



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT BLAENGARW WORKMEN'S
HALL ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor H Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: Mr G Andrews
Mr R Clatworthy
Ms S Dendy
Mr M Jones
Mr R Jones
Ms C Lloyd
Mr C Gillard-Sage
Mrs R Stirman
Mr G Walters

Apologies were received from:

Councillors J Davies and M Thomas
PCSO J Dulson & PCSO M Rees

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

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The Clerk was handed a letter of resignation from Councillor M Pinches, which was accepted. The Chair asked the Clerk to write to Councillor Pinches to thank her for the time she had given to the role since May 2017.

106/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest	Minute No
Mr G Andrews	To Discuss Tynyrheol Primary School	School Governor Cwm Garw Primary School	110/18 (2:4) 112/18 (1)
Ms S Dendy	BCBC incl. Development Control and Planning	Member	All relevant
Mrs H Griffiths	To Discuss Tynyrheol Primary School	Chair of Governors Ffaldau Primary School	110/18 (2:4) 112/18 (1)
Mrs C Lloyd	To Discuss Tynyrheol Primary School	School Governor Tynyrheol Primary School	110/18 (2:4) 112/18 (1)
Mrs R Stirman	BCBC incl. Development Control and Planning	Member	All relevant

107/18 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TOWN RIDER SCHEME

The representatives of the scheme had rescheduled their attendance for the April 2018 meeting.

Resolved: The information given was noted

108/18 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with this, the Chair duly signed the Minute Book.

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109/18 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE

Both PCSOs had given their apologies for the meeting. As crime figures would no longer be provided by SW Police, the Clerk had prepared an example from the December 2017 figures of a graph and narrative for the Council to see if they approved of the format.

Resolved: The new format for the crime figures was approved.

110/18 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 2018 ORDINARY MINUTES

Minute 92/18 - Summer Play Scheme

- No new activity ideas had been received by the Clerk to pass on to the organisers. Following the presentation by Mr Karl Patterson at the January 2018 meeting it was agreed to support the scheme again this year at a cost of £3,000 and to support the scheme at the Richard Price Centre at a cost of £1,000.

Minute 93/18 - Noticeboard Blaengarw, Bettws Bin and Ffaldau School

- Following approval from the WEXA, a planning request have been submitted to BCBC
- The new bin for the land outside the Kebab Shop in Bettws has been delivered and should be installed shortly
- A meeting had been arranged for the following day with the Rights of Way Department at BCBC to discuss the new interpretation board, but it has been cancelled due to illness. It was hoped to have an update by the March meeting for further discussion.
- An update was received from Councillor Jones regarding school alarms.

Minute 96/18 - Pontycymer Cemetery

- An email in acknowledgement of the Community Council's letter regarding the cemetery has been received by the Clerk.

Minute 100/18 - Fly Tipping Oxford Street

- This has now been removed.

Minute 101/18 - Metal Container Breathing Space

- An email has been sent to Mr D Pugh regarding the container.
- The Clerk and both Llangeinor Councillors met with a representative of Western Power to discuss the re-location of the straining wire for the wooden telegraph pole in front of the the Miners' Lantern. The Council representatives did not

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agreed with the proposed location and it was agreed that the pole would be replaced with a self-supporting steel pole that won't need a straining wire. It will be located about 3 foot in front of the existing pole.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. The Community Council agreed to support the Halo Summer Play Scheme and the Richard Price Centre Summer Play Scheme. Councillor M Jones asked that it be minuted that he did not agree with spending Community Council funds on core funding for schools, provision for these items should be included in the schools' budgets.

111/18 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor M Jones gave a Borough update and Councillor C Lloyd gave an update on the provision of an Allotment Garden site in Bettws.
- Blaengarw - Councillor Dendy gave an update.
- Llangeinor - Councillor Stirman gave an update.
- Pontycymer - Councillor R Shaw gave an update.

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC regarding the crossing issues at Blaengarw Primary School. Councillor C Lloyd was asked to pass on the contact details for Bettws Allotment Garden to the Clerk.

112/18 AGENDA ITEMS

1.To Discuss Tynyrheol Primary School

The request for a financial donation of £682.60 to cover the cost of an alarm at the school was considered and agreed.

