



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT HALO LEISURE, PONTYCYMER
ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor S Dendy (Chair)

Councillors: G Andrews
R Clatworthy (left at 8.00 pm)
C Gillard-Sage
M Jones
R Jones
C Lloyd
G Lloyd
R Stirman
M Thomas
G Walters

Apologies: Councillors H Griffiths

No Apologies: Councillor M Trowbridge

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk
PCSO M Rees

17/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ms S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mr M Jones	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mrs R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters Pontycymer Men's Shed	Member BCBC Related to a Member

18/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2019 ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS

The Minutes were presented for approval.

Councillor Stirman disagreed with minute 14/20 and asked for it to be minuted that she strongly disagreed that in future the council would pay all the Warden's insurance. Councillor R Jones agreed to remain as the Bettws ward representative on the Finance Committee.

Resolved: Councillor Stirman's request and Councillor Jones' agreement to remain on the Finance Committee were noted and the Minutes were approved and the Chair signed the Minutes.

19/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES

PCSO M Rees gave an update on progress and issues over the past month. The March 2019 figures were distributed by the Clerk.

Resolved: The information was noted.

20/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: The information was noted.

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21/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor M Jones
- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy
- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
- Pontycymer - nothing to report

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted. The Clerk was asked to write a letter regarding the logging lorries using the valleys roads.

22/20 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Each ward gave the Clerk an idea of what provision they'd like in their ward for Christmas 2019 for her to investigate further.

Resolved: It was agreed that all lights would switch on 1st December 2019.

23/20 BCBC PLAY AREA CONSULTATION

Resolved: Councillors would individually complete the consultation survey.

24/20 PROGRESS EAR MARKED PROJECTS

A list of projects had been included in the precept budget and the Clerk asked for authority to start the earmarked work and asked if there was an order of priority. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was authorised to start the work and in no order of priority.

25/20 AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

As there is nothing in the Standing Orders to reflect the gentleman's agreement the council has regarding ward rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair, this was discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed to amend the Standing Orders to reflect the annual rotation.

26/20 HEDGE CUTTING

It was resolved at the May meeting that it was not acceptable for the Warden to carry out hedge cutting in Bettws. This was discussed further.

Resolved: That the safety of the Warden was the priority.

27/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

1. Payments May 2019:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £4,733.57 of payments for June as detailed on the June papers.

2. Income:

Bank interest of £5.41 had been received this month.

The key worker insurance claim to cover the Warden's work whilst he was on sick leave has been received of £2,961.20

3. Budget Monitoring:

The Clerk asked for authority to add in an ear marked reserves budget line.

4. Internal Audit:

The Clerk provided Members with copies of the bank reconciliation, the annual statement and the Internal Audit report. These were discussed.

Resolved: The June payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted. The Clerk was given authority to include the ear marked reserves budget line, the internal audit was accepted and the Chair and Clerk were given authority to sign the annual statement.

28/20 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

Note: Councillor Clatworthy left the meeting at 8.00 pm

29/20 CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk tabled a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month. Councillor Stirman asked for clarification on the filling up of the dog waste dispensers and details of RoW inspections carried out.

Clerk's Report:

Lone Working Training

The Clerk informed Members of a Lone Working and Conflict Management Training course being offered by Porthcawl Town Council at a cost of £70 per delegate. The Clerk asked for authority for both members of staff to attend. The Clerk's cost would

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be a third.

Weed Spraying

The first weed spraying treatment throughout the borough started the week prior to the meeting. Work started in Porthcawl and will move around the borough and should be completed in 3 weeks.

Clerk's Meeting BCBC

The next meeting takes place on 28th June and items on the agenda include Cat, Active Travel and a presentation by the Chief Executive on BCBC going forward and how the council will interact with T&CCs.

Resolved: The information was noted and the Clerk was given authority to book both members of staff on the training.

30/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the National Refill Day, invitations to the Chair, thank you letters for recent donations, a financial request from Penybont Gymnastics Club, a request regarding the cenotaph, a complaint about littering in Llangeinor, a Sports and Play consultation and a request from Pontycymer Men's Shed.

With the consent of the Chair additional correspondence was added to the papers which had been received after they'd been distributed. The correspondence from One Voice Wales was noted including the Carers Survey as was Councillor Shaw's response to the invite to attend council meetings to give an update.

Resolved: The highlighted items were noted. The Clerk was asked to send a financial request application form to the Gymnastics Club, to refer the request re. the cenotaph to BCBC and to agree the request from the Men's Shed. The littering complaint in Llangeinor had already been referred by the Clerk to the Llangeinor councillors.

31/20 PLANNING MATTERS

A list of planning applications, decisions and appeals were included in the papers as well as two additional decisions and an appeal on the Additional Correspondence sheet.

Resolved: There were no observations made about any of the planning matters. The Clerk informed Members that an appeal hearing would take place on 2nd July 2019 at 10.00 am at BCBC.

32/20 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

- Footpaths

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33/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at **6.30 pm on Monday 15th July 2019 at the Oddfellows, Bettws.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm