

# Skenfrith Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Ynysgynwraidd

### Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Cross Ash, on Monday, 16 March 2026 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs D Hughes Jones, A Phillips, V Diamond, S Dickins and County Cllr I Chandler

Clerk: C Arvanitis

**Also present:** Alan Elkins and Roland Close

Resident Roland Close raised issue of Skenfrith flooding and asked whether the Community Council would consider making a financial contribution toward the required works.

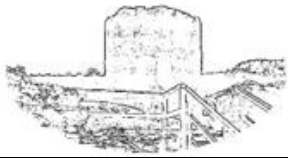
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26	406	<b>Apologies for absence</b> -Cllr J Beavan -Alan Elkins was co-opted onto the Council following an interview and vote.	CA
26	407	<b>Declarations of interest</b> -None.	
26	408	<b>Police report</b> -04/02/26 – Report of suspicious vehicle at The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Course, the vehicle may have been involved in poaching deer. -22/02/26 – Report received of youths travelling along the B4347 on off-road bikes. Officers attended but did not come across the youths. -24/02/26 – Report of an abandoned vehicle on the grounds of The Rolls of Monmouth golf course. -Clerk to invite PCSO to attend a forthcoming meeting.	CA
26	409	<b>County Council report</b> -The County Council budget for 2026-27 has been passed, including additional money for pothole repairs. -The County Council will be investigating various methods of road maintenance to see which is most effective and durable.	
26	410	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2026</b> Approved and duly signed.	
26	411	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 16 February 2026</b> -Cllr Elkins to check who owns land around Cross Ash Hall (with potential community activities in mind). -Clerk to check when Cross Ash school parking meeting taking place.	AE, CA
26	412	<b>Planning applications</b> -None	
26	413	<b>Planning decisions</b> DM/2026/00113, Land to south-west of Llanover, Llanvetherine, some TPO trees in the compartment where harvesting works proposed. No proposed works on trees subject to the TPOs. Site will be appropriately managed by competent individual to ensure buffer zones of the TPOs are enforced to ensure they are not directly affected – approved.	



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26	415	<p><b>Cross Ash School parking</b></p> <p>-Clerk reported that currently there are no parking restrictions at the school that would allow civil enforcement. However, if parking is considered dangerous and obstructive sometimes, it can be reported to the police or MCC’s traffic team.</p>																																																										
26	416	<p><b>Clerk’s report</b></p> <p>-The clerk presented a draft mission statement and aims for approval.</p> <p>-The clerk presented a list of projects other small community councils had implemented in recent years.</p>	CA																																																									



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		-The Council agreed to adhere to the current meeting schedule in 2026-27.	
26	417	<b>Other reports</b> -Cllr Hughes Jones and the clerk attended a community flood meeting in Skenfrith.	
26	418	<b>Correspondence</b> -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 11th March - 17th March 2026 -MCC, Media Release: Monmouthshire County Council confirms outcome focused budget through Full Council -OVW, IMPORTANT FW: Publication of the Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27 -FW: Cross Ash Village Hall Newsletter February 2026 -County Cllr Ian Chandler, FW: Storm Claudia Section 19 Flood Report - Survey	
26	419	<b>Highway matters</b> -Cross Ash Farm to Great Llanllwydd, potholes all along lane. -The general state of potholes in the area has been reported to Monmouthshire County Council and referred to the Area Superintendent.	CA
26	420	<b>Urgent items (for next meeting)</b> None	
26	421	<b>Date of next meeting</b> -20 April 2026, 7.30pm, Skenfrith village hall.	

Meeting closed 8.55pm