



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE ODDFELLOWS, BETTWS
ON MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019 6.30 PM

Present: Councillor C Lloyd (Chair)

Councillors: G Andrews
H Griffiths
G Lloyd
M Thomas
G Walters

Apologies: Councillors R Clatworthy,
S Dendy, M Jones, R Jones, R Stirman and
C Gillard-Sage

No Apologies: Councillor M Trowbridge

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

34/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
C Lloyd	Ward Update - First Responder (Minute 38/20)	Personal
M Thomas	Development Control and Planning (Minute 44/20)	Personal

35/20 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes were presented for approval.

Resolved: The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.

36/20 TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH WALES POLICE/CRIME FIGURES

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

Resolved: The information was noted.

37/20 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JUNE 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

Minute 30/20 Correspondence

Refer the request re the cenotaph to BCBC - the Clerk has been informed that the cenotaph is the responsibility of the community council not BCBC and requested a decision on the response to the request.

Minute 31/20 Planning Matters

The appeal hearing scheduled for 2nd July was cancelled and had been rescheduled to take place on 17th July.

Resolved: The information was noted and the Clerk was asked to respond to say no to the placing of items on the cenotaph.

38/20 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

There were no Borough Council updates.

- Bettws - Councillor C Lloyd

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- Blaengarw - no update given
- Llangeinor - Councillor G Lloyd
- Pontycymer - Councillor H Griffiths

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted.

39/20 EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following recommendations were made:

- To purchase a gazebo in time for the next event on 10th August and to see if the logo could be included for the budget given.
- Easter Egg Hunt 2020 to be a ticketed event with two sessions and no returners
- Schools Community Award - school governors to contact their schools to see if they wish to take part as there had only been one response, from Ffaldau School to the awards.
- Purchase a table and the drink/refreshment items for the opening of the Visitor Centre during the school holidays. A request for councillors to volunteer to help the Chair with the opening days was made.
- Summer Event - Teddy Bears' Picnic. Sorrel to design poster by 5th July and event to be held on 10th August. This year it would be held in PC Lan and in 2020 the committee would look at holding it in another ward.
- Halloween - Schools Governors to be asked to ask their schools if the children can paint 20 wooden bats per school for the Halloween event, to work with the schools and to give the children ownership of the items. The Visitor Centre to be decorated for Halloween. Councillor C Lloyd would provide some items and any additional items needed would be purchased out of the event budget. A bat walk would be arranged.
- Christmas lights to be switched on in all wards from 1st December with the exception of Pontycymer which would be on 29th November in time for the event on 30th. An event to be held in each ward. The event dates: 4.00 pm for all 30th November Pontycymer, 1st December Bettws, 7th December Blaengarw, 8th December Llangeinor

Resolved: All the recommendations were agreed. Llangeinor councillors to confirm if they want a Christmas event in their ward in 2019. The Clerk was asked to make the purchases agreed and to make the arrangements for the Bat Walk and light switch on.

40/20 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Payments July 2019:

The Clerk requested authority to pay the £5,017.19 of payments for July as detailed on the July papers.

2. Income:

£59.00 from the sale of logs

£34.64 from the raffle held at the Easter Egg Hunt after purchasing additional eggs

3. Internal Audit:

The Notice of Electors Rights has been displayed and the External Audit paperwork has been submitted.

4. Financial Requests

A completed request form had been received from the Friends of Penybont Gymnastics Club.

5. Finance Committee Report

The following recommendations were made:

- There were no risks or concerns re. budget
- Clerk to look into BIFFA grant for BMX site
- Full council to be asked to bring their individual wish lists for projects 2020/21 to the September meeting for discussion.
- Risk Management document accepted. Clerk to circulate copies to full council for September meeting.
- Office equipment budget line to be included in precept - computer, shredder, printer, laminator etc.
- Warden needs a larger sprayer - Clerk to obtain quotation to be purchased out of the PCL machinery budget
- Cyber insurance - recommend the council takes out this insurance
- Website protocols on the death of a senior royal - recommend take up VisionICT offer for the 3

Resolved: The July payments were approved and authority given to make the payments. The information and updates given were noted. It was agreed not to donate to Penybont Gymnastics Club. All the Finance Committee recommendations were agreed and the Clerk was asked to action.

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41/20 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

42/20 CLERK'S REPORT

Parc Calon Lan:

The Clerk tabled a list of work undertaken by the Community Warden in the month.

Issues: 2 gates at the access to Carn football field changing rooms, padlock smashed.
Reported to Parks Dept.

Clerk's Report:

Town and Community Council Forum

A special meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum has been called on Monday 29th July at 9.30 am at BCBC to consider the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) going forward as part of a consultation process on the same.

Noticeboard Pontycymer

The installation would take place this week and the Warden would require assistance.

Schools Community Awards

Following prompts from the governors 4 of the schools had responded favourably and would take part in the awards; a response from the 5th school was yet to be received.

Remembrance Wreaths

The Clerk had ordered two wreaths

Time Sheets

The Clerk requested to stop completing time sheets.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed that the Warden's workload was impressive. Given that the Warden's report was very detailed and the Clerk's request to stop completing time sheets, it was agreed that these would no longer be required. It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would attend the Forum meeting, that Councillors Andrews and Walters would assist the Warden with the noticeboard installation and the Clerk would continue to chase a response to the awards from the 5th school.

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43/20 CORRESPONDENCE

With the permission of the Chair the Clerk added 3 items of correspondence which were received after the meeting's papers had been distributed.

The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the invitation from Maesteg Town Council and the invitation from Huw Irranca-Davies. In addition the temporary road closures, the licensing policy consultation, the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust Carers Survey, the OVW meetings and the email update from the Garw Valley Railway.

The RNIB and Cardiff Institute for the Blind had requested that the Visitor Centre be opened on 28th August for refreshments prior to a walk around the park for a group of around 20 people.

Resolved: The highlighted items were noted. The Chair had accepted both invitations. Councillor Dendy had already confirmed to the Clerk that she would open the Visitor Centre for the visit on the 28th.

44/20 PLANNING MATTERS

With the permission of the Chair the Clerk added 3 planning items which were received after the meeting's papers had been distributed.

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion on P/19/442/FUL.

Resolved: An observation had been made about P/19/442/FUL and after a discussion it was agreed that no objection would be made.

45/20 ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

To be kept open and items given to the Clerk.

46/20 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 16th September 2019 at the Oddfellows, Bettws.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm