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In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requirement for all 730 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, early, truncated and unsigned Minutes of the reformed Full Council Meeting of Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council held at 6 pm on Thursday 29 February 2024, are published here

Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk) in person. Cllr Amanda McConnell attended via a virtual platform. The Temp Clerk reported that he had received no other requests to join virtually.

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

A/Apologies - Cllr Beth Rich and CSO Rhiannon Collins.

B/ Presentations - Heddlu Gwent Police CSO Collins had emailed the Temp Clerk with a monthly crime report and recent local Police activities in the Ward that was shared with the Council. The main issue was that of antisocial behaviour which included complaints of off road motorbikes. The Council noted that the Police had requested residents to report any such activities to them.

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C/ Declarations of Interest - Cllr Stanworth recorded an interest in a request for funding assistance for Machen Show for 2024.

D/ Residents' addresses - None.

E/ Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 January 2024 - The Council agreed that the minutes were correct with had one minor typing error and they were duly signed by the Chairperson.

G/Decisions made

G1 Finance Report - The Chair and the Temp Clerk updated the Council with the recent financial transactions made. The Council is aware that certain invoices are still to be pursued and agreed upon. The Council agreed the monthly accounts report as satisfactory.

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications - The Chair advised the Council that following an advertisement for the post of Community Clerk an application had been received. The Temp Clerk is to arrange for an informal meeting with the applicant, the Chair and Cllr Frewer in the near future. The Council agreed to support the '2024 Machen Show' with a donation of £500. The Council also wished to support a request for an 'after school club' for Rhydri Primary School. They agreed for the Temp Clerk to email the Council's updated financial assistance application form to the School's applicant. The Chair reported that he had arranged a meeting for 5 March with Newport City Council and Caerphilly Council at the three road bridges in the Ward and he will update Council on the outcome of the meeting.

H/Current Projects Summary - The Council considered the progress of their new projects for 2024. Cllr Rob Heaton Jones recently met on site with Cllr Chris Morgan to consider new/replacement benches, planters and bins that are being pursued.

I/Planning Applications - None.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

The full Minutes when agreed and signed will also be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible.

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