



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
6.00 pm on Tuesday 24th June 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, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, PCSO Ellie Morgan, PCSO Rhiannon Collins, Myra Osborn (Temp.Clerk) and Jessica Thomas

Cllr Phil Rosser attended remotely

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

1) Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Chris Morgan

2) Police Update

PCSOs Ellie Morgan and Rhiannon Collins provided an update on recent activity in the area. There had been a visit to Rhydri Primary School to give a talk on Stranger Awareness and County Lines Awareness.

3) Declarations of Interest None.

4) Residents' Addresses None.

5) Minutes and matters arising

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27 May 2025 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

6) Chair and County Members' Update

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that a digital map of CCTVs has been provided to Caerphilly South Police Inspector Becky Williams.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones reported that he had attended the recent TCCLC liaison meeting. He commented that discussion had taken place regarding transition to possible new processes when Councils merge in 2027.

7) Clerk's Report

- a. Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.

- b. CCBC has made a CIL payment, spending terms to be researched.
- c. Audit Wales has received some documents with regard to older years finances. Work is being carried out to retrieve further relevant files. Documents have been provided to the External Auditor for 2024-25.
- d. Request for copies of various documents – pending until time allows.

8) Current Projects

- a. Christmas Lights, Rudry – Cllr Zoe Hower reported that plans are progressing, and that it may be beneficial for the Lights to become DWR CC Assets, to be considered further. The Supplier will liaise with CCBC regarding installation.
- b. Christmas Lights, Waterloo – Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that he has liaised with the Supplier regarding siting, costs etc.

It was agreed that Cllr Zoe Hower would research the costs of power, lights and annual costs for both villages and bring these to a future meeting for discussion.

- c. Antisocial behaviour / Speedwatch – it was agreed that Cllr Kevin Stanworth will liaise with Cllr Chris Morgan to check progress regarding CCBC providing secure fencing to the land owned by it. All agreed that stakeholders need to work together to facilitate progress. Cllr Lee Cecil will raise the issue at a future meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- d. Rudry Summer Fete – Cllr Zoe Hower advised that plans are progressing well, a request will be made to the Council for a donation towards prizes.
- e. Draethen Village Sign – Cllr Lee Cecil has spoken to CCBC, who advised the installation will be progressed.

9) Items for Discussion

The Cleaning and Greening Scheme by CCBC was discussed. Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones suggested an unmaintained area of Highway verge in Waterloo for planting of wildflowers. All agreed that wildflowers on verges would enhance the villages. Cllr Lee Cecil will liaise with Cllr Amanda McConnell.

10) Planning Applications

Cllrs requested a letter of support be sent for 25/0287/TPO be sent.

11) Exclusion of Press and Public

None

12) Exempt Items

None

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting is agreed for Tuesday 29th July 2025, 6.00pm at Rudry Parish Hall.

Signed:

Date:

