



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 Full Council Meeting of Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council (DWR CC) held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 29th October 2024, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hwer, Cllr Kevin Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser and Myra Osborn (Clerk). PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins was also in attendance.

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Cllr Amanda McConnell (to join remotely if available)

B. Police Update

PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins provided a report on recent crime and engagement in the area. After discussion, all agreed that Rudry Parish Hall is a suitable venue to hold future Police Surgeries within the DWR Ward.

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 24 September 2024 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

Cllr Lee Cecil confirmed that the CCTV installation for Draethen and relevant signage had been completed, paid for by CCBC, who will be contacted shortly to progress the system to live. Proper processes are in place regarding procedure to view recordings, if necessary, after an incident.

A general discussion followed regarding the possibility of expanding the scheme to Rudry. It was agreed to consider this further in the new year.

The Renewable Roadmap scheme has begun, with 9 properties already booked in for assessments. Awareness will be raised by hand-delivering letters and use of social media.

Cllr Zoe Ingram advised that a constructive meeting had taken place with Persimmon Homes regarding the land at Gwern-Y-Domen. Boundary issues and off-road bikes were discussed. Persimmon Homes will consider means of preventing illegal access.

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Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones explained that a very positive site meeting, with stakeholders, had taken place recently about flooding / drainage issues in Waterloo, with an action plan to be provided by landowners.

G. Clerk's Report

The Clerk updated the Council with recent financial transactions made, and an estimated figure with regard to the remaining budget for 2024/25. The Council agreed these as satisfactory and resolved to consider future projects for discussion.

No response has been received yet regarding the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audit Returns.

Correspondence has been received regarding the possible future use of Rhydri Primary School, which was forwarded to the relevant CCBC Councillor for advice.

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

It was resolved to approve the draft Lone Worker Policy and the draft Social Media Policy.

H. Current Projects

A local artist is being commissioned to paint a mural on the utility cabinet in Waterloo.

Cllr Zoe Hewer to liaise with the Landlords at Rudry Inn regarding a new defibrillator.

Councillors resolved to provide road signage for horse and rider awareness. Examples of signs to be provided to Cllr Lee Cecil so quotes can be obtained.

Councillors resolved that a budget of £200 is appropriate for Autumn to Spring planting of the communities three tier planters.

I. Items For Discussion

Councillors agreed that CCTV be removed from the Projects List as there is no cost to DWR CC.

An order has been made for Remembrance Wreaths, in line with last year.

Councillors agreed that the Speedwatch Project should be temporarily removed from the Projects List until resources are available.

Details of funding proposals for Christmas projects in the locality to be forwarded to the Clerk for collating to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that there are no costs expected for the Defibrillators to year end. Further discussions are required for the Precept and Budget planning for next year.

J. Planning Applications

24/0205/RET was noted

K. Exclusion of Press and Public

None

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Full Minutes when agreed and signed will be on the Council's website as soon as possible.