

Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council

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Community Clerk – Myra Osborn

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 6.00 pm on Tuesday 30 July 2024, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Myra Osborn (Clerk). Heddlu Gwent Police CS Officer Rhiannon Collins was also in attendance

The Clerk reported that there was no adequate prior warning of requests to join virtually

Chairperson Cllr Lee Cecil chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.00 pm

A. Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan

B. Police Update

Heddlu Gwent Police CSO Rhiannon Collins updated the Council on recent activities in the Ward. Off-road bikes were discussed, Rhiannon asked that any incidents be reported to Gwent Police, using their Facebook Messenger service. The Chair requested an exploratory meeting with Gwent Police. Cllr Stanworth asked that a letter be sent to affected landowners.

C. Declarations of Interest

None.

D. Minutes and matters arising

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25th June 2024 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chairperson.

E. Chair and County Members’ Update

- 1) The Chair advised the Council that a follow-up meeting had taken place with Newport City Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council with regard to the Three Bridges Plan, and that relevant stakeholders were working together to progress matters.
- 2) The Chair advised the Council that a meeting had taken place with the Clerk regarding working hours and equipment, and proposed that the Clerk hours be increased to 20 per week, to be reviewed when appropriate. Council agreed.
- 3) The Chair also proposed that a new laptop be purchased for DWR as the current laptop is no longer fit for purpose. Council agreed a budget of £700 and that the Clerk would research sources.

F. Clerk's Report

- 1) The Clerk updated the Council with the recent financial transactions made. The Council agreed the account summary as satisfactory.
- 2) The Clerk reported that the period of Electors' Rights to view the Audit Returns had ended. Two members of the public had viewed them. Documents are now being prepared to send to Audit Wales.
- 3) The Clerk advised that further correspondence had been received as a result of the recent FOI response and a separate request had been received requesting copies of various historic and current documents. These will be dealt with in due course.
- 4) The Clerk reported that Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones had recently completed two training courses for new councillors, facilitated by One Voice Wales.
- 5) The Clerk advised that at a recent One Voice Wales meeting, there had been a presentation by Llais, a new statutory advocacy service for health and social care users in Wales. Leaflets were handed out for use in the community.
- 6) The Clerk advised that DWR Policy Documents would be updated and produced through August, during the summer recess.

G. Current Projects

- 1) Options had been sourced for a new bench. Further costs are to be researched and will be reviewed in September's meeting.
- 2) Cllr Rob-Heaton Jones had established the owner of the equipment box in Waterloo and is liaising regarding painting of it.
- 3) Research is ongoing regarding a defibrillator in Rudry.

H. Planning Applications

24/0541/HH- Gwern Y Goytre and 24/0486/HH- Cerrig Llwyd Penywaun Farm Holding were both noted.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm

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