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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the reformed Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council

The meeting was held as a ‘hybrid meeting’, thus it was open as an in-person, indoors meeting at the Rudry Parish Hall and available on prior request to the Temporary Clerk as a remote virtual meeting on Thurs 25 January 2024

Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk) in person. Cllr Chris Morgan and Cllr Amanda McConnell attended via a virtual platform. The Temp Clerk reported that he had received no other requests to join virtually.

Chair Cllr Lee Cecil chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.00pm.

41. Apologies - Cllr Phil Rosser and Cllr Beth Rich.

42. Presentations - Heddlu Gwent Police CSOs Lisa Gibbs and Thomas Humphries presented a monthly crime report and recent Police activities in the Ward that was shared with the Council. The Council suggested Machen Rugby Club and Rudry Parish Hall for the Police to hold their intended public surgeries/sessions over the next few months. The Council advised the Officers of their intention to reintroduce a ‘Speed Watch’ project in the Ward villages

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in the spring. The Chair thanked the Officers for their presence and report update.

43. Declarations of Interest - None.

44. Residents' addresses - None.

45. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 December 2023 - The Council agreed that the minutes were correct and they were duly signed by the Chairperson.

46. Chair's and County Cllrs Updates

The Chair updated the Council that the previous Clerk had been paid the final agreed amount to close that contract. The Chair also confirmed that the previous commitment to the lockup had been paid and finalised. The Council were pleased with the news. There were no news reports from the County Cllrs.

47. Temporary Clerk's Report

47.1 Finance

The Temp Clerk and Chair updated the Council with the recent financial transactions made via the new bank mandates. The Council were pleased with the Chair's update that the previous Clerk had been paid the final agreed amount to close that contract. The Chair also confirmed that the previous commitment to the lockup had been paid and finalised. The Council can now move forward to make payments and the Temp Clerk is to continue to record the new transactions in readiness for a transition to a new Community Clerk when appointed. The Council agreed the recent transactions report as correct.

The Council ratified its budget for 2024/25 with a projected increase of 5% from £20,000 to £21,000. Temp Clerk is to submit the increase to Caerphilly County Borough Council in time by their 31 January 2024 deadline.

The Chair asked for the Council to review their existing list of suppliers at the February meeting.

47.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications/administration

The Chair advised the Council that an advertisement for the post of Community Clerk had been published. The Chair reported that seven Cllrs had now been added to the DWR CC email domain with Cllrs Morgan and McConnell retaining their Caerphilly CBC email addresses.

47.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next TCCLC meeting is being planned for Tuesday 27 Feb 2024 and the CCBC Joint meeting is set for Mon 15 April 2024. The next OVW Area meeting is expected for Wed 24 April 2024.

48. Current Projects Summary

The Council considered their new projects for 2024. 'Speed Watch' is intended to be set up with the Police to start in April 2024, with Cllr Beth Rich leading the project for the Council. The Chair asked for Cllrs to consider the topics of replacement of any new benches, planters and bins in the three Wards for next financial year. Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones is to meet on site with Cllr Chris Morgan to consider

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these topics. Cllr Heaton-Jones is also to consider other local firms and local residents assistance for the planters project.

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	Speed Watch	Possible recommencement in-the spring in the Ward village		??
B	Planters	In the Wards		??
C	Benches	In the Wards		??
D	Bins	In the Wards		??

49. Planning Applications – None.

50. Exclusion of press and public – None.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____