

# Blaengwrach Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Blaengwrach

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 6.00 pm in the Welfare Hall, Heol Y Felin, Cwmgwrach, and Via Zoom

Present: Councillors Rhian Williams, Jennifer Bulman, Peter Rudd and A Hipsley

Council Employees Present: Clerk/RFO Linda Evans

Members of the Public Present: Councillor Hayley Davies

Councillor and Chair R Williams started the Meeting and welcomed all attending. The Meeting is held in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – in person and online via Zoom.

AGM 17/26 Nomination(s) & Appointment of Chair of the Council - Councillor Rhian Williams was nominated & seconded. There were no other nominations. Therefore, Councillor Rhian Williams is elected as Chairperson for 2026/27

Chair Councillor R Williams continued to preside the meeting, the meeting started with a formal acknowledgement of the passing of Councillor Alan Edwards,

### **Acknowledgement of A. Edwards**

The Chair opened the tribute by expressing condolences for a "lovely man" and that a bouquet on behalf of the Council had been sent to the Family. Members stood for a minute of silence and reflection. Councillor P. Rudd then dedicated a prayer in tribute, giving thanks for the life of a devoted family man and husband to Councillor Carolyn Edwards, and a thoughtful and caring community member.

AGM 18/26 Apologies for absence - Councillors C Edwards, D Jones, M Mortimore and A Doherty.

AGM 19/26 Declarations of Interest and Update Register – There were no declarations of interest. Councillor R Williams no longer has an interest in the 13<sup>th</sup> Cwmgwrach Scout Group.

AGM 20/26 Nomination(s) & Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council – No nomination was made at this meeting and the vote will be held at the next ordinary meeting. RESOLVED

AGM 21/26 Appointment of Councillors to Council Committees -

- Human Resources Committee – RESOLVED Councillors Menna Mortimore, David Jones & Peter Rudd will remain as the Human Resources Committee
- Audit & Finance Committee – RESOLVED Councillors P Rudd, Jennifer Bulman and Menna Mortimore will remain as the Audit & Finance Committee
- Hall Committee – RESOLVED Councillors Carolyn Edwards, Rhian Williams and David Jones will remain as the Hall Committee

AGM 22/26 Councillors to Serve as the Councils Representatives on External Committees:

- Aberpergwm Site Liaison – Councillor David Jones and Councillor Carolyn Edwards
- Blaengwrach Primary School Board of Governors – Councillor Carolyn Edwards
- CBC Community Liaison Committee- Councillor Carolyn Edwards

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- One Voice Wales Neath Area Committee – Councillor Carolyn Edwards (with Councillor Rhian Williams as the Deputy Representative);
- Selar Community Benefits Fund – Councillors Menna Mortimore & Amanda Doherty
- Trustees of the Council's Open Space Charity – Councillors Jennifer Bulman & Amanda Doherty
- Vale of Neath Practice Patient Participation – Councillors M Mortimore and Peter Rudd

AGM 23/26 Adoption of the Council's Standing Orders: Approved and Adopted for 2026/27

AGM 24/26 Adoption of the Council's Financial Regulations: Approved and Adopted for 2026/27

Officers & Signatories: The Council's Authorised Signatories were confirmed as – Clerk/RFO Linda Evans, Councillors Menna Mortimore, Peter Rudd & Carolyn Edwards.

AGM 25/26 Adoption of all other Council's Regulations and Guidelines

Training Policy and Financial Assistance Policy 2026/27 were reviewed and approved. Council Action Plan for 2026/27 was Approved. It was resolved that all existing regulations and guidelines were adopted without amendments, and will be reviewed annually. RESOLVED

AGM 26/26 Proposed Dates of the Monthly Meetings for 2026/27

AGM: May 20<sup>th</sup> 2026. It was decided that the monthly meetings for 2026/27 are as follows: 18<sup>th</sup>

June 2026, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2027, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2027 & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2027.

The venue of the meetings will be The Welfare Hall, Heol Y Felin, Cwmgwrach and Via Zoom.

Meeting closed 6.17 p.m.

Accepted as a true record

Signed:

Councillor Rhian Williams - Chair