



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 April 2026 at 6.00pm, are published here

Present:

Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram and Jessica Thomas (Clerk). Cllr Amanda McConnell attended remotely.

PCSO Ellie Morgan was also present.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

A. Elect a Councillor to chair this meeting (due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair)

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, members elected Cllr Zoe Hewer to chair the meeting.

B. Apologies / Introductions

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting for Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Phil Rosser and Cllr Kevin Stanworth.

C. Police Update

PCSO Ellie Morgan provided an update for the local area. Recorded calls for April 2026 related to off-road biking, a horse and a broken-down vehicle. There was a decrease in these calls compared with the same period in 2025, and no reports of anti-social behaviour were received. Patrols continue with both marked and unmarked vehicles as a deterrent to unwelcome behaviour.

PCSOs have been monitoring vehicle speeds using the speed gun and have identified instances of vehicles exceeding the limit. Cllr Zoe Hewer noted that the dates on which the speed gun was used coincided with Easter and a day where the road to Cardiff Gate was closed. PCSO Ellie Morgan confirmed that further checks will be undertaken during the week and body cameras will be used during these checks. It was also reported a positive outcome from the recent checks and monitoring will continue.

D. Declarations of Interest

None.

E. Minutes and matters arising

The Council has agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

F. Chair and County Members' Update

None.

G. Clerk's Report

- a. The clerk advised that the Council is subject to a full audit this year. An internal auditor will be instructed, and the draft Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement will be circulated to Councillors for review.
- b. Statement of transactions has been presented and agreed by all Councillors.

H. Current Projects

- a. ASB / Off road biking deterrent / Traffic calming / Safe Routes in Communities / Speed Watch
These matters were covered within the police update. Cllr Lee Cecil continues to liaise with Inspector Richard Tovey on these issues, and no further matters were raised.
- b. Defibrillator Supplies & Contracts
Cllr Zoe Hewer advised that she has a contact who can provide defibrillator awareness sessions at a cost of £8 per person, noting that at this price certificates would not be included. Cllr Zoe Hewer will arrange for the hall hire to be donated as it is a session for the community.

Cllr Zoe Hewer advised of an issue with the defibrillator located at Rudry Parish Hall, noting that a new battery would be required. Cllr Amanda McConnell will attend to check whether the unit requires resetting. All agreed to order a replacement battery.
- c. Wildflowers, Daffodils & Tête-à-tête
Wildflower seeds have now been sown.

I. Items for Discussion

- a. Go Safe / Speed Awareness
Cllr Lee Cecil continues to liaise with Inspector Richard Tovey on this issue, and no further matters were raised.

- b. Beach / Draethen Land ASB
Cllr Lee Cecil continues to liaise with Inspector Richard Tovey on this issue in preparation for the summer months, and no further matters were raised.
- c. Membership renewal – ICO
All agreed to proceed with renewal.
- d. Members allowances payment for 2026/27
The clerk will contact members to confirm who wishes to claim the Members' Allowance for 2026/27.
- e. CCBC Play Sufficiency Team
Cllr Kev Ingram has advised that the Play Sufficiency Team is looking to hold a Play session and will require funding. The cost is £90. All agreed that this would be beneficial for the community. Cllr Zoe Hewer added that she could arrange for the hall hire to be donated. Cllr Kev Ingram will liaise with CCBC Play Sufficiency Team.

J. Planning Applications

26/0235/HH- Woodland Cottage Cwmnofydd Farm Lane - Noted
26/0239/OUT- Land at Hazelwood Waterloo Lane - Noted

K. Biodiversity

Wildflower seeds have been sown at the designated sites, and we look forward to observing the development of the areas over the coming months.

L. Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

M. Exempt Items

None.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

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