



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

Present: Councillor H Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: Mr G Andrews  
Mr R Clatworthy  
Mr J Davies  
Ms S Dendy  
Mr M Jones  
Mr R Jones (left the meeting at 7.30 pm)  
Ms C Lloyd  
Mr C Gillard-Sage  
Mrs R Stirman  
Mr G Walters

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Mrs M Thomas  
PCSO J Dulson & PCSO M Rees

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

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121/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Minute No</b>
Ms S Dendy	BCBC incl. Development Control and Planning	Member	All relevant
Mrs H Griffiths	Financial Request - Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen	Governor	131/18
Mr M Jones	BCBC	Member	All relevant
Mrs R Stirman	BCBC incl. Development Control and Planning	Member	All relevant

122/18 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE CHILDREN OF BLAENGARW PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children gave a short presentation on their work and findings and suggested the Community Council might like to consider a QR scan code on information in Parc Calon Lan.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to consider this for the proposed new interpretation board.

123/18 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

The Clerk was asked to note that the Allotments in Bettws should be referred to as the Allotment Society and not the Allotment Gardens. This was noted.

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

124/18 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE

Both PCSOs had given their apologies for the meeting. The Clerk tabled a graph and narrative of the January 2018 figures and gave an update on additional crime passed on by the PCSOs. The date of the next Pontycymmer PACT meeting was also confirmed.

**Resolved:** The information was noted.

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### 125/18 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY 2018 ORDINARY MINUTES

Following Councillor Pinches resignation, the Clerk informed Members that a Notice of Vacancy had been displayed and there had been no call for a by election. A Notice of Co-option had now been displayed and applications via letter would close at 5.00PM ON 9<sup>th</sup> April. Co-option would be included on the April agenda for a decision.

#### Minute 110 (93/18)

##### Noticeboard Planning Application

Following submission of an application to BCBC a request had been received for further information which has now been provided.

**Resolved:** The information and action of the Clerk was noted

### 126/18 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS

- Bettws - Councillor M Jones gave an update and said that discussions need to start taking place on school banding, he encouraged Members who are school governing body members to instigate those discussions.
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- Blaengarw - Councillor Dendy gave an update include the crossing issues outside Blaengarw Primary School
- Llangeinor - Councillor Stirman gave an update.
- Pontycymmer - Councillor G Walters gave an update including his attendance at the first Ogmere Vale Wind Farm Committee. There is no funding available, though they'll consider carrying out small projects and there's a JCB available for use.

**Resolved:** The updates and information given were noted.

### 127/18 AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1. To further discuss the provision of an Electric Car Charging Station

This was discussed and it was agreed to include it on the April agenda for further discussion.

#### 2. To discuss Health & Safety

The update from the Clerk and suggestions were noted.

#### 3. To discuss Parking Outside Bettws School

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Councillor Lloyd updated Members on the issues. Councillor M Jones updated Members from the school governor and BCBC point of view. He said there is a complaint under investigation and that for now the complaint procedure should be allowed to take its course as the right people are doing what they can to help.

### 4. To consider the Vacancy of a Community Council Representative on Blaengarw Primary School Board of Governors

It was agreed to defer a decision on this to the May Annual Meeting.

### 5. To consider a replacement Chair of the Employment and Disciplinary Committees

It was agreed to defer a decision to the May Annual Meeting.

### 6. To discuss an Easter Egg Event at Parc Calon Lan

It was agreed to support this event. The Clerk would check the Community Council's insurance to ensure there was no restriction on numbers that affected the insurance.

### 7. To discuss Footpath 66 and Path Maintenance

This was explained and discussed.

**Resolved:** To discuss the Electric Car Charging Station at the April Meeting. The Clerk would make further enquiries regarding the H&S recommendations. To defer decisions on Board of Governors and Committee representatives until the May Annual Meeting. That the Easter Egg Event would be free of charge and the Clerk would check the insurance policy. That the Clerk would discuss the car park at Bryn Bedw Street with the Warden and would attend a site meeting with the Chair to look at path maintenance.

## 128/18 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING T&CC GRANT FUNDING

### RESOLVED:

That the report of the Clerk be accepted.

The accounts submitted totalling £8,698.76 for approval at the March 2018 Full Council Meeting were read and approved. The balance carried forward to March 2018 and the income of £3.26p interest was noted.

The Clerk asked permission to move £5,000 out of the HSBC Bank Account in order to open an additional account as previously agreed with the Cambridge Building Society.

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An application to the Town and Community Council Grant had been made to refurbish bus stops in Bettws.

**Resolved:** That the action and information given by the Clerk was approved. The Receipts and Payments for March 2018 were authorised and accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk could move £5,000 from the HSBC Bank to the Cambridge Building Society. The information given by Councillor M Jones on the T&CC grant was noted.

Note: Councillor R Jones left the meeting at 7.30 pm

### 129/18 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had not attended any events this month

**Resolved:**

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### 130/18 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN

#### Wardens Report

- A list of work carried out by the Warden was read out.
- A repair to leaking water pipes during the cold weather in the Visitor's Centre was noted.

#### Clerk's Report

##### Dog waste bin and dog waste bag dispenser unit Pontycymmer rugby field

BCBC have agreed to the installation of both, just inside the gate and they've been ordered and delivered and should be installed this week. BCBC have also agreed to include the bin on its collection schedule.

##### Town and Community Council Forum

Meeting took place on the afternoon of the meeting. Councillors Dendy and Stirman gave an update.

##### Windfarm Update

Councillor Walters gave an update on his attendance at the first committee meeting. There is no funding available with this scheme.

##### Broken Lantern

The Clerk had reported a broken lantern in Gawaunbant Pontycymmer to BCBC and asked that it is repaired.

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### Potholes Heol Glannant

These were reported to BCBC and following inspection they've agreed to repair them.

### Independent Remuneration Panel Report

The Clerk requested that this be included on the April agenda.

### Fallen Trees Community Route

These were not on the Community Council's part of the route but the Clerk reported the problem to the Railway Society.

### Updating the Website

Many updates had been made and this would continue including adding the budget for 2018/19 to the site.

**Resolved:** All information and action by the Clerk was noted. It was agreed to include the Independent Remuneration Panel Report on the April agenda. It was noted that the budget for 2018/19 would be included on the website. The Clerk was asked to look into what needs to be done and the price for completing the skate park.

### 131/18 CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved:** The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the consultations, surveys and invitations for this month. It was agreed to invite the Project Co-ordinator the Bridges into Work to the May Ordinary meeting to give a short presentation and Q&A. It was agreed to donate £25 each to the Bridgend Samaritans, the Children's Air Ambulance Wales and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen. The residents' correspondence was noted. It was noted that the Clerk had directed some queries to BCBC and replied to some enquiries, that there was no need for a further response to the use of the word 'resolved' in the minutes or the wording in the January minutes. Anyone wishing to hold an event on the Community Council's leased land were asked to apply in writing in the first instance giving details of their planned event for consideration and if agreed a list of conditions of use would be given.

### 132/18 PLANNING MATTERS

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.

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**133/18 ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2018 ORDINARY MEETING**

- Refuse
- Branding the Community Council
- Fudgie's Health & Fitness Club

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

**134/18 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS RELATING TO STAFF (PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED)**

There were no items to discuss.

**135/17 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30 pm at Halo Leisure Centre, Pontycymer

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm