



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Tuesday, 31 March 2026 at 6.00pm**

The meeting was held as a 'hybrid meeting', thus it was open as an in-person, indoors meeting at Rudry Parish Hall and available by prior request to the Clerk as a remote virtual meeting.

Present:

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

PCSO Ellie Morgan was also in attendance.

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

1) Apologies / Introductions

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting for Cllr Zoe Hewer.

2) Police Update

PCSO Ellie Morgan gave an update. There have been 5 recorded calls which related to wild horses, a neighbour dispute and off-road bike sightings. There were no reports for anti-social behaviour. There was no significant change to the same period last year.

Patrols are ongoing in the area with vehicles being stopped, checked and moved along through the lanes. The speed gun is currently being calibrated and will be in use during April. Reassurance visits have been carried out and more sign-ups to the neighbourhood alerts. PCSO Ellie Morgan has been in contact with rural crime regarding the wild horses. Cllr Kevin Stanworth advised that trading standards have been in contact attempting to locate the landowner.

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that following a discussion with Inspector Richard Tovey, there are plans to hold a meeting with Rural Crimes in Michaelston-y-Fedw. Full details to be confirmed.

3) Declarations of Interest

None.

4) Minutes and matters arising

The Council has agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 February 2026 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

Cllr Lee Cecil reported that he recently met with National Resources Wales following a report from a local fisherman regarding a sewerage leak. There were no sightings at the time of the meeting. National Resources Wales will remain in contact until further details are obtained regarding the exact location of the issue.

Cllr Lee Cecil also informed councillors that a bench and bin previously located at the park in Draethen were removed during works and were not reinstated afterwards. Caerphilly Council have been asked to locate these items, and updates will be provided once their status is confirmed.

5) Chair and County Members' Update

None.

6) Clerk's Report

- a. Statement of transactions has been presented and agreed by all Councillors.

7) Current Projects

- a. ASB / Off road biking deterrent / Traffic calming / Safe Routes in Communities / Speed Watch

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that he has recently discussed the ongoing issues of traffic volume and speeding through Rudry with Inspector Richard Tovey. As peak morning traffic occurs between 7am and 9am, arrangements will be made to meet on site at approximately 8am to assess the extent of the problem during the busiest period. Cllr Lee Cecil also received reassurance from Inspector Richard Tovey that Gwent Police will be trained and have access to DWRCC CCTV to enable them to be the witness, not an individual. Thus, negating any individual harassment of councillors.

- b. Defibrillator Supplies & Contracts

Cllr Kevin Stanworth advised that the battery has not been received as of yet. This will be chased up. Cllr Amanda McConnell has asked to be informed once the defibrillator goes live on the circuit.

Dates have been suggested for defibrillator training, however, there has been limited interest in this. Cllr Kevin Stanworth suggested that a sign is created to be put up locally to generate interest.

- c. Wildflowers, Daffodils & Tête-à-tête

Wildflower seeds have been received. Cllr Kevin Stanworth will arrange for his contact to conduct Google map searches to give advice on the types of seeds to be sown in each location, depending on soil conditions.

8) Items for Discussion

- a. Go Safe / Speed Awareness

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that three black boxes have now been deployed around Draethen. The data collected indicates that the average speed does not exceed the legal limit. The speed gun will be more effective in identifying and educating the individuals who are exceeding the limit, providing a more targeted approach to addressing the issue.

- b. Beach / Draethen Land ASB

Cllr Lee Cecil is liaising with Richard Tovey on this matter, and plans are in place for dealing with issues as they arise. PCSO Ellie Morgan advised that they have already started additional patrols at The Beach.

- c. Insurance Renewal

All councillors agreed to proceed with the insurance quotation.

- d. Bench in Rudry

Cllr Lee Cecil advised that the plan is for the bench to be refurbished. Cllr Kev Ingram noted that Caerphilly Council's position is that benches should be replaced by their approved contractor. Cllr Lee Cecil expressed the view that refurbishment would be a more cost-effective option and confirmed he would address any concerns raised by Caerphilly Council in the future. Councillors agreed to proceed with refurbishment.

- e. OVW Membership Renewal

All councillors agreed to the cost of membership renewal.

f. Training Expenses

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones has requested to take part in training for Nature Project Management. All councillors agreed to the cost.

Jessica Thomas (Clerk) has requested to complete the ILCA course. All councillors agreed to the cost.

g. Community Flower Tiers

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that the usual supplier who does the flower tiers is unavailable at present. Cllr Kevin Stanworth will liaise with Cllr Zoe Hewer to find a suitable community member to do these.

9) Planning Applications

26/0097/NOTAF – Land at Ty Gawla Isaf To Rhymney River Cefn Mably – NOTED

26/0140/CLEU – Pantglas Farm Cefn-onn Farm Lane Rudry Caerphilly CF83 3EJ – NOTED

24/0896/FULL – Ruperra Castle Estate Rudry Road To Craig Llan – NOTED

10) Biodiversity

Wildflower seeds have been received and will be planted.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones will be taking part in Nature Project Management - Module 27 training course which will benefit biodiversity in the local community.

11) Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

12) Exempt Items

None.

The next meeting is agreed for Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 6.00pm at Rudry Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed:

Date:
