

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 16th February 2026 at Tanio, Bettws and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews*, D Davies*, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, L Thomas and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors J Coles, N Harwood Scorer, M Trowbridge and G Walters

Also Present: None.

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
H Griffiths	Ffaldau Primary School All BCBC Matters incl. planning Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen	Governor 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 Events Committee/Purchase of Equipment	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall Provider

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
165/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
166/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
167.25-26	Protocol Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reminder was noted.
168/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the January 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the January 2026 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
169/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the January 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Clerk's information on the green space was noted and the resolution from the January 2026 to not progress this matter further is still valid. It was agreed that the Clerk could put in a bid to develop a woodland management plan.

170/25-26	Crime Figures January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crime figures were noted. • The Clerk was asked to find out who the PCSOs are for the valley and let councillors and the Warden know.
171/25-26	Council School Governor Vacancy Garw Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that Councillor David Williams would be the council's representative governor on the Garw Federation.
172/25-26	Pantygog Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to meet with a play area installer on site to see how the work could be carried out given the limited access.
173/25-26	Land at Hill View, Pontycymer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to set up a site visit for all to see the land and consider the idea put forward.
174/25-26	Items for the April 2026 T&CC Forum Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no items put forward for inclusion on the T&CC Forum agenda.
175/25-26	Assertion 10 Annual Governance Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would investigate what's needed and the costs which will be incurred for information purposes and until such time as the council is officially notified of these changes.
176/25-26	Events Committee/Purchase of Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved that Councillor Williams could offer these services as part of the Events Committee and the items would remain Events Committee items.
177/25-26	Flashing School Lights Blaengarw Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that whilst the council supports any safety measures being put in place at Blaengarw Primary School, safety items including lights, should be provided by the Education Directorate at BCBC.
178/25-26	Grass cutting and floral display quotes for 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the two quotes for floral displays not being close in price, it was unanimously agreed to approve quotes from the following as the provision and quality of plants and service were known from D Thomas. <p>➤ Grass cutting - Evans Garden Services</p>

		➤ Floral Displays - D Thomas
179/25-26	Finance & Accounts including Conclusion of Audit 24/25	<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 Conclusion of audit was accepted and the Clerk was thanked for her work. • The 4 recommendations would be addressed.
180/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • Councillor Griffiths will refer the Hawthorn bush and make further pot hole referrals. • Councillor Lewis will report the traffic issues.
181/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information on a small landslip in the valley reported to NRW was noted.
182/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • The Clerk was asked to contact BCBC to enquire where the bin had gone? • The Warden would be asked to install the plaque on the wall in the Strand. • The quote from ARB Cymru for the tree work was accepted and the Clerk was asked to get the work completed asap.
183/32-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The Warden has carried out the maintenance to bridleway 16, the Clerk has reported the mess on footpath 14 to the Rights of Way department who will inspect. • Councillor M Lewis is dealing with the CAT Officer enquiry. • Permission is granted for the gender reveal party following confirmation that the items being used are environmentally friendly and permission is subject to the area being cleaned up after use.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission is granted to Tanio subject to the Warden being on site, a risk assessment received in advance of the event and a copy of their public liability insurance being given to the Clerk in advance. • The Clerk was asked to find out more about the bicycle stunt show and the cost. • The Warden has spoken to and carried out a site visit with the representative of Levan Ecology and has found a suitable location to place any reptiles that are found at the site. • The Chair asked for the use of PC Lan for Gender Reveal Events to be on the next agenda.
184/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information received was noted.
185/25-26	Items for the March 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"> ➤ Draft Sexual Harassment Policy ➤ Draft Lone Worker Policy ➤ Deferred Financial Requests for 25/26 ➤ PCLan use for Gender Reveals <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 16th March 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via zoom</p>