



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, 28 October 2025 at 6.00pm, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hower, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Phil Rosser, Cllr Kevin Stanworth and Jessica Thomas (Clerk). Cllr Amanda McConnell attended remotely.

PCSO515 Ellie Morgan was also in attendance.

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

None.

B. Police Update

PCSO Ellie Morgan gave an update on reports in the local area. There were no reports of anti-social behaviour in October, and none of the calls received related to criminal activity. PCSO Ellie Morgan will be on duty during Halloween and will patrol to help ensure ASB reports remain low. The same protocol will be followed for bonfire night with patrols carried out alongside the fire service.

Police surgeries have proven helpful in addressing concerns which were not reported via 101. These will continue, with Councillor participation. Cllr Lee Cecil noted ongoing difficulties in obtaining Councillor participation from Newport City Council for the areas which cross into Newport County.

"No caller" signs for Halloween have already been delivered to residents who requested them and are still available for residents on request.

In relation to speed awareness, PCSO Ellie Morgan has confirmed with her manager and PCSOs are permitted to carry out their own speed checks in lower-speed areas. PCSO Ellie Morgan will receive training to support this.

PCSO Ellie Morgan advised of a new alert system, Neighbourhood Alerts, which allows local residents to receive updates about reports in the area via text message.

C. Declarations of Interest

None.

D. Minutes and matters arising

The Council has agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 September 2025 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

E. Chair and County Members' Update

None.

F. Clerk's Report

- a. The statement of transactions was presented and agreed by all Councillors.
- b. New clerk training has been booked for February 2026.

G. Current Projects

- a. Benches Replacement
Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised he is awaiting a decision from Machen Land Ltd.
- b. Anti-Social Behaviour, Off-Road Biking Deterrent and Traffic Calming
Cllr Lee Cecil reported that he and Dave Schofield of Michaelston-y-Fedw will be attending a meeting on Thursday 30, October with Inspector Laura Paget of the Community Action Team.
- c. Defibrillator Supplies & Contracts
It was agreed that the defibrillator, previously located at Rudry Primary School, should be relocated to Cllr Kevin Stanworth's business premises, as adding this location would serve a wider area of the community. All Councillors supported this decision.

Cllr Amanda McConnell will provide the clerk with details of the electrician used for the installation, along with the supplier of the outdoor cabinet required for the relocation.

The clerk advised that there is currently no update regarding the contract transfer from the previous supplier. Cllr Lee Cecil proposed that if no update is received by next month, we will proceed with the contract move.

Cllr Amanda McConnell will provide information to the clerk to arrange defibrillator training for local residents, to help increase confidence in using the device, if needed.

- d. Wildflowers, Daffodils & Tête-à-tête
Remains on-hold until January 2026.

H. Items for Discussion

a. Go Safe / Speed Awareness

Cllr Zoe Hewer reiterated that community efforts to address the speeding have not been effective. The residents were instead met with hostility from drivers, including offensive gestures, which may be due to the lack of formal consequences associated with these efforts.

Cllr Lee Cecil will raise these concerns with Inspector Laura Padgett. GoSafe have advised that they are unable to intervene until there has been a fatality. Cllr Lee Cecil will also discuss the use of our CCTV system, which captures data of non-compliant vehicles, and explore what action can be taken using this intelligence.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones reported that he has previously spoken with Tanya Swarbrick of Highways at CCBC and was informed that signage can only be ordered and installed by CCBC.

Cllr Amanda McConnell had advised CCBC will be painting 20 MPH road markings on the road surface before and after the bridge in Draethen.

b. Beach/Draethen Land ASB

Cllr Lee Cecil will raise concerns regarding anti-social behaviour at this location during the upcoming meeting with Inspector Laura Paget. Cllr Lee Cecil also asked Cllr Amanda McConnell to speak with Cllr Yvonne Forsey to encourage attendance from Newport City Council.

c. Christmas Lights

Cllr Zoe Hewer confirmed that there will be a switch on event for the community on Saturday 29, November with Santa's grotto, mince pies and mulled wine.

d. CIL – Santa Sleigh

Cllr Kev Ingram advised that the cost for an industrial battery charger for the Santa Sleigh would be £425 +VAT. All Councillors agreed.

e. Lamp Post Poppies

All Poppies have been installed on lampposts throughout the villages by Cllr Lee Cecil and Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones.

f. Sponsorship / Donations

Cllr Kevin Stanworth raised concerns about the recent email which suggested the Machen Show may not go ahead next year. He clarified that this was misleading and projecting the wrong message. The sponsorship request was unrelated to the Machen Show, it was for the Point to Point event.

The Point to Point will take place on Sunday 9, November and then again in April. A sponsorship of £150 will be made. All Councillors agreed.

A request was made for a donation to the Wales Air Ambulance Charity. A donation of £500 will be made. All Councillors agreed.

A request was submitted by Laura Green (Community Engagement Office to Hefin David MS) and the Sparrows ALN group, seeking support to fund a bench in memory of Hefin David MS. It will be sited at Trinity Fields School, where he was a Governor. As DWRCC are a non-political community council, it was agreed by all Councillors that Hefin David MS had a lot of support locally and made contributions to the community. His political affiliation was therefore not considered relevant. A donation of £100 will be made. All Councillors agreed.

g. Budget Report – Q2

Cllr Lee Cecil shared the current budget spend and confirmed that DWRCC remains within budget. It was agreed that no amendments are required to be made to the budget at this time.

I. Planning Applications

25/0661/FULL- Land Adjacent To Rhyd-y-gwern Farm Rhyd Y Gwern Lane

Cllr Amanda McConnell declared an interest and advised she would need to be excluded from this discussion as she is on the planning committee.

Councillors will consider the application. Cllr Lee Cecil requested that concerns should be emailed to the clerk within 7 days of the meeting.

J. Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

K. Exempt Items

None.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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