



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 (DWR) Community Council held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Myra Osborn (Clerk). Heddlu Gwent Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Lisa Gibbs and Rhys Wall were also in attendance

The Clerk reported Cllr Zoe Hewer had requested to join the meeting virtually

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Phil Rosser
Connection was not possible to the remote platform to enable Cllr Zoe Hewer to join

B. Police Update

Heddlu Gwent Police gave an update on recent activities in the area. A group of PCSOs has begun visiting local Primary and Junior schools to make positive connections.

Off-road bikes were discussed, PCSOs were updated by Councillors and agreement was reached to encourage public engagement to report issues to the Police.

C. Declarations of Interest

None.

D. Residents' Addresses

None.

E. Minutes and matters arising

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th July 2024 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

Nothing significant to report.

G. Clerk's Report

The Clerk updated the Council with recent financial transactions made. The Council agreed the account summary as satisfactory. Councillors should begin to consider objectives for the year ahead. It was resolved to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Both the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Audit Returns have been submitted to Audit Wales. There is no decision on either yet from Audit Wales.

The Clerk has undertaken the New Clerk Webinar 4 and begun the ILCA Qualification.

The request for copies of various documents is still pending until time allows.

A Grant Application Form had been provided but was not returned as the applicant decided to seek funds elsewhere.

In line with Welsh Government guidance, details of Councillor Allowances for 2023-24 were submitted to IRPW.

Councillors approved the Grants and Financial Assistance Policy (replacing both the former Grants Policy and former Grants Process and Criteria), and the Grants Application Form, as well as the Training and Development Policy.

H. Current Projects

Confirmation of ownership for proposed land for new bench in Waterloo needs to be established before the project can continue, CCBC have been asked to assist.

No comment has been received from the owner regarding proposed artwork for the equipment box in Waterloo. Councillors resolved to commission a local artist to paint a community mural on the cabinet.

Research is ongoing regarding a defibrillator in Rudry. The Landlords at Rudry Inn have been approached and are willing for the new defibrillator to be sited there.

Councillors agreed that signage is to be considered to advise drivers that horses and riders may be in the area.

Councillors resolved that a replacement post box for DWR is not necessary.

I. Planning Applications

24/0668/HH - noted.

24/0643/RET - Cllrs resolved to send a response of support for the development.

J. Exclusion of Press and Public

None

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm