

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council  
held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the William Trigg Centre, Blaengarw and via  
Teams**

**Attendance:**

Councillors G Andrews, J Coles, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Lewis (outgoing Chair), C Lloyd (incoming Chair), G Lloyd, N Harwood Scorer, G Walters\* and D Williams

\*via Teams

**Apologies:** None

**No Apologies:** Councillor M Trowbridge

**Also Present:** PCSO J Elliott and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
H Griffiths	Ffaldau Primary School Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	Governor Chair of Governors
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
1/26-27	To Receive Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above.</li> </ul>
2/26-27	To Receive Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
3/26-27	To approve the Minutes of the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
4/26-27	To Consider Matters Arising from the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted and actions approved.</li> </ul>
5/26-27	Crime Figures April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The crime figures were noted.</li> </ul>

6/26-27	One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was unanimously accepted and approved and agreement given to complete the form and sign it.</li> </ul>
7/26-27	Community Award 25/26 Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second proposal was unanimously supported.</li> <li>Both recipients will be invited to the June 2026 meeting for a short presentation and a small gift in recognition of their service to the valley.</li> </ul>
8/26-27	Feedback on Lone Worker Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to defer this item to the June 2026 Meeting.</li> </ul>
9/26-27	Update on Proposed Event Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries on whether the council can charge for this service and to set up an Events Committee meeting and invite Councillor Williams to that meeting for a further discussion.</li> </ul>
10/26-27	Community Asset Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Lewis agreed to refer the Tymeinwr Avenue land to BCBC as they cut the grass there; Councillor Lewis has reported the issues raised some time ago.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with BCBC about the possibility of a license of CAT on the land at Bryn Bedw/Herbert Street with a view to improving it and turning it into a sitting out area and report back to the next meeting.</li> </ul>
11/26-27	Fly Infestation Bettws Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to write to SRS to ask the questions Councillor Lloyd had proposed</li> </ul>
12/26-27	PiPIF Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority was unanimously given for the Clerk to go ahead and tender.</li> </ul>
13/26-27	Staff Confidential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information provided by the Clerk was accepted and approved.</li> </ul>
14/26-27	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted. Authorisation was given for all payments on the sheet presented.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget monitoring sheet was approved, the income was noted, approval was given to add Councillors D Davies and H Griffiths as signatories on the Cambridge Building Society account and agreement to add Councillors Chris Lloyd and D Williams once the first change has been confirmed.</li> <li>• The financial donation of £500 was approved and the funds would be used from the contingency budget line.</li> </ul>
15/26-27	Borough and Ward Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• Councillor C Lloyd's request for a June 2026 agenda was agreed.</li> </ul>
16/26-27	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair had nothing to report.</li> </ul>
17/26-27	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>• The council unanimously agreed not to extend or renew the licence for the land outside Calon y Cymoedd School as they were no longer involved in the monolith project.</li> <li>• It was agreed to award the railings work to P Hancock at the price quoted.</li> <li>• The information on the steps were noted. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted in favour to not progressing this project any further given the delays encountered over the last 16 months.</li> <li>• The RPM Bike Show events will be discussed at the next Events Committee meeting.</li> <li>• It is not possible for the Biodiversity Packages to be used for schools.</li> <li>• The Co-option was noted.</li> <li>• As the swing is on council land/trees the Clerk was asked to instruct the Warden to remove the swing and the decking boards and fake turf that has been placed underneath it and dispose of the materials as this may encourage anti-social behaviour and damage the bark of the trees.</li> </ul>

18/26-27	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk had sent the list of courses to the Warden, but none of them were needed at this time.</li> <li>• The Kids Cancer charity request was deferred to March 2027.</li> <li>• The council does not have an armed forces champion - Councillor D Williams was nominated and seconded and a unanimous vote in favour was taken. Councillor Williams accepted the role.</li> <li>• The council will consider the financial request from Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen at its Juen 2026 meeting.</li> </ul>
19/26-27	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information received was noted.</li> </ul>
20/26-27	Items for the June 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>➤ Feedback on Lone Worker Policy</li> <li>➤ Reporting Borough and Ward Reports</li> <li>➤ Draft Gender Reveal Policy</li> <li>➤ Financial Request Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen</li> <li>➤ Spring Bulbs for Autumn 2026</li> <li>➤ Community Award Presentation</li> <li>➤ Co-option Bettws Ward</li> <li>➤ Internal Audit and Audit Statement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 15th 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at Blaengarw Workmen’s Hall and via Teams.</p>