

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 6.24 pm on Tuesday 28 May 2024, are published here

Present: Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Rob-Heaton Jones and Cllr Amanda McConnell who attended via a virtual platform. Also in attendance in person were Myra Osborn (Clerk) and Bob Campbell (Temp Clerk).

The Temp Clerk reported that he had received no other requests to join virtually.

A/ Apologies – Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Beth Rich and CSO Rhiannon Collins

B/ Presentations – None

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 April 2024

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

F/ County Members update – Cllr A McConnell reported on the Boundary Commission's recently published report to Welsh Government that included a recommendation to merge Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council with Bedwas Trethomas and Machen Community Council. The Temp Clerk is to respond to WG by 19 June asking if the recommended merger could consist of 16 Community Councillors rather than the 14 number in the report. Each Cllr is also to respond to WG with the same request

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Chair and Temp Clerk reported on the recent banking transactions that included the first precept instalment from Caerphilly county borough council (the second instalment is due in September). The council agreed that the financial statements

were satisfactory. The Chair updated the Council that the nominated Internal Auditor had completed his work and reports on the Audits for the last 2 years. The Chair and the Temp Clerk are to meet to prepare the Audit Forms for presentation and signature at the June Full Council meeting

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Chair noted the recent resignation of Cllr Beth Rich due to her work commitments and thanked her for her invaluable work for the Community. The Chair updated the Council on his recent meetings:

- 1/ with the Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Chair and National Rivers Wales for the requested remedial work at the three river bridges is being pursued
 - 2/ the Council via the Chair is to be the nominated Manager to progress the CCTV and Energy projects in the community in conjunction with Michaelston-y-Fedw
- The Temp Clerk reported that the new Clerk had experienced difficulties with accessing the Council’s laptop for documents, printing and data security. The Council agreed for these issues to be assessed and rectified asap

H/ Current Projects Summary – The Council noted the progress on its projects and added new projects:

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	Speed Watch	Activity in the Ward villages		??
B	3-Tier planters	Planting for 2024	450	1000
C	Benches replacement	In the Wards		??
D	Waterloo Planter	The renewal of the community planter by the entrance		??
E	Waterloo BT box	Replicating the decoration on the BT box seen in Trethomas		150
F	A new defibrillator and box plus annual energy costs	For Rudry		2000
G	Off Road biking	Deterrent and prevention planning (with Heddlu Gwent Police)		??

I/ Planning Application

Case Ref. 24/0343/TCA at Hollybush Inn, Draethen was noted

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm

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