



**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 June 2025, are published here**

**Present:**

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hwer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, PCSO Ellie Morgan, PCSO Rhiannon Collins, Myra Osborn (Temp.Clerk) and Jessica Thomas

Cllr Phil Rosser attended remotely

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

**A. Apologies / Introductions**

Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Chris Morgan

**B. Police Update**

PCSOs Ellie Morgan and Rhiannon Collins provided an update on recent activity in the area. There had been a visit to Rhydri Primary School to give a talk on Stranger Awareness and County Lines Awareness.

**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 27 May 2025 were correct and they were duly signed by the Chair.

**F. Chair and County Members' Update**

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that a digital map of CCTVs has been provided to Caerphilly South Police Inspector Becky Williams.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones reported that he had attended the recent TCCLC liaison meeting. He commented that discussion had taken place regarding transition to possible new processes when Councils merge in 2027.

**G. Clerk's Report**

- a. Statement of transactions presented, agreed by Cllrs.

- b. CCBC has made a CIL payment, spending terms to be researched.
- c. Audit Wales has received some documents with regard to older years finances. Work is being carried out to retrieve further relevant files. Documents have been provided to the External Auditor for 2024-25.
- d. Request for copies of various documents – pending until time allows.

#### **H. Current Projects**

- a. Christmas Lights, Rudry – Cllr Zoe Hewer reported that plans are progressing, and that it may be beneficial for the Lights to become DWR CC Assets, to be considered further. The Supplier will liaise with CCBC regarding installation.
- b. Christmas Lights, Waterloo – Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that he has liaised with the Supplier regarding siting, costs etc.

It was agreed that Cllr Zoe Hewer would research the costs of power, lights and annual costs for both villages and bring these to a future meeting for discussion.

- c. Antisocial behaviour / Speedwatch – it was agreed that Cllr Kevin Stanworth will liaise with Cllr Chris Morgan to check progress regarding CCBC providing secure fencing to the land owned by it. All agreed that stakeholders need to work together to facilitate progress. Cllr Lee Cecil will raise the issue at a future meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- d. Rudry Summer Fete – Cllr Zoe Hewer advised that plans are progressing well, a request will be made to the Council for a donation towards prizes.
- e. Draethen Village Sign – Cllr Lee Cecil has spoken to CCBC, who advised the installation will be progressed.

#### **I. Items for Discussion**

The Cleaning and Greening Scheme by CCBC was discussed. Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones suggested an unmaintained area of Highway verge in Waterloo for planting of wildflowers. All agreed that wildflowers on verges would enhance the villages. Cllr Lee Cecil will liaise with Cllr Amanda McConnell.

#### **J. Planning Applications**

Cllrs requested a letter of support be sent for 25/0287/TPO be sent.

#### **K. Exclusion of Press and Public**

None

#### **L. Exempt Items**

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.

