

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 17th November 2025 at the Richard Price Centre Llangeinor and
via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer, L Thomas (from 6.40 pm), M Trowbridge, G Walters* and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillor J Coles

Also Present: 4 members of the public 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 Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen	Chair of Governors Borough Councillor Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm CIC	Member Director
C Lloyd	Tynyrheol Primary School	Governor
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
118/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
119/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
120/25-26	To Receive representatives of Awen Cultural Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Richard Hughes, CEO Awen Cultural Trust attended the meeting.
121/25-26	To receive representatives of Gareth Kiddie Associates ref. the REACH Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gareth Kiddie attended the meeting to answer questions on the consultation he is organising on behalf of REACH for the work hub, pump track and MTB trail project.
122/25-26	To receive Jason Frowen, BCBC's T&CC Liaison Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jason Frowen is BCBC's new T&CC Liaison Officer who has been employed to improve the relationship between

		BCBC and T&CCs, help with funding applications etc.
123/25-26	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.
124/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The explanation for the short licence was accepted. Permission to use the land in Pontycymer will be granted at a cost of £250 for a licence. The Clerk was told it will be a consideration for CYC CIC in 2026/27. The information and digital poster will be sent to the Clerk.
125/25-26	Crime Figures October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no PCSO present. The information was noted.
126/25-26	Christmas 2025 (Bettws Concert and Christmas Gifts for Schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All arrangements are in place for the Christmas Concert. The Clerk was asked to invite BCBC's new CEO, Jake Morgan too. All Christmas gifts, except Tynyrheol Primary School, had been delivered.
127/25-26	Project Ideas for the 2026/27 Draft Precept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to include provision for community projects in the budget which will be decided in the new financial year.
128/25-26	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. The financial request from Awen Cultural Trust was not discussed or considered as Councillor D Williams informed the meeting that the event has been cancelled.
129/25-26	Urgent Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. Also noted was that the Pontycymer daffodils have not been collected and this is because of a lack of assistance to plant. Councillor Griffiths asked if the Pontycymer ward members wanted her to ask Ffaldau Primary School for help and this was agreed.

		The bulbs are being stored at PC Lan and need to be collected.
130/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information on the Chair's attendance at a working group meeting and remembrance service were noted.
131/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. There were no issues with the Christmas trees and column motifs.
132/32-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. There was two actions to defer the Eisteddfod yr Urdd financial request to March 2026 and to respond to the Local Access Forum letter asking for the Shwt Road to be changed to 20 mph all along its length instead of 20 in parts and 30 in others.
133/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information received was noted.
134/25-26	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk updated members on the progress made with the on-going Staff Confidential matter.
135/25-26	Urgent for the December 2025 Precept 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"> ➤ Community Bus Webinar Feedback (DW) to be included as a January 2026 agenda item <p>The date of the Precept Council meeting is Monday 15th December 2025 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Tanio, Bettws and via zoom</p>