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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 6.00
pm on Tuesday 29th April 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 Hower and Myra Osborn (Clerk). Cllr Phil Rosser attended remotely.

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

161 Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Cllr Kev Ingram

162 Police Update

- Cllr Lee Cecil gave an update that meetings are planned with The Police and Crime Commissioner Jane Mudd, followed by a meeting with Inspector Becky Williams. The aim is to strengthen communication and partnerships with Gwent Police.
- A recent car theft was recorded on DWR CCTV. The footage was provided to the local police.

163 Declarations of Interest

None.

164 Residents' Addresses None.

165 Minutes and matters arising

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25th March 2025 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

166 Chair and County Members' Update

Cllr Phil Rosser had consulted Cllr Lee Cecil about his potential resignation due to health concerns. Following further discussion at the meeting, Cllr Rosser decided to remain and participate remotely. All councillors supported this decision and expressed their gratitude. The latest Three Bridges meeting had been constructive, with discussions on the availability of river level data across various locations. Steps are being developed to use this information effectively.

167 Clerk's Report

- Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.
- Audit Wales has been provided with the Cash Book for 2023/24 and 2024/25 to 21st March 2025, as well as information regarding the CCTV Project and the Power used for it.

- 2024/25 Audit Notice has been received, a basic audit is required for 2024/25.
- The first instalment of the 2025/26 precept has been received.
- A thank you letter has been received from Wales Air Ambulance for the donation received.

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- Request for copies of various documents – pending until time allows.
- Outstanding watering invoice –VAT invoice received; payment made.
- Clerk Myra Osborn announced her resignation but confirmed she will oversee the May AGM and Ordinary meeting. Cllrs expressed their gratitude for her contributions and wished her success in her new venture.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones informed the meeting that after a significant rubbish dump near Waterloo Bridge, CCBC responded swiftly to clear the waste and restore the area. Councillors agreed to send a letter of appreciation to CCBC for their prompt action.

168 Current Projects

158.1 Benches

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones is progressing contact with landowner. He noted that authorisation from the landowner is required for insurance purposes. A local landowner is to be approached for a possible alternative site for the bench.

158.2 Christmas Lights

Cllrs discussed possible placing of Christmas Lights in Waterloo and Rudry. Cllrs Rob Heaton-Jones and Cllr Zoe Hower will research options.

158.3 Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour – discussion took place. Awareness is being raised locally regarding the importance of reporting incidents to the Police.

158.4 Anti-social behaviour / Off Road Biking / Traffic Calming / Speed Watch

Discussion took place re. collecting the Speed Watch kit, seeking strategic advice from a variety of sources and compiling data for submission to Go Safe and CCBC. Cllr Zoe Hower will organise delivery of Flyer requesting public engagement to identify issues.

158.5 Defibrillators Cllr Amanda McConnell is researching costs and contracts to ensure best value.

158.6 Summer Fete

Cllr Zoe Hower advised on progress with planning for 30th August 2025. Cllrs resolved to provide a donation towards the Fete, amount to be decided.

158.7 Village Planters

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that a cost of £150 per planter for summer blooms had been provided. Cllrs resolved to agree this.

158.8 Draethen Village Sign

Cllr Chris Morgan to speak to CCBC about the installation.

169 Planning Applications 25/0187/HH, 25/0195/HH, 25/0182/HH noted.

160 Exclusion of Press and Public None

**The next meeting is agreed for Tuesday 27th May 2025, 6.300pm at Rudry Parish Hall.
The meeting closed at 7.10 pm**

Signed:

Date:

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