

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council
held on Monday 21st September 2026 at the Richard Price Centre and via Teams**

Attendance:

Councillors J Coles, D Davies, W Davies, H Griffiths, M Jones, C Lloyd (Chair), G Lloyd N Harwood Scorer, M Lewis, M Trowbridge, and D Williams

*via Teams

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews and G Walters

Also Present: 1 member of the public and A Harris, Clerk & RFO

Councillor	Item	Interest
D Davies	Richard Price Centre	Director
H Griffiths	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	Member Governor
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
62/26-27	To Receive Apologies for Absence	As above.
63/26-27	To Receive Declarations of Interest	As above
64/26-27	To approve the Minutes of the July 2026 Ordinary Meeting	The Minutes of the July ordinary meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
65/26-27	To Consider Matters Arising from the July 2026 Ordinary Meeting	- The information was noted. - The Clerk was asked to forward the information on the PiPIF delay to the 3 borough members and Councillor M Jones would look into it. As the error in the bid is the contractor's error the

		council expects the contractor to stick to the total of £85,250. The Clerk expressed her concern that as there has been a delay and time is heading into the second half of the financial year the council need to keep a focus on its cash flow for the PiPIF project.
66/26-27	Crime Figures July and August 2026	The Clerk was asked to forward the invitation sent to the PCSO regarding the meeting.
67/26-27	Draft Training Plan 2026/27	The plan was unanimously accepted and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.
68/26-27	Draft Annual Report 2025/26	The report was unanimously accepted and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.
69/26-27	Christmas 2026 Quotes for Consideration	The quote from Centregreat Ltd was unanimously accepted.
70/26-27	Community Spaces	It was unanimously agreed that ward members will work together to look at what they would like to achieve in their green spaces and feedback their green space plan at the October meeting to enable the Clerk to obtain quotes prior to precept setting.
71/26-27	Parking Outside Bettws School	The Clerk was asked to request that the PCSOs monitor this problem
72/26-27	Glanllynfi Garth Wind Farm	- The Clerk was asked to write and request that the turbines, in particular turbine 5, is reduced in height from 180m to 150m. - Write and request a portion of the Community Benefit Fund is allocated to the Garw Valley Community Council. It was unanimously agreed that the council does not support this project.
73/26-27	September 2026 Events Committee Feedback	- Councillor Williams confirmed that the necessary DBS checks and public liability were in place for the half term event. - All recommendations were accepted. - It was agreed that the Clerk will share any publicity materials for the half-term event with councillors and on the council's website.

74/26-27	Staff Confidential	The Warden to be invited to the October 2026 meeting, the other matter to be deferred to the October 2026 meeting.
75/26-27	Finance & Accounts including financial request CCYD	- All information was noted. - Authority was given for the payments of for the two months and the budget monitoring sheets were approved. - The pay award was noted and in line with the Clerk's contract of employment would be backdated to April 2026. - It was unanimously agreed to donate £250 to CCYD's production. - The Clerk was asked to forward the Bettws FC request to the 4 ward members and to find out from Bettws FC is the defibrillator is going on the outside but within the gated area or the non-gated area.
76/26-27	Borough and Ward Reports	- All information was noted. - Councillor Coles was advised to report the dead sheep to Shared Regulatory Services and any issues with e-bikes to South Wales Listens.
77/26-27	Chair's Report	The information was noted.
78/26-27	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	- The information and action of the Clerk was noted. T - he Clerk was asked to ensure the engraving is up-to-date on the Chair's chain of office. - It was unanimously agreed that quotes for the full job should be obtained as if the fencing has deteriorated the rest is likely to follow shortly. - The Civic Chains and reports were well received and the council thanked the polisher for their excellent work. - The Clerk to order 5 remembrance wreaths.
79/26-27	Correspondence	All information was noted. The amendment to Model Standing Orders and Motions for AGM will be included on the October meeting agenda, the request from the Rights of Way

		Manager ref LAF was accepted. Councillor D Williams had attended the Transformation Strategy meeting, the South Wales Police event details had been shared with councillors and published on the council's website. • The Chair was unable to accept the Bridgend Town Council Civic Service invitation.
80/26-27	Planning Matters	• All information received was noted. • The Clerk was asked to object to the height of the turbines, particularly turbines 1 and 2 in P/26/455/RLX.
81/26-27	Items for the October 2026 Ordinary Meeting	• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: ➤ Quotes for grass cutting and floral displays 2027/28 ➤ Amendment to Model Standing Orders ➤ Motions for OVW AGM (deadline 4th December 2026) ➤ Feedback from Events Committee Meeting ➤ Staff Confidential ➤ Invite Warden to the October 2026 meeting ➤ Community Pantry (MJ) The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 19th October 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre and via Teams.