

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 inperson, indoors meeting at the Rudry Parish Hall and available by prior request to the Temporary Clerk as a remote virtual meeting, on
Thurs 28 May 2024**

Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Rob-Heaton Jones, Cllr Phil Rosser and Cllr Amanda McConnell who attended via a virtual platform. Also in attendance in person were Myra Osborn (Clerk) and Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk)

The Temp Clerk reported that he had received no other requests to join virtually.

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

81. Apologies

Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Beth Rich and CSO Rhiannon Collins of Heddlu Gwent Police

82. Presentations - None

83. Declarations of Interest - None

84. Residents’ addresses - None

85. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 April 2024

The Council agreed that the minutes were correct and were duly signed by the Chairperson

86. Chair’s and County Members’ updates

The Chair welcomed Myra Osborn as the new Community Clerk. The Chair updated the Council on his recent meetings: 1/ with the Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Chair and National Rivers Wales for the requested remedial work at the three river bridges is being pursued 2/ the Council via the Chair is to be the nominated Manager to progress the CCTV and Energy projects in the community in conjunction with Michaelston-y Fedw. The Temp Clerk reported that the new Clerk had experienced difficulties with accessing the Council’s laptop for documents, printing and data security. The Council agreed for these issues to be assessed and rectified asap

County Cllr A McConnell reported on the Boundary Commission’s recently published report to Welsh Government that included a recommendation to merge Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council with Bedwas Trethomas and Machen Community Council. The Temp Clerk is to respond to WG by 19 June asking if the recommended merger could consist of 16 Community Councillors rather than the 14 number in the report. Each Cllr is also to respond to WG with the same request

87. Temporary Clerk’s Report

87.1 Finance

The Chair and Temp Clerk reported on the recent banking transactions that included the first precept instalment from Caerphilly county borough council (the second instalment is due in September). The council agreed that the financial statements were satisfactory. The Chair reported that the Internal Auditor had completed his work and reports on the Audits for the last 2 years. The Chair and the Temp Clerk are to meet to prepare the Audit Return Forms for presentation and signature at the June Full Council meeting. The Chair noted the recent resignation of Cllr Beth Rich due to her work commitments and thanked her for her invaluable work for the Community

87.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications/administration

There were no new financial assistance applications

87.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next TCCLC Committee meeting is expected in mid June and the next Joint meeting with Caerphilly county borough council is expected in mid July 2024. The next OVW Area meeting is also expected for mid July 2024

88. Current Projects Summary

The Council noted the progress on its projects and added new projects: Council considered the progress of their new projects for 2024

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	Speed Watch	Possible recommencement in the Ward villages		??

B	3-Tier planters	Planting for 2024	450	1000
C	Benches replacement	In the Wards		??
D	Waterloo Planter	The renewal of the community planter by the entrance		??
E	Waterloo	BT box Replicating the decoration on the BT box seen in Trethomas		150
F	A new defibrillator and box plus annual energy costs	For Rudry		2000
G	Off Road biking deterrent and prevention planning	(with Heddlu Gwent Police)		??

89. Planning Applications

Case Ref. 24/0343/TCA at Hollybush Inn, Draethen was noted

90. Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Signed:

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