



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 29th April 2025, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hower and Myra Osborn (Clerk).

Cllr Phil Rosser attended remotely.

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Cllr Kev Ingram

B. Police Update

- Cllr Lee Cecil gave an update that meetings are planned with The Police and Crime Commissioner Jane Mudd, followed by a meeting with Inspector Becky Williams. The aim is to strengthen communication and partnerships with Gwent Police.
- A recent car theft was recorded on DWR CCTV. The footage was provided to the local 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 25th March 2025 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

Cllr Phil Rosser had consulted Cllr Lee Cecil about his potential resignation due to health concerns. Following further discussion at the meeting, Cllr Rosser decided to remain and participate remotely. All councillors supported this decision and expressed their gratitude.

The latest Three Bridges meeting had been constructive, with discussions on the availability of river level data across various locations. Steps are being developed to use this information effectively.

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G. Clerk's Report

- Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.
- Audit Wales has been provided with the Cash Book for 2023/24 and 2024/25 to 21st March 2025, as well as information regarding the CCTV Project and the Power used for it.
- 2024/25 Audit Notice has been received, a basic audit is required for 2024/25.
- The first instalment of the 2025/26 precept has been received.
- A thank you letter has been received from Wales Air Ambulance for the donation received.
- Request for copies of various documents – pending until time allows.
- Outstanding watering invoice –VAT invoice received; payment made.
- Clerk Myra Osborn announced her resignation but confirmed she will oversee the May AGM and Ordinary meeting. Cllrs expressed their gratitude for her contributions and wished her success in her new venture.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones informed the meeting that after a significant rubbish dump near Waterloo Bridge, CCBC responded swiftly to clear the waste and restore the area. Councillors agreed to send a letter of appreciation to CCBC for their prompt action.

H. Current Projects

- Bench in Waterloo – Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones is progressing contact with landowner. He noted that authorisation from the landowner is required for insurance purposes. A local landowner is to be approached for a possible alternative site for the bench.
- Christmas Lights – Cllrs discussed possible placing of Christmas Lights in Waterloo and Rudry. Cllrs Rob Heaton-Jones and Cllr Zoe Hewer will research options.
- Antisocial behaviour – discussion took place. Awareness is being raised locally regarding the importance of reporting incidents to the Police.
- Defibrillators – Cllr Amanda McConnell is researching costs and contracts to ensure best value.
- Rudry Summer Fete. – Cllr Zoe Hewer advised on progress with planning for 30th August 2025. Cllrs resolved to provide a donation towards the Fete, amount to be decided.
- Village Planters – Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that a cost of £150 per planter for summer blooms had been provided. Cllrs resolved to agree this. • Draethen Village Sign – Cllr Chris Morgan to speak to CCBC about the installation.

I. Planning Applications 25/0187/HH, 25/0195/HH, 25/0182/HH noted.

J. 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.

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