2.To Review the Play Area Audit carried out by Councillors

Councillors had carried out reviews of the play area, some areas that need painting were identified and it was noted that the equipment in all play areas need a thorough cleaning. It was agreed that dogs should be prohibited in fenced off play areas and Councillor Stirman would look into this further.

3.To Discuss the Town and Community Council Charter

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It was agreed to accept the Charter and that there were no recommendations for any changes or additions at this time.

4.To Consider the Adoption of a Habitual or Vexatious Complainants Policy

It was agreed to adopt this policy with immediate effect, with the following additions:

3.1 - The Chair and Clerk will view each individual case and make the decision.

5.1 - A review will take place every six months

5.1 - A register will be kept and if following a six month review a complainant is no longer determined as habitual or vexatious, their details will be removed from the register

It was also agreed that the policy would be updated as and when it was necessary.

5.To Consider an Electric Car Charging Station

It was agreed that Councillor Clatworthy would email further information to Councillors for further discussion at the March meeting.

6.To Consider a Bee Friendly Scheme

It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss this with the Community Warden and a further discussion would take place at a future meeting.

7.To Consider a Response to the Boundary Commission's Review Process of Electoral Arrangements

Following a brief discussion it was agreed to discuss this further at the April meeting.

8.To Receive an Events Committee Update

A meeting had been held on 5th February an Inter-School Eisteddfod and Inter-School Summer Games Championships were considered. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of an Easter Egg Hunt at Parc Calon Lan at the March meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to raise a cheque for the alarm at Tynyrheol Primary School, to request that BCBC clean all the equipment in the play areas, to confirm the Community Council's acceptance of the T&CC Charter in its current form, to amend the Habitual and Vexatious Complainants Policy as stated above and adopt and implement the policy, to add the 2 items for further discussion at the April meeting and the Egg Hunt and Car Charging Station at the March meeting and that the ideas put forward by the Events Committee be explored further.

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113/18 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Clerk be accepted.

The accounts submitted totalling £14,493.20 for approval at the February 2018 Full Council Meeting were read and approved. The balance carried forward to March 2018 and the income of £0.63p interest was noted.

Resolved: That the action and information given by the Clerk was approved. The Receipts and Payments for February 2018 were authorised and accepted.

114/18 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had not attended any events this month, but updated Members of a creeper incident.

Resolved: The creeper incident was noted.

115/18 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN

Wardens Report

- A list of work carried out by the Warden was read out.
- The Clerk updated Members on a Lone Working Course.

Clerk's Report

- Rough Ride Guide are preparing an MTB trail article to include Darren Fawr.
- The Clerk had recently attended a One Voice Wales Health & Safety Course and would include this topic on the March agenda.
- The Clerk had recently attended a Clerks meeting at BCBC and gave an update on the requirement for a Data Protection Officer due to the changes to the Act taking place in late May 2018, and the possible cost implications.

Resolved: All information was noted. All agreed that the daffodils planted throughout the valley were looking lovely.

116/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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Resolved: The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the One Voice Wales Training available in Bridgend. Councillor Stirman will attend the Making Effective Grant Applications course in late February and a place has been booked on the Charing Skills Course in July for the next incoming Chair. The Clerk urged Members to respond to the Review of the Local Council Sector Survey sent out last month. The further emails from a member of the public regarding the use of the word resolved were noted and it was agreed that no further response on this matter was needed. The action of the Clerk in response to the correspondence regarding parking in Pontycymer and out of control dogs on the Community Path were also noted. The Clerk was asked to submit Councillor G Walters' name to represent the Community Council on the Upper Ogmere Wind Farm and Energy Storage Project Community Liaison Group. The Clerk was asked to respond to the complaint regarding resident parking issues in Bettws saying a public meeting had been held about the changes and it is a BCBC matter not a Community Council matter.

117/18 PLANNING MATTERS

Note: Councillors R Stirman and S Dendy left the room during the planning item

1. All applications and decisions received were noted.
2. All Planning Aid Wales correspondence was noted.

Resolved: There were no objections to any of the planning applications. The other information was noted.

118/18 ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

- To discuss Health & Safety Matters
- To further discuss the provision of an Electric Car Charging Station
- Maintenance of Paths

Resolved: These suggestions would be included for discussion at the March meeting along with the other suggestions which were requested during the meeting.

119/18 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS RELATING TO STAFF (PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED)

There were no items to discuss.

120/17 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will take place on Monday 19th March 2018 at 6.30 pm at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm