

Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council
Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
6.00 pm on Tuesday 25 June 2024

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

Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones and Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk) in person. Heddlu Gwent Police CS Officers Lisa Gibbs and Rees Day were also in attendance

The Temp Clerk reported that he had received no adequate prior warning of requests to join virtually

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

91. Apologies

Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Community Clerk Myra Osborn

92. Presentations

Heddlu Gwent Police CSO Lisa Gibbs update the Council on the recent activities that had centred on off-road biking in the Ward. A Police surgery was planned for 12 July in Machen

93. Declarations of Interest

None

94. Residents’ addresses

None

95. Minutes of the AGM and the Full Council meeting held on 28 May 2024

The Council agreed that both sets of minutes were correct and they were duly signed by the Chairperson

96. Chair’s update

The Chair advised the Council that a follow up meeting with Newport City Council and Caerphilly Council at the three road bridges in the Ward is planned for next month. He added that progress is being made on the Renewable Road Map Project via Domestic Assessments which will rolled out over the next couple of months

97. Temporary Clerk's Report

97.1 Finance

The Chair and the Temp Clerk updated the Council with the recent financial transactions made. The Council agreed the account summary as satisfactory. The Clerk presented both the 22/23 and 23/24 Internal Audits and the Audit Return Forms for the Council to consider. The Council agreed the Governance account for both Returns and the forms were signed by the Temp Clerk and the Chair for public scrutiny under the Electors' Rights through to 26 July. The Community Clerk can then submit both Returns with any necessary back up papers to Audit Wales

97.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications/administration

The Temp Clerk reported on the recent Town and Community Councils Liaison Committee meeting that had agreed on two additional items to be added to the Charter with Caerphilly CBC: 1/ to ensure that elected members to the Town and Community Councils are recognised as such and not treated only as residents when dealing with CCBC staff and 2/ to ensure improved communications with the CCBC staff. The Chair reported that the Council had recently received a Freedom of Information request that will be addressed over the couple of weeks

98. Current Projects Summary

The Council considered the progress of their new projects for 2024 and were pleased to hear reports of gratitude from local residents about the Community Council's summer planting in the wards. Consideration for new benches of composite plastic is put on hold for the time being as we are awaiting advice from the council on approvals. The Chair reminded the meeting of the pending Machen Show set for Saturday 6 July. The Council were pleased to hear that Gwent Police were addressing the issue of off-road biking as a priority and a Council meeting with the Police is being planned in July

99. Planning Applications

None

100. Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm

Signed:

Date:
