

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 27th July 2026 at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall and via Teams**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, D Davies* (From 6.40 pm), W Davies, M Jones, N Harwood Scorer, M Lewis, M Trowbridge* (from 6.43 pm), and D Williams (Chair of Meeting)

*via Teams

Apologies: Councillors H Griffiths, C Lloyd, G Lloyd and G Walters

No Apologies: Councillor G Andrews

Also Present: PCSO M Rees and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Cabinet Member for Education and Young People
M Lewis	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Calon y Cwm CIC Tyn yr Heol Primary School	Member Director Governor
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust/Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
44/26-27	To Receive Apologies for Absence	As above.
45/26-27	To Receive Declarations of Interest	As above
46/26-27	To Receive PCSO M Rees Community Award Winner 2025	The information was noted.
47/26-27	To approve the Minutes of the June 2026 Ordinary and July 2026 Extraordinary Meetings	The Minutes of both meetings were approved and signed by the acting Chair, Vice-Chair D Williams.
48/26-27	To Consider Matters Arising from the June 2026 Ordinary and July 2026 Extraordinary Meetings	All information was noted and accepted.

49/26-27	Crime Figures June 2026	• The crime figures were noted. • The Clerk was asked to report the breaking of the court conditions to the PCSO and it was unanimously agreed that the Warden must always wear his body camera.
50/26-27	Christmas 2026	• The Blaengarw Ward members agreed to consider reducing the column motif numbers for Christmas 2026 and would consult with the Clerk. • The Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for the council's requirements and present them at the September 2026 meeting for full council to consider.
51/26-27	Review of Financial Donations Policy	• A request from a national organization would be considered for a £25 donation in March each year. • A request which will benefit a particular ward will be considered by the ward members and decided on a majority vote. A requests which benefits residents of the whole of the Garw Valley will be considered by full council, a donation made from general funds and on a majority vote. The ward and all Garw requests will be considered as received.
52/26-27	July 2026 Events Committee Feedback	• It was unanimously agreed to accept and agree all Events Committee recommendations. • Councillor M Lewis confirmed that the discussion about the Christmas Concert had taken place and that the venue and entertainment had been agreed and secured. • Councillor Deb Davies agreed to collaborate with Councillor Maxine Lewis to produce the event programme, posters and tickets.
53/26-27	Bus Shelters Bettws Ward	• It was agreed that the Clerk will contact BCBC to make enquiries about the cost of improving the bus shelters.

		Councillor Trowbridge will provide the Clerk with a list of the bus shelters concerned.
54/26-27	Staff Confidential	This item was deferred to September 2026
55/26-27	Finance & Accounts including Finance Committee Recommendations and Deferred Financial Requests RP Centre and CCYD	- All information was noted. - Authority was given for the payments of £8,275.58 and the budget monitoring sheet was approved. - The Scribe quote was unanimously accepted and the Clerk instructed to engage these services. - The Clerk would request further information regarding funding for the school production and ask about complimentary tickets for those who are in need in the community and The Clerk will liaise with the Llangeinor ward members regarding two more quotes and the priorities of their ward. - All Finance & Resources Committee recommendations were unanimously approved and agreed.
56/26-27	Borough and Ward Reports	- All information was noted. - The Clerk would chase up a reply from Centregreat. - It was agreed to put Community Spaces and Parking Outside Bettws School on the September agenda. - The Clerk will speak to the mural artist about Councillor Davies' concerns. - It was noted that BCBC no longer carry out blanket sprays and only sprays where weeds are coming up due to environmental legislation. The weed spray takes approx.. 3 weeks to take effect and during this period it is vital that the weeds are not removed manually as this will prevent the spray from penetrating the roots. The machine that does the spraying only does so when it detects chlorophyll, so

		if weeds are removed manually before this take place, spraying will not occur in that area.
57/26-27	Chair's Report	• The information was noted. • The Chair had attended the Samaritans AGM and Maesteg TC's civic service in the month. • The meeting Chair had nothing to report.
58/26-27	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	• The information and action of the Clerk was noted. • Councillor Coles and Williams asked for a copy of the map of the park. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the EOI for the land at Bryn Bedw. • The Clerk would remind schools about the criteria for the School Community Award/vouchers.
59/26-27	Correspondence	• All information was noted. • The Chair and Consort had accepted the invite to Maesteg TC's civic service and the Bridgend Samaritans AGM. • It was unanimously agreed to accept the Cyber insurance renewal quote. • The Cerebral Palsy Wales request will be deferred to March 2027.
60/26-27	Planning Matters	• All information received was noted. P/26/327/FUL was a concern, Councillor J Coles offered to look into BCBC's HMO Policy before commenting. • Parking and possible anti-social behaviour were a concern.
61/26-27	Items for the September 2026 Ordinary Meeting	• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: ➤ Staff Confidential (ML) ➤ 3 Christmas lights/tree quotes ➤ Financial Request CCYD ➤ Community Spaces (MJ) ➤ Parking Outside Bettws School (NHS)

		➤ Events Committee Update ➤ Draft Training Plan ➤ Draft Annual Report 25/26 The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 21st September 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre and via Teams.
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