be funded from the projects budget line. It was also agreed that SW Contractors/Centre Great's quotes will be accepted.
107/25-26	REACH Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed that REACH could move to the next step of consultation as there is no cost to be bourn by GVCC. The council reiterated its desire to include a Pump Park, a new bike trail

		and an outdoor natural play area along with the other items already identified at the initial meeting with REACH.
108/25-26	Bus Service Working Party Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first working group meeting will take place on 6th November.
109/25-26	Quotes and Tendering with a View to Precept Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was asked to obtain 3 fixed price quotes for the environmental maintenance, floral displays and Christmas provision in time for precept setting.
110/25-26	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. It was unanimously agreed to donate £3,375 towards the school trip to cover the cost of the 9 buses. The Clerk was asked to inform the school that a maximum of £3,375 would be donated and if less coaches were needed they would donate the lower amount.
111/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted and all matters discussed. The Clerk was given authority to print the Blaengarw newsletters.
112/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
113/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact the Rights of Way Manager to arrange for the fallen tree to be removed.
114/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Chair had accepted Bridgend Town Council's invite to their Civic Service, the Bridgend Carers Wellbeing Service could be published on the council's website, the request to resurface a road had been passed on to a borough councillor to refer, the request to prune trees in the

		<p>pocket park had not been agreed and the two funding appeals would be deferred to March 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request to use an area of Parc Calon Lan for forest school sessions was agreed, subject to receipt of a risk assessment and a copy of public liability insurance, the Clerk was asked to ask the Forest School Leader to speak with the Warden.
115/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted.
116/25-26	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk updated members on the progress made with the on-going Staff Confidential matter.
117/25-26	Items for the November 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"> ➤ Project ideas for inclusion in the Precept Discussions for 2026/27 ➤ T&CC Liaison Officer attend November 2025 meeting ➤ Representatives of Awen Cultural Trust attend the November 2025 meeting <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>