



# Skenfrith Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Ynysgynwraidd

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

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### What we do

Community Councils are made up of local people who give their time to work for, and on behalf of, their community.

Skenfrith Community Council (SCC) meets monthly, usually on the third Monday of every month (except August and December) at 7.30pm. We rotate between Cross Ash and Skenfrith village halls. The meetings last approximately 2 hours and are open to the public. Our chief responsibility is to make known the concerns of local people to Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) and other public bodies, for example the Police and Natural Resources Wales.

MCC has a duty to consult with SCC over local services such as planning and licencing applications.

In addition, SCC:

- Provides small grants for local organisations and projects.
- Owns and maintains notice boards.
- Owns and pays for the maintenance of Skenfrith war memorial.
- Consults with residents and makes recommendations on planning applications.
- Reports highway problems to MCC.
- Consults with MCC and the Police on issues of speed and road safety.

- Has a biodiversity plan.
  - Contributes towards local defibrillator maintenance.
  - Investigates resident enquiries and questions.
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## Chair's report

In 2024-25, we contributed to a number of projects around the area including support for our village halls, flood emergency measures for Skenfrith and provision of defibrillator maintenance and supplies collaborating with the Village Life project.

Councillors attended the Cross Ash Community Event and were involved in the defibrillator training at Cross Ash Village Hall.

We have tried to engage with residents by way of a survey, and we would encourage contact with the public via the website or attendance at our meetings.

We are grateful to Councillors Rockach and Dickins for their ongoing work on biodiversity.

Finally, we are looking for a new Councillor to join our team, so if you are interested, please contact the clerk.

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## What we cost 2024-25

We are funded by a precept from Monmouthshire County Council.

Expense	Spend
Admin	£4,296
Grants	£1,100
Flood emergency support	£771
Audits	£697
Hall hire	£350
Technical support	£276
Insurance	£224
Grass cutting	£126
Subscriptions	£119

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## Contacting Us

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