



Garw Valley Community Council

USE OF PARC CALON LAN FOR GENDER REVEAL PARTIES
POLICY

(Adopted 15th June 2026)

Introduction

The objective of this policy is to give clear guidelines to using Parc Calon Lan, Blaengarw/Pontycymer for gender reveal parties.

It has been put in place to balance community celebrations with environmental safety.

The Garw Valley Community Council has agreed the following rules:

1. Environmental and Nuisance Restrictions

- **Mass Balloon Releases:** the Garw Valley Community Council (GVCC) do not allow the release of helium balloons and sky lanterns, because they pose a threat to wildlife, farm animals and local ecosystems.
- **Confetti and Smoke Cannons:** the use of non biodegradable glitter, plastic or metal confetti or explosive smoke cannons is not permitted. The organisers of the party must clean up all debris (eg coloured powder) and failure to do so may result in a bill for the cost of the cleanup. We do not permit flares or fireworks.
- **Noise and Amplified Sound:** GVCC prohibits excessive noise, live music or use of megaphones, microphones or loudspeakers.
- **What is permitted:** Biodegradable Confetti: rice paper or cornstarch-based confetti that dissolves in water. Coloured Powdered Cannons: natural, non-toxic cornstarch powders

2. Commercial & Organised Events

- If a party is small and private it will usually be given permission without a booking under standard park usage. However GVCC does not permit a large gathering which involves paid external suppliers or requires exclusive use of an area.
- Alcohol being sold or served on council owned premises as part of the celebration is not permitted.

3. Essential Operational Rules

Waste Management: hosts are asked to ensure that any litter is placed in the nearest litter bin or removed from site. We operate a 'leave no trace' litter rule.

Public Access: hosts are asked to ensure the event does not restrict regular public access to any area and in particular to park paths or sitting out areas.

Noise Control: please ensure any music is not amplified.

No Commercial Activity: the council does not permit food trucks, gazebos or any commercial activity.

No fires: please do not light any fires in the park including portable BBQs.

4. How to Request Permission

- Please contact the Clerk to the Council on 07949451690 or via email at: clerkgarwvalleycc@gmail.com
- Contact should be made at least 8 weeks prior to the proposed event to enable the full council to consider the request at its next meeting.