

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 19th January 2026 at Tanio, Bettws and via Zoom**

Attendance:

Councillors G Andrews*, J Coles, D Davies* (up to 8.13 pm), W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (Chair), C Lloyd, G Lloyd, M Trowbridge, G Walters* (up to 7.30 pm) and D Williams

*via zoom

Apologies: Councillors N Harwood Scorer and L Thomas

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
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
149/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
150/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
151/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the December 2025 Precept Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the December 2025 Precept Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
152/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the December 2025 Precept Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. Councillor H Griffiths will collect the daffodil bulbs. The financial breakdown for the concert was accepted. It was agreed to go ahead with the metal railings. Councillor J Coles' objections on nature grounds were noted.
153/25-26	Crime Figures November and December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no PCSOs present to provide any background to the crimes.

		It was noted that the Violence Against a Person figures and overall crime total in the Pontycymer ward were high.
154/25-26	Community Bus Webinar Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted.
155/25-26	Draft Biodiversity Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to accept the report and publish it on the council's website.
156/25-26	Council School Governor Vacancy Tynyrheol Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A majority vote by 8 votes was in favour of Councillor Maxine Lewis.
157/25-26	Working in Partnership with V2C in the Bettws Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was asked to write to the CEO of V2C to request an update and response to Councillor Trowbridge's correspondence.
158/25-26	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information including the External Audit were noted. Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented. The budget monitoring sheets were approved.
159/25-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borough and Ward Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. Councillor H Griffiths will make referrals for the potholes and the gravel surfacing washing down David Street, though the land is under a private lease. The Clerk was asked to write to Awen Cultural Trust to enquire about their plans to re-open the Life Centre as a social hire space. Councillor C Lloyd was asked to contact the Clerk with the defibrillator details so that the Clerk can order the items. The Clerk was asked not to progress the GVCC font project further and the two BCBC members would write to Councillor Jones and BCBC to find out more about the funding.

160/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some councillors were happy to volunteer and would make a plan with the Chair.
161/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would re-submit the T&CC grant funding application for Pontycymer Steps and the Clerk would order a bench and seek a licence for it to be installed on Meadow Street. There were no suggested agenda items for the upcoming meetings. The Warden's training request was unanimously approved.
162/32-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the financial request to March 2026. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the National Forest information to all councillors.
163/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information received was noted.
164/25-26	Items for the February 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"> ➤ Governor Vacancy Garw Valley Federation ➤ Grass cutting and floral display quotes 2026 ➤ Items for the April 2026 T&CC Forum agenda ➤ Events Committee ➤ Assertion 10 of the Annual Governance Statement <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 16th February 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Tanio, Bettws and via zoom</p>