Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of the Garw Valley Community Council held on Monday 19th October 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, D Williams and G Walters*

*via Teams

Apologies: Councillors G Andrews

Also Present: 3 members 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	Member Director
D Williams	Awen Cultural Trust/Blaengarw Workmen's Hall	Volunteer at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
82/26-27	To Receive Apologies for Absence	• As above.
83/26-27	To Receive Declarations of Interest	• As above
84/26-27	To approve the Minutes of the September 2026 Ordinary Meeting	• The Minutes of the September 2026 ordinary meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
85/26-27	To Consider Matters Arising from the September 2026 Ordinary Meeting	• The information was noted. • Unanimous authority was given to the Clerk to transfer the funds from the Cambridge Building Society to the council's current account and to increase the daily payment limit as requested.

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		• The council's representatives will be Councillors C Lloyd, H Griffiths, M Lewis and J Coles.
86/26-27	Crime Figures September2026	• It was noted that the date of the next meeting is printed on the agenda each month, an invite is sent to the PCSOs a week prior to the meeting and the Clerk has sent a list of meetings for the year to the PCSOs on 22nd September 2026.
87/26-27	Motions for One Voice Wales AGM	• There were no motions proposed.
88/26-27	October 2026 Events Committee Feedback	• The feedback and recommendations by the Events Committee were unanimously accepted.
89/26-27	Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2026	• It was unanimously agreed that this suggestion would be brought forward when GVCC was considering its awards which include a sport award. • This item will also be included on the November 2026 agenda.
90/26-27	Safeguarding Policy	• It was agreed that only Councillors D Williams and C Lloyd who hold current DBS check will attend the event. • It was also unanimously agreed that the Clerk explores DBS checks for all councillors and they unanimously agree to the safeguarding policy in principle.
91/26-27	Community Pantry	• It was unanimously agreed to donate £500 to each of the 3 pantries and to look at putting provision in the 2027/28 precept budget for further donations.
92/26-27	Project Ideas for 2027/28 Draft Precept	• The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the Bettws ward items with a view to possible inclusion in the precept for 2027/28. • It was unanimously agreed to donate funding of half the container funds in the earmarked projects budget line of the current budget and to provide a donation of £500 from Bettws ward funding for the defibrillator cabinet; both for Bettws FC. The Clerk was asked to apply for a license to install

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		the bench in the Bettws ward which has in storage at PC Lan.
93/26-27	Finance & Accounts	• All information was noted. • Authority was given for all the payments on the payment sheet and the budget monitoring sheet was unanimously approved and accepted.
94/26-27	Borough and Ward Reports	• All information was noted. • Councillor H Griffiths will put in the referral about the bench repair on The Avenue. • The Clerk would remind the Warden to install the water signage at Pontycymer lake as a priority and ask him to relocate the Tommy silhouette in Llangeinor in time for Remembrance Day.
95/26-27	Chair's Report	• The information was noted.
96/26-27	Clerk's Report incl. Warden's Report	• The information and action of the Clerk was noted. • The Clerk will organise the work required following the annual fire risk assessment
97/26-27	Correspondence	• All information was noted.
98/26-27	Planning Matters	• All information received was noted. It was agreed that it is disappointing to see the valley losing another pub ref. P/26/523/FUL. • The Clerk would comment on the proposal saying how disappointing it is to lose another public facility in the valley.
99/26-27	Staff Confidential	• 3 matters were discussed. One item was deferred to the November 2026 meeting.
100/26-27	Items for the November 2026 Ordinary Meeting	• The agenda would be kept open for items to be added in the month: ➢ Amendment to Model Standing Orders ➢ Events Committee – feedback from meeting held on 10th November 2026 ➢ Grass cutting, bin emptying and floral display quotes for 2027/28 ➢ Staff Confidential

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		➢ Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2026 The date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Monday 16th November 2026 and will take place at 6.30 pm at the Richard Price Centre and via Teams.

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