



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 on Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 6.00pm, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Kevin Stanworth, Jessica Thomas (Clerk) and Myra Osborn

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting for Cllr Zoe Hewer and Cllr Chris Morgan. Cllr Amanda McConnell had hoped to attend remotely, however was unable to be present and sent her apologies also.

B. Police Update

Police were not in attendance.

C. Declarations of Interest None.

D. Residents' Addresses None.

E. Minutes and matters arising

The Council has agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 June 2025 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones requested that the discussion on wildflowers be updated on future minutes to include daffodils for clarification.

F. Chair and County Members' Update None.

G. Clerk's Report

- a. Statement of transactions has been presented and agreed by all Councillors.
- b. Confirmed that the audit documents have been approved – signed by the Chair.

H. Current Projects

a. Benches Replacement

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that there has been no progression at this stage. Multiple locations have been considered and enquiries made, but to no avail. Cllr Lee Cecil informed Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones that he has a potential contact who may be able to offer an alternative site for the bench.

b. Anti-Social Behaviour, Off-Road Biking Deterrent and Traffic Calming

Cllr Lee Cecil and Cllr Dave Schofield (Michaelston Y Fedw Councillor) met with Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner, PCC Jane Mudd, to discuss off-roading strategies. Police are aware of CCTV locations.

Concerns regarding off-road biking were discussed, PCC Jane Mudd confirmed that the Chief Constable is implementing measures for deterring this activity, such as the use of drones.

Cllr Lee Cecil also advised of discussions with Cllr John Harris of Newport City Council regarding traffic calming measures and speed awareness initiatives such as:

- double yellow lines
- advance warning of 20MPH area
- hedge trimming to improve visibility;

PCC Jane Mudd shared her support of this to Cllr Lee Cecil.

Cllr Lee Cecil noted that Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Chris Morgan recently held a police surgery which was well attended.

Cllr Amanda McConnell attended a Gwent Police and Crime Panel meeting as an observer and is currently awaiting Home Office clearance to become a panel member.

Cllr Kevin Stanworth asked that Cllr Chris Morgan check for progress regarding CCBC providing secure fencing to the land owned by it.

c. Draethen Sign

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that the sign is in the Blackwood depot and the timescale for installation is 14 to 42 days.

d. Defibrillator Supplies and Contracts

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones confirmed he is registered for the Waterloo and Draethen defibrillators and suggested adding the Clerk as a secondary email. Cllr Amanda McConnell and Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones will liaise regarding contract renewals for Waterloo and Draethen defibrillators.

e. Rudry & Waterloo Christmas Lights

Cllr Zoe Hewer had sent over costings in advance of the meeting. Cllr Lee Cecil suggested a reconsideration on price be requested from the supplier. Jessica

(Clerk) will liaise with Cllr Zoe Hewer on this. Cllr Kev Ingram advised as this was the first quotation, further quotations should be obtained if possible.

I. Items for Discussion

a. Community Infrastructure Levy

Councillors agreed that a project will be decided upon, but there is no need to rush a decision as they have up to five years to allocate the funds.

b. Wildflower & Daffodil Planting

Cllr Kevin Stanworth suggested planting should focus on widened verges and village islands. He also advised that professional advice and testing of soil would ensure a higher success rate of the planting. Cllr Kevin Stanworth will make contact with CCBC to assess their planting success rate to narrow down a suitable wildflower mix and also explore additional suppliers for daffodils.

c. Machen Show

Cllr Kevin Stanworth expressed thanks on behalf of the Machen Show committee for the support received from DWR and BTM Community Councils.

J. Planning Applications 25/0471/CLEU - Noted.

K. Exclusion of Press and Public None.

L. Exempt Items None.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm. Full minutes when agreed and signed will be on the Council's website as soon as possible.

The next meeting is agreed for Tuesday, 30 September 2025, 6.00pm at Rudry Parish Hall.