



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, 25 November 2025 at 6.00pm, are published here

Present:

Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hower, Cllr Kev Ingram & Jessica Thomas (Clerk). Cllr Amanda McConnell attended remotely.

PCSO Sarah Barbour was also in attendance.

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

A. Apologies / Introductions

Apologies were received for Cllr Phil Rosser & Cllr Kevin Stanworth.

B. Police Update

PCSO Sarah Barbour advised reports of anti-social behaviour have decreased during November to zero. October saw three reports, likely linked to Halloween and Bonfire Night. This marks an overall reduction compared to the same period in 2024. The Neighbourhood Alerts system has already seen positive results. Police patrols remain active in the area, particularly due to the lanes being used as a "rat-run" between Cardiff and Caerphilly.

Cllr Lee Cecil informed PCSO Sarah Barbour that there may be potential for our CCTV system to support local policing. He has a meeting with Richard Tovey on Wednesday 26th November to discuss the speeding concerns. He has also advised that GoSafe have been contacted to provide support with this but have only provided generic responses with no offer of direct support.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones raised concerns about recent incidents in Waterloo, where e-bikes have been seen riding through the village between 2am and 3am, trying door handles. PCSO Sarah Barbour noted this and will follow up with additional patrols in the area.

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, 28 October 2025 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

None.

G. Clerk's Report

- a. Statement of transactions has been presented and agreed by all Councillors.
- b. The training log has been updated to include:
 - Biodiversity Section 6 Reporting – Completed by the Clerk.
 - Biodiversity Part 1 – To be completed by Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones.

H. Current Projects

- a. Benches Replacement
Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones reported that there has been no further update. If no contact is received by the January meeting, he will look for an alternative location. He also advised that there is a drainage problem on this site which is causing flooding and affecting residents of Waterloo. Cllr Amanda McConnell advised she will make investigations relating to this and will update Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones.
- b. Anti-Social Behaviour, Off-Road Biking Deterrent and Traffic Calming
This matter will also be discussed at Cllr Lee Cecil's meeting with Richard Tovey. Off-roading activity has been noticeably quieter in the area.
- c. Defibrillator Supplies & Contracts
The quotations for both the cabinet and the installation of the defibrillator have been approved by all councillors. Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones noted that new pads will be required for the defibrillator and that the current battery is at half-life.
- d. Wildflowers, Daffodils & Tête-à-tête
Remains on-hold until January 2026.

I. Items for Discussion

- a. Go Safe / Speed Awareness
Cllr Lee Cecil will discuss this in his meeting with Richard Tovey. Cllr Zoe Hower highlighted that the "rat-run" is through a populated area which poses a safety

risk to local residents and that Go Safe should take more proactive action in response.

b. Beach/Draethen Land ASB

Cllr Lee Cecil will also be discussing this at the meeting with Richard Tovey. The police Surgery to discuss issues, such as this, will be arranged for January.

c. Christmas Lights

All Christmas Lights have now been installed in both Waterloo & Rudry. Cllr Zoe Hwer has organised a switch-on event in Rudry for Saturday 29th November with the tree lights scheduled to come on at 6.15pm. The event will feature the BTM Brass Band, Santa's grotto, mulled wine, mince pies and a performance by the band that played at the Christmas Lights fundraiser.

d. Dog Fouling – Waterloo

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones contacted CCBC following reports of dog fouling. CCBC responded promptly, arrange a clean-up, and installed a dog waste bin. Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones noted that this appears to have resolved this issue.

J. Planning Applications

25/0768/HH - 2 The Meadows Machen - Noted

K. Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

L. Exempt Items

None.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

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