

**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 28 March 2024, are published here**

**Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Kevin Stanworth Cllr Beth Rich 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 6.00 pm

**A/ Apologies** – Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Chris Morgan and CSO Lisa Gibbs

**B/ Presentations** – Heddlu Gwent Police CSO Lisa Gibbs had emailed the Temp Clerk a monthly crime report with recent local Police activities in the Ward that was shared with the Council

**C/ Declarations of Interest** – None

**D/ Residents’ addresses** - None

**E/ Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 29 February 2024**

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

**G/ Decisions made**

**G1 Finance Report**

The Chair and the Temp Clerk updated the Council with recent financial transactions made. The Chair reported that he had recently met with the previous Council appointed Internal Auditor, Mike Fisher who agreed to undertake both the 22/23 and 23/24 Internal Audits for the Council, with a fee for each year at £200. The Council agreed the monthly accounts report as satisfactory

**G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Chair advised the Council that he, Cllr Hewer and the Temp Clerk had recently held an informal meeting with the applicant for the post of Community

Clerk. All three were satisfied with the applicant and the Council agreed for the Chair to contact the applicant to discuss employment terms. The Temp Clerk reported that he had already commenced drafting a new contract of employment for both the Council and the applicant to consider. The contract is based on the Society of Local Council Clerks model document. The Council considered the recent emails as submitted by Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones in relation to the likely closure of Rhydri Primary School. The Council wished to record their disappointment at the news. The Chair updated the Council on his recent site meeting with Newport City Council and Caerphilly Council at the three road bridges in the Ward. He added that a further site meeting is to be set up to discuss details to improve safety at the bridges

**H/ Current Projects Summary** – The Council considered the progress of their new projects for 2024. New benches of composite plastic are being pursued after taking advice on costings and fixings from Caerphilly CBC. Local planters and bins are still being pursued. Cllr Rich updated the Council on the Speedwatch project and reported that the listed local safety coordinators' paperwork was being refreshed and that the Council's machines had been recalibrated

**I/ Planning Applications** – None

**The meeting closed at 7.00 pm**

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