

Draft Summary of the Precept Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 15th December 2025 at Tanio, Bettws and via Zoom

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews*, J Coles, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, L Thomas (from 6.45 pm), M Trowbridge, G Walters* and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors D Davies and NI Harwood Scorer

Also Present: None.

Councillor	Item	Interest
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
136/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
137/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As above
138/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
139/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All information was noted.
140/25-26	Christmas Concert Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillor Trowbridge asked if any money made could be used towards the Bettws Church roof fund, but this was not possible as the costs of the concert were paid out of the Events budget line and so the money made on tickets would be paid back in to replenish that budget line.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair thanked Councillor Trowbridge for all her hard work in organising the concert.
141/25-26	To Draft a Precept for 2026/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to request a precept for 26/27 of £136,816. A precept weekly increase of £0.05p (4.3%). The Clerk would make the request to BCBC. The Community Projects would be decided after April 2026 when the end of year balance c/f is known; only one project had been put forward for this funding; metal railings to the front of the Strand.
142/25-26	Finance & Accounts including Finance Committee Recommendations	<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. All Finance Committee Recommendations were unanimously approved.
143/25-26	Urgent Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Clerk would contact V2C regarding the steps and ask if a strip could be painted on the steps to highlight them. The Clerk would report the column motif the following day.
144/25-26	Urgent Items for the Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted and it was unanimously agreed that the Chair would write to BCBC on behalf of the full council to express their concerns.
145/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. It was unanimously agreed that the time or date to hold the T&CC Forum meetings would depend on the representative's circumstances, though later in the day would be best.
146/32-26	Urgent Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information and closing dates were noted. All were asked to give any comments to the Chair on the Motions for Debate and the review of the OVW

		<p>Constitution to the Chair prior to her attending the AGM on 21st January 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Williams has taken up the two free training places. • The Urdd Gobaith Cymru request is deferred to the March 2026 meeting. • The Clerk gave an update on the REACH project.
147/25-26	Urgent Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted.
148/25-26	Items for the January 2026 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"> ➤ Community Bus Webinar Feedback ➤ Draft Biodiversity Report ➤ Council School Governor Vacancy Tynyrheol Primary School <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 19th January 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Tanio, Bettws and via zoom</p>