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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 Tuesday, 27 October 2026 at 6.00pm, are published here

Present:
Cllr Lee Cecil, Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones, Cllr Zoe Hewer, Cllr Kev Ingram, Cllr Amanda McConnell and Jessica Thomas (Clerk)

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

A. Apologies / Introductions
Apologies were received in advance of the meeting for Cllr Phil Rosser and Cllr Kevin Stanworth. Cllr Amanda McConnell attended remotely.

B. Police Update
None in attendance.

C. Declarations of Interest
None.

D. Minutes and matters arising
The Council has agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29 September 2026 were correct, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

E. Chair and County Members' Update
None.

F. Clerk's Report
a. Statement of transactions has been presented and agreed by all Councillors.

G. Current Projects
a. ASB / Off road biking deterrent / Traffic calming / Safe Routes in Communities / Speed Watch
Ongoing

b. Renewals
Cllr Lee Cecil met with Warm Wales and learned of a £17m renewable fund, including £4m for rural areas. He also mentioned the sharp increase in oil costs for off-grid properties has affected local residents. He awaits a response from

Ben Winstanley, CCBC's Director of Assets and Decarbonisation, and asked the clerk to follow up on Friday.

H. Items for Discussion

a. Barrier in Rudry Quote
The quote for removal and disposal of the barrier was £200. Councillors decided to put this on hold while we await the response from CCBC following concerns raised by a local resident on the removal of this.

b. Festive Lighting for Waterloo
Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones has been in discussion with James Leahy from CCBC Parks and awaits approval for the installation of a Christmas Tree. Councillors decided that the previous quote for lights should now be approved as there has been a saving on the invoice for removal of festive lighting in Waterloo. All agreed to focus on getting the tree in place for this year and add the tree lights next year due to time constraints. Councillors decided to agree a small budget of £200 for decorations for the tree to ensure Waterloo retain festive decorations in the village and £100 for the cost of a tree.

c. Invoice for Festive Lighting 2026
The invoice has now been reduced to reflect the removal of lights in Waterloo. All agreed.

d. Energy Supplier for Festive Lighting
Conrad Energy are the only energy provider willing to supply us due to the small usage. All agreed to proceed.

e. Point to Point Sponsorship
£200 sponsorship package. All agreed.

f. Budget Monitoring Q2
The report was shared prior to the meeting, and all Councillors agreed it was as expected.

g. Funding contribution for the Rudry Parish Hall lunch club
Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that the afternoon club currently provide a social gathering to support the wellbeing of local residents at a small cost of £5 which includes lunch. This currently benefits around 50 attendees. The organisers are now required to complete an NVQ Level 2 Food Hygiene course to continue providing the lunch at a cost of £216. As they are self-funded, they would be required to increase the charge to cover this. Councillors agreed that as the afternoon club benefits the health and wellbeing of local residents, the community council would fund the cost of the Food Hygiene course.

I. Planning Applications

26/0649/HH- Graig View Cottage The Row – Noted
26/0556/COU- Derwen Fferm Twyn Sych Farm Lane – Noted

J. Biodiversity

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones attended Caerphilly Local Nature Partnership as a representative for DWRCC.

K. Exclusion of Press and Public
None.

L. Exempt Items
None.

M. Any Other Business (For Information Only)
Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised the poppies have been put up in Waterloo and he will be putting them up in Rudry on Wednesday. Cllr Lee Cecil confirmed he will be putting the poppies up in Draethen. He also confirmed that the wreaths have been purchased ready for remembrance day.

Cllr Lee Cecil asked all Councillors to put forward their suggestions for projects in the villages to the clerk to ensure the community benefit from funds held by DWRCC.

Cllr Rob Heaton-Jones advised that there are issues with flooding in Waterloo due to the culvert being blocked by debris. He informed Councillors that Total Energy are expecting work to commence in November. Cllr Amanda McConnell confirmed that the date has now been given for 9th November and is due to continue for 1 month.

The clerk advised that we had not purchased pads for the defibrillator at Branch Cottages as it is noted that they should remain in date until November 2028. Cllr Kevin Stanworth was advised and will confirm if this is the case.

The meeting closed at 18.45pm

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