

Skenfrith Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Ynysgynwraidd

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Skenfrith, on Monday, 16 June 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hughes Jones, K Rockach, J Beavan, A Phillips and V Diamond, County Cllr I Chandler

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present: -

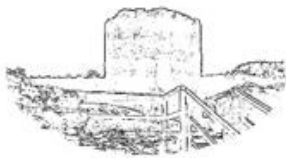
			Action										
25	285	Apologies for absence Cllr S Dickens											
25	286	Declarations of interest -None.											
25	287	Police report -03/05/25 – Report received of males poaching on the river at Skenfrith, officers attended but the males had moved on. -18/05/25 – Report received of a neighbour dispute in Penrhos. Officers attended and advised both parties. -22/05/25 – Report received of criminal damage to a vehicle, rear window smashed. Nothing reported as stolen. -Officer Watkins has indicated he can attend the Council’s October meeting – clerk to send over list of discussion areas.	CA										
25	288	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2024 Approved and duly signed.											
25	289	Matters arising from the meeting held on 19 May 2025 -Highways have indicated that streetlights are programmed to be on from dusk until dawn across Monmouthshire. -Skenfrith war memorial grass cuts occur 10 times a year at a total cost of £105. Clerk to check schedule. -Clerk to chase information on how to request a litter bin from MCC.	CA										
25	290	Planning applications -None											
25	291	Planning decisions -None											
25	292	Accounts for payment -Bank balance as of 27 May 2025 - £13,313.02 -The following payments were approved:	CA										
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		79	HMRC June	£62.20	LGA 1972 s112	Salary/payroll - HMRC	
		80	Clerk salary June	£249.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll - Clerk salary	
		81	Playworks Invoice 9992	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin - Playworks	
		82	Skenfrith village hall - hall booking 25-26	£50.00	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and office – hire of venues	
		83	Graham Boulton – internal audit June 25	£75.00	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and office – internal audit	
				£456.60			
25	293	Internal audit -The internal audit findings were summarised and the annual return was signed by the Chair. -Clerk to circulate.					CA
25	294	2025-26 budget -The 2025-26 budget was reviewed. -It was agreed for the clerk to purchase an external hard drive for security. -The grant of £400 to the Cross Ash PTFA was approved. -It was agreed to send grant application forms to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skenfrith and Cross Ask village halls. • The 5 churches / chapels in the area (for churchyard maintenance). • The Village Life project -Reserves to be used as contingency fund and to aid cash flow through the year.					CA
25	295	Biodiversity update -Deferred to July.					CA
25	296	Annual report -The draft annual report was approved (with some minor amends) and will be put on the website.					CA
25	297	Skenfrith family fun day -This will be held on Sunday 10 August between 12 and 4pm. -More volunteers are needed.					CA
25	298	Clerk's report -Meeting with Cross Ash school on parking, awaiting return of Head. Clerk to check if the meeting can be held prior to Head's return.					CA
25	299	Other reports -The telephone box in Skenfrith has been refurbished.					
25	300	Correspondence -MCC, Stakeholders invited to join the Marches Forward Partnership Board.					



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		-One Voice Wales, Agenda for Thursday 3 July 2025-One Voice Wales Monmouthshire and Newport - Annual Area Committee Meeting.	
25	301	Highway matters -Cross Ash Farm to Llanilwydd NP7 8PW, potholes all along road. -The Pant farm to Plas