



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGY GROUP COMMITTEE HELD AT
HALO LEISURE CENTRE PONTYCYMER ON WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillor Rod Shaw
(Council and Committee Chair)

Councillor: S Dendy
H Griffiths
R Stirman

Apologies: Councillor M Jones

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

SGC1/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor	Minute No	Declaration of Interest
S Dendy	All relevant	Member BCBC
R Shaw	All relevant	Member BCBC
R Stirman	All relevant	Member BCBC

SGC2/18 **TO APPOINT A CHAIR OF COMMITTEE**

As this was the first time the Committee had met and there was no previous Chair, the Clerk chaired the first three items on the agenda. Proposals were requested for Chair of Committee and Councillor Rod Shaw was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and all voted in favour.

Resolved: Councillor Rod Shaw was unanimously voted as Chair of Committee

SGC3/18 **TO AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Terms of Reference were suggested and discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to make a recommend the following Terms of Reference to Full Council.

- Committee will elect Chair each year
- Committee to comprise the Chair of Council plus a member for each ward and a third in attendance to be quorate
- Bi-monthly meetings to be held in Pontycymer on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6.00 pm
- Purpose - to make strategy recommendations to full council

SGC4/18 **TO DISCUSS A 3 YEAR PLAN**

There was a long discussion on what should be included, in addition to place based services, in a 3 year plan for Full Council.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the plan should be based on the tourist offer in the valley, to include history, cycling, walking, children's activities, photography etc. and to engage with local services and businesses and to adopt a whole council approach to the plan.

Year 1: Footpaths, footpath maps and leaflets, improve the Visitor Centre and days and times of opening and improve signposting

Year 2: Extend cycle routes and install wooden platforms around both lakes

Year 3: Make the valley a destination

SGC5/18 TO CONSIDER CAT FOR THE GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Possible asset transfers were considered and discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that an Expression of Interest should be submitted to BCBC for all play and community areas. It was agreed to recommend that the Full Council does not express an interest for sports grounds. Councillor Dendy was asked to pass on information about RES funding to the Clerk.

SGC6/18 TO DISCUSS A PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING FOR EARLY NOVEMBER

Following on from the Town and Community Council Sector recommendation being made to the Welsh Government that public consultations should take place at least once a year, consideration was given to holding meetings.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council Committee that public meetings are held before precept setting this year. There would be one meeting set up for each ward and the Strategy Committee were asked to attend all meetings and the ward councillors would be asked to attend the relevant ward meeting.

SGC7/18 TO REVIEW PLACED BASED SERVICES

Place based services had been discussed in SGC4/18 above.

Resolved: This was noted.

SGC8/18 TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR PRECEPT 2019/20

Items for inclusion in the precept were considered and agreed.

- Toilet facilities for Parc Calon Lan
- Improved signage
- Footpath leaflets and printing
- The purchase of a bike stand for Parc Calon Lan

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the above are included in the precept:

SGC9/18 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: With the Chair's agreement, it was agreed to keep the agenda open to include anything that may arise in the time between meetings.

SGC10/17 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee will next meet on Wednesday 14th September 2018 at 6.00 pm in Pontycymer

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm