

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 on Monday, 08 September 2025 at 5.30pm, are published here

Extraordinary Meeting Early Minutes

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Jessica Thomas (Clerk)

Chair, Cllr Lee Cecil, led the meeting that commenced at 5.30pm

A. Apologies / Introductions

Apologies received in advance of the meeting for Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan and Cllr Phil Rosser

B. Declarations of Interest

None.

C. Christmas Lights for Christmas 2025 in Rudry & Waterloo

Cllr Lee Cecil outlined the benefits that Christmas lights would bring to the community and thanked Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones and Cllr Zoe Hewer for leading on the project. Cllr Lee Cecil confirmed that, due to efforts made to reduce costs to DWRCC, funds are available to support the duration of this contract. It was also noted that, although apologies had been received, Cllr Amanda McConnell, Cllr Chris Morgan and Cllr Phil Rosser have expressed their support for the decision via email correspondence. Cllr Lee Cecil invited any questions or feedback.

Cllr Zoe Hewer reported that community feedback suggested Christmas lights were highly anticipated by the villages and highlighted the positive impact that other recent projects have already made on the community. Cllr Zoe Hewer reiterated the positive impact the Christmas lights will have on the community.

Cllr Kev Ingram clarified that evidence of attempts to obtain additional quotes should be retained, despite no further responses being received.

All councillors were unanimous in their support of the decision to proceed with this project.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm

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