

Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry Community Council Rudry Parish Hall Rudry Caerphilly

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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 6.30 pm on 28th May 2025, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, PCSO Ellie Morgan, PCSO Sarah Barbour and Myra Osborn (Clerk)

Cllr Amanda McConnell attended remotely

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Chris Morgan, Cllr Phil Rosser

B. Police Update

- PCSO Ellie Morgan provided an update on recent activity in the area.
- Discussion took place regarding the Off Road Project. It was noted that any reports to police would benefit from providing the direction of travel and any description available.
- The Speedwatch Project was also discussed, with plans being put in place for action.
- 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 29th April 2025 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

- The Chair advised that a productive meeting had been held with Police Inspector Rebecca Williams. A planned meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Jane Mudd, is being re-arranged.
- The Chair also reported that he had donated the Chair's Gift Allowance to the 'Save The Hollybush' fund.

 Cllr Amanda McConnell reported that a UK Government funded 'Cleaning and Greening' Project is planned to enhance CCBC and asked for suggestions for projects (including weeding / painting of railings and fencing / litter picking) to be identified.

G. Clerk's Report

- Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.
- Audit Wales has asked for information to assist them in retrieving documents required to enable the 2022/23 audit to continue.
- The external Auditor has been engaged for the 2024/25 year. Documents to be provided as soon as possible.
 Request for copies of various documents – pending until time allows.

H. Current Projects

- Bench in Waterloo Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones is still trying to contact the landowner but is also researching alternative land for placement of a bench. He will provide photos to Cllr Amanda McConell so she can research ownership.
- Christmas Lights Cllr Zoe Hewer reported that plans are progressing, with the supplier and an engineer due to make a site visit and costs to be identified.
- Antisocial behaviour / Speedwatch discussion took place with Police at start of meeting.
- Defibrillators Cllr Amanda McConnell is continuing research of costs and contracts to ensure best value.
- Rudry Summer Fete. Cllr Zoe Hewer advised that plans are progressing well.
 Draethen Village Sign Cllr Chris Morgan to speak to CCBC about the installation.
- I. Planning Applications 25/0287/TPO 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.