

# Skenfrith Community Council

Minutes of the October meeting held at The Village Hall, Cross Ash, on Monday, 15 January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hughes-Jones, A Phillips, J Beavan, K Rockach, S Dickens

Clerk: C Arvanitis

			Action
24	33	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr I Chandler	
24	34	<b>Declarations of interest</b> None	
24	35	<b>Police report</b> -03.12.23 Theft of construction vehicle in the Maypole area, enquiries ongoing. -05.12.23 Criminal damage to golf course turf by vehicle. -21.12.23 Tree down on B4347 between Skenfrith and Grosmont.	
24	36	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on 20 November 2023</b> Approved and duly signed.	
24	37	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 20 November 2023</b> -Resident engagement exercise to be tweaked and recirculated, online survey set up and pre-announced on the website and social media. Live survey to commence in February.	CA
24	38	<b>Planning applications</b> -DM/2023/01671, Yew Tree Farm, Great House Road, Bont, Llangattock, discharge of Condition 4 relating to planning (DM/2022/01701) – <b>further information to be circulated.</b>	CA
24	39	<b>Planning decisions</b> -DM/2023/01472, Wern Y Cwm, Wern-y-cwm Road, Llandewi, Skirrid, discharge of condition 4 (Soft landscape works), 5 (A schedule of landscape maintenance), 6 (Proposed storage Dutch-barn) and 7 (WSI) for planning decision DM/2023/01140 – approved. -DM/2023/00873, Plas-ifor Wood, B4521, Hill House to Trebella Farm Cross Ash, change of use and erection of mixed agricultural and stable building with improved access, refused.	
24	40	<b>Accounts for payment</b> -No payments this month	
24	41	<b>2024-25 precept and budget</b> -The budget was agreed and will be circulated. -It was agreed to request a precept of £13,500.	CA

24	42	<b>New Councillor appointment</b> -Volunteer from Cross Ash ward to be invited to next meeting.	CA
24	43	<b>Bio-diversity plan</b> -The bio-diversity plan developed by Cllrs Rockach, Dickens and Chandler was agreed and progress will be reviewed in April.	
24	44	<b>Clerk's report</b> -Details of the electoral register are available and will be sent to all councillors. -The Council has been chased for late payment of a litter bin invoice from MCC. A cheque was sent in November and receipt has been requested. -The previous clerk (L Taylor) has requested back pay of £170 to cover the increase in rates agreed by NALC. This was agreed. -It was agreed to continue purchasing Skenfrith war memorial grass cutting services from MCC in 2024/25. -Grant requests from Urdd and Hope Rescue were declined in order to retain funds for local charities. -It was agreed to consider Cross Ash Hall's request for funding in 2024/25.	CA
24	45	<b>Other reports</b> None.	CA
24	46	<b>Correspondence</b> -MCC, Jones A, Local Transport Plan Consultation -MCC, Local Nature, Monmouthshire LNP Autumn Newsletter 2023 -MCC, Keeble R, Local Transport Plan Consultation -MCC, Humber T, TTRO Consultation - 25th October - 31st October 2023 -MCC, Jones R, New Members wanted for Monmouthshire Local Access Forum -MCC, Humber T, TTRO Consultation - 10th - 16th January 2024 -MCC, Jones R, Media Release: Welsh Government set out provisional core funding for Monmouthshire County Council -OVW, New consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales -OVW, Community Speed Watch	
24	47	<b>Highway matters</b> -Potholes on no through road from Cross Ash farm to Little Llanllwyd and between the Skenfrith bridge and Maypole.	CA
24	48	<b>Urgent items (for next meeting)</b> -Response from Cadw on Skenfrith Castle parking.	
23	49	<b>Date of next meeting</b> 19 February, 2024, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall.	

Meeting closed 9.02pm