



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 28 January 2025, are published here

Present

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Myra Osborn (Clerk). PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins and PCSO500 Dylan Greedy were also in attendance

Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Chris Morgan attended by remote access

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Phil Rosser

B. Police Update

PCSO376 Rhiannon Collins provided a report on recent crime and engagement in the area. A discussion followed regarding the use of Rudry Parish Hall as a place to hold regular surgeries and promoting this. A PSCO and a Councillor would be in attendance.

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 Tuesday 26 November 2024 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

Drainage issues on the hill in Waterloo were discussed. CCBC will arrange a programme of works subject to further investigation. Various ongoing consultations with CCBC were noted.

CCBC conducted a site visit concerning drainage issues near Branch Cottages in Rudry; however, no further action has been taken. Cllr Chris Morgan will follow up.

The catchment area for the closure of Rudry Primary School was discussed.

Councillors resolved to retain the Precept for 2025-26 at £21,000.

Councillors agreed to donate to the Machen Agricultural Show, with the amount to be determined at a later date.

G. Clerk's Report

- Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.
- No response has been received yet regarding the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audit Returns.
- The request for copies of various documents is still pending until time allows.
- The Insurance Renewal document for DWR CC was discussed, and amendments were made where necessary.
- The outstanding watering invoice was discussed. The Clerk had been unable to locate sufficient documentation regarding the payment agreement for this invoice. For audit purposes, the Clerk will request copies of the original paperwork.

H. Current Projects

- Benches – Cllrs agreed £350 for each of two benches. Cllr Kev Ingram will re-send email to all with details.
- Utility Box – date for artwork to be determined when weather improves.
- New Defibrillator – Cllrs agreed make and model and to use the same supplier as previously. Order to be placed by Cllr Amanda McConnell, who will provide details to Cllr Zoe Hewer of qualified electrician used previously.
- Draethen Sign – position agreed with CCBC. Highways approved contractors need to be used for works.
- Renewable Roadmap – 20 houses are engaging with the Energy Assessment Project. Chair Lee Cecil has had agreement for any spare funds to be put towards CCTV for Rudry and also to help upgrade CCTV at Rudry Parish Hall.
- Off Road Biking – Cllr Chris Morgan to discuss boundary security with CCBC for the land owned by them.

I. Planning Applications 24/0896/FULL (plus ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) and 24/0924/FULL both noted.

J. +Exclusion of Press and Public

None

Next Meeting

The Council is expected to set its next Council meeting for 6.00 pm on Tuesday 25 February 2025 at Rudry Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

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

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