



GARW VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT HALO LEISURE CENTRE
PONTYCYMMER ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Councillor R Shaw

Councillors: G Andrews
R Clatworthy
S Dendy
H Griffiths
C Lloyd
R Jones
C Sage
R Stirman
M Thomas
G Walters

Apologies: Councillors J Davies & M Jones

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk

1/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ms S Dendy	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mr R Shaw	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC
Mrs R Stirman	All Bridgend County Borough Matters	Member BCBC

2/19 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

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

3/19 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE

PCSO Andrew Jenkins attended the meeting and gave an update. The Clerk tabled a graph and narrative of the March 2018 figures.

Resolved: The information was noted.

3/19 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2018 ORDINARY MINUTES

Minute 137/18 - To Receive an Address From Merrie Rees-Akenkide and Item 14 To Discuss the Provision of Memorial Benches in Parc Calon Lan

The Clerk had looked at the possibility of a replacement bench in Parc Calon Lan and to look at suitable alternative locations at Pontycymer Lake and gave her findings.

Minute 143/18 - Item 13 To Discuss the Independent Remuneration Panel's Report

The Clerk informed Members that following attendance at an SLCC/OVW Conference in Llandrindod Wells last week it had become clear that only Borough Council cabinet members are exempt from receiving the mandatory allowances.

Minute 146/18 - Warden's Report re bridges in the park

The Clerk has asked the RoW department to inspect the bridges and make recommendations.

Other Matters Arising:

BMX Track

The Clerk gave an update on her findings.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk was noted. Mr Hollett was present at the meeting and accepted the offer to place a memorial bench at Pont lake, the Clerk would liaise with BCBC and the family.

4/19 **BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES AND WARD REPORTS**

- Bettws - Councillor C Lloyd and Councillor R Jones
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- Blaengarw - Councillor S Dendy
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- Llangeinor - Councillor R Stirman
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- Pontycymmer - Councillor R Shaw and Councillor H Griffiths

Resolved: The updates and information given were noted.

4/19 **AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 5: To Consider Daffodil Planting for Autumn 2018

The Clerk reminded Members of the number of sacks purchased last year and the price.

Item 6: To Discuss the Provision of an Electric Car Charging Station

Information had been distributed to Members and an update on BCBC's plans was given.

Item 7: To Discuss Fly Tipping and Littering in the Valley

The problems throughout the valley were discussed.

Item 8: To Discuss the Opening of Parc Calon Lan in the Summer Months

Councillors Sage, Dendy, Stirman and Griffiths agreed to open the Visitor's Centre on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer school holiday period.

Item 9: To Discuss the Promotion of the Community Council's Work

This item could not be discussed as Councillor M Jones was not present at the meeting.

Item 10: To Discuss the Provision of Noticeboards

The condition of the noticeboard in Pontycymer was discussed and the need for a Community Council noticeboard in Bettws.

Item 11: To Discuss the Presentation of a Long Service Shield

Councillor H Griffiths highlighted the long service of a local school teacher and asked if the Community Council would consider the presentation of a shield to acknowledge this. In addition the presentation of a shield to Councillor D Griffiths last year had not gone ahead due to a bereavement and the way forward was discussed.

Item 12: To Discuss Pantygog Steps

A quotation had been received for the repair of the steps for £15,000.

Resolved: Following a discussion it was agreed to purchase 6 sacks of daffodils. The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC regarding the installation of a charging station in the valley, to write to Kier to ask them to close the flaps on the lorries when travelling along New Road, to discuss the Visitor Centre summer opening with the Community Warden and make the necessary arrangements for refreshments and key holding. The Clerk was asked to apply for planning permission and purchase noticeboards for Pontycymer and Bettws so that there was a standard board in each ward for use by the Council and the communities. It was agreed to present a shield to the long serving teacher, to invite Mrs D Griffiths to the July meeting for a presentation and to plant a tree in Parc Calon Lan in memory of Derek Griffiths. It was also agreed to ear mark £5,000 in next year's budget towards the cost of repairing the Pantygog steps.

5/19 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS INCLUDING A FINANCIAL REQUEST

1.The accounts submitted totalling £5,871.47 for approval at the May 2018 Full Council Meeting were read and approved. The balance carried forward to June 2018 was **£119,230.27** and the income of £3,025.00 was noted from the Rights of Way agency agreement claim along with the precept of £104,000.

As agreed at the April 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting an adjustment has been made to the Blaengarw and Llangeinor totals available for 2018/19 to allow for half the Christmas lights 2018 balance of £1,650.27 for each ward following receipt of the BCBC invoice which was not broken down into wards as initially agreed with BCBC.

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

6/19 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Outgoing Chair had not attended any events or functions on the Council's behalf in the last month.

Resolved: The information was noted.

7/19 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE FROM WARDEN/PARC CALON LAN

Wardens Report

A list of work carried out by the Warden was read out.

Clerk's Report

Projects

The Clerk requested authority to carry out the projects that had been earmarked in the 2018/19 budget.

Reported This Month on behalf of Members

- Drainage issue Heol Dewi Sant Bettws - gullies cleaned 16th May
- Potholes in Tyn y Bettws Close, Heol Bradford and Heol y Felin reported - no response to date
- General grass cutting Bettws - made enquiries when the next cut is due - no response to date
- Mounds of black rubbish bags Heol y Felin - now removed

Chased Up

The Clerk reported on outstanding matters that had been chased up.

Request to Speak at the June Meeting

A resident had requested permission to speak on general matters at the June meeting and if granted to record his presentation to share online afterwards. The Clerk reminded Members of the following standing orders:

Standing Order 4 states: If a member of the public wants to make representations to the Council, a written request must be submitted to the Clerk who will bring the application to the attention of the Council. If the Council approves the request, the member of the public shall be invited to the Council Meeting and be given no longer than 10 minutes to speak. All comments must be addressed to the Chairperson and a record of the public participation session shall be recorded in the Minutes. A question asked by a member of the public shall not require a response or debate.

Standing Order 5 states: Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior written consent.

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Next Meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum

Will take place on Tuesdays at 4.00 pm in the future. The next meeting will be held on 26th June 2018.

Tour of Parc Calon Lan

The Clerk asked if Members would like to attend a walking tour of the Council's leased land?

Data Protection Officer

The Clerk informed Members that even though T&CCs are now exempt from employing a DPO there will be a need to pay the Information Commissioner's Office fee which will cost £40 per year.

NALCC Pay Increase

The Clerk informed Members of the agreed increase.

Resolved: All information and action by the Clerk was noted. The Clerk was given authority to progress the agreed projects. It was agreed that the resident could speak at the June meeting but not record their presentation. Some Members were interested in a tour of the park. The pay increase was agreed in line with the Clerk's contract of employment. In relation to the Park the Clerk was asked about locking the barrier in the evenings and to look into what's involved in setting up a Friends of the Park group.

8/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: The items of Correspondence were noted, the Clerk drew attention to the consultations, surveys and invitations for this month, as well as the financial request from Bobath and the correspondence from a resident about repairs to broken fencing. It was agreed to defer the Bobath request to the next meeting. It was noted that the Community Warden had carried out the repairs which were on the boundary fence of the Council's leased land.

9/19 PLANNING MATTERS

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

Resolved: There were objections to P/18/291/FUL due to the site being too small and access issues. The other information was noted.

10/19 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2018 ORDINARY MEETING

There were no items requested for the June meeting.

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Resolved: This was noted and the agenda would be kept open for items received during the month.

11/19 DATE & VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Halo Leisure Centre Pontycymer, Monday 18th June 2018 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm