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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 6.00  
pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**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 Clerk as a remote virtual meeting**

**Present:**

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Myra Osborn (Clerk). PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins and PCSO500 Dylan Greedy were also in attendance

Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Chris Morgan attended by remote access

Chair, Cllr Lee Cecil led the meeting that commenced at 6.00 pm

**141 Apologies / Introductions**

Cllr Phil Rosser

**142 Police Update**

PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins provided a report on recent crime and engagement in the area. A discussion followed regarding the use of Rudry Parish Hall as a place to hold regular surgeries and promoting this. A PCSO and a Councillor would be in attendance.

**143 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**144 Residents' Addresses** None.

**145 Minutes and matters arising**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26th November 2024 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

**146 Chair and County Members' Update**

Drainage issues on the hill in Waterloo were discussed. CCBC will arrange a programme of works subject to further investigation.

Various ongoing consultations with CCBC were noted.

CCBC conducted a site visit concerning drainage issues near Branch Cottages in Rudry; however, no further action has been taken. Cllr Chris Morgan will follow up.

The catchment area for the closure of Rudry Primary School was discussed.

Councillors resolved to retain the Precept for 2025-26 at £21,000.

Councillors agreed to donate to the Machen Agricultural Show, with the amount to be determined at a later date.

#### **147 Clerk's Report**

- Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.
- No response has been received yet regarding the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audit Returns.
- The request for copies of various documents is still pending until time allows.
- The Insurance Renewal document for DWR CC was discussed, and amendments were made where necessary.
- The outstanding watering invoice was discussed. The Clerk had been unable to locate sufficient documentation regarding the payment agreement for this invoice. For audit purposes, the Clerk will request copies of the original paperwork.

#### **148 Current Projects**

##### **148.1 Benches**

Benches – Cllrs agreed £350 for each of two benches. Cllr Kev Ingram will re-send email to all with details.

**148.2 WW Utility Box** Utility Box – date for artwork to be determined when weather improves.

##### **148.3 New Defibrillator for Rudry**

New Defibrillator – Cllrs agreed make and model and to use the same supplier as previously. Order to be placed by Cllr Amanda McConnell, who will provide details to Cllr Zoe Hewer of qualified electrician used previously.

##### **148.4 Welcome To Draethen Sign**

Position agreed with CCBC. Highways approved contractors need to be used for works. No cost to DWR.

##### **148.5 Renewable Roadmap**

20 houses are engaging with the Energy Assessment Project. Chair Lee Cecil has had agreement for any spare funds to be put towards CCTV for Rudry and also to help upgrade CCTV at Rudry Parish Hall.

##### **148.6 Off Road Biking**

Cllr Chris Morgan to discuss boundary security with CCBC for the land owned by them.

**149 Planning Applications** 24/0896/FULL (plus ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) and 24/0924/FULL both noted.

#### **140 Exclusion of Press and Public** None

**The next meeting is agreed for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 6.00pm at Rudry Parish Hall. The meeting closed at 7.00 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

