

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council  
held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

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

\*via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors L Thomas and N Harwood Scorer

**Also Present:** There were no public present. GVCC Warden Karl Luxford present.

Following the apologies for absence the Clerk read out a resignation email received from Councillor Lloyd Thomas. This was accepted.

In addition, the Clerk read out a letter from Councillor Neal Harwood Scorer who had not been able to attend meetings for the last 5 months due to work commitments, asking the council to accept his apologies and reasons for absence and to enable him to continue as a councillor following six months absence after 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This too was accepted.

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
H Griffiths	Ffaldau Primary School Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	Governor Governor
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm CIC Tyn yr Heol Primary School	Member Director Governor
C Lloyd	Tyn yr Heol Primary School	Governor
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust/Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
204/25-26	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above. Councillor L Thomas' resignation was accepted. Councillor Neal Harwood Scorer's letter ref absence was also accepted.</li> </ul>
205/25-26	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>

206/25-26	To approve the Minutes of the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
207/25-26	To Consider Matters Arising from the March 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted and actions approved.</li> </ul>
208/25-26	Crime Figures March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The crime figures were noted.</li> </ul>
209/25-26	PC Lan use for Gender Reveals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to draft a policy around the use of PC Lan for gender reveal parties.</li> </ul>
210/25-26	Refreshments PC Lan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full council agreed with the proposal and Councillors D Williams, H Griffiths, C Lloyd and M Lewis would make the arrangements and run the refreshments during the six weeks school summer holiday weekends if the weather were amicable.</li> <li>It was agreed that it would need to be self-funding.</li> </ul>
211/25-26	Update on Proposed Event Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council unanimously agreed that it is a promising idea but more information on how it would work, how charges would be made etc need to be clarified.</li> <li>This would be included for further discussion on the May 2026 ordinary meeting agenda.</li> </ul>
212/25-26	Feedback on Draft Lone Worker Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There had been no feedback to the Clerk so this would be an agenda item in May 2026.</li> </ul>
213/25-26	PiPIF Larger Fund Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
214/25-26	Community Awards 2025/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The notice and dates were accepted.</li> <li>A copy of the notice and the application form will be sent out to all councillors to share on their social media pages and the Clerk will publish the notice on the council's website and in the council's noticeboards.</li> </ul>
215/25-26	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheets presented.</li> <li>The budget monitoring sheets were approved, the income was noted, the</li> </ul>

		<p>year-end explanation was approved, authority was given for the £10,000 withdrawal from the Cambridge Building Society and the partial VAT reclaim was noted.</p>
216/25-26	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that the Blaengarw Ward public meeting is a good idea.</li> </ul>
217/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair had nothing to report.</li> </ul>
218/25-26	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information and action of the Clerk was noted.</li> <li>• Councillor M Lewis will make enquiries to BCBC about the land at Hill View and the Clerk will make enquiries about moving a war memorial.</li> <li>• The Clerk will pull together the bin information into a document and sent to BCBC.</li> <li>• The Clerk will obtain quotes for the work to the Plant! site.</li> <li>• Two of the councillors were not enthusiastic about moving from Zoom to Teams but it was agreed to change from May.</li> </ul>
219/32-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• The OVW Civility &amp; Respect Pledge will be included on the May 2026 agenda, Councillor M Lewis had been unable to attend the larger council meeting but Vice-Chair C Lloyd had attended on her behalf.</li> <li>• Councillor D Williams has taken up the offer of free training places.</li> <li>• The pre planning letter and the Standards Committee report are welcome.</li> <li>• The Clerk will prompt the Pontycymer Bowls Cub and Common Orbit CIC for further details for consideration at the May 2026 meeting.</li> <li>• The two thank you emails had been noted in minute 207/25-26.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor L Thomas and N Harwood Scorer’s correspondence had been accepted in minute 2024/25-26 and it was unanimously agreed to not take up the offer of the Internal Audit.</li> </ul>
220/25-26	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information received was noted.</li> </ul>
221/25-26	Items for the May 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ OVW Civility and Respect Pledge</li> <li>➤ Community Award Nominations</li> <li>➤ Feedback on Lone Worker Policy (All)</li> <li>➤ Update on proposed event ideas</li> <li>➤ Community Asset Transfers (JC)</li> <li>➤ Staff Confidential</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Halo Leisure, Pontycymer and via zoom. The Annual Council Meeting will take place before the Ordinary Council Meeting at the same venue at 6.00 pm</p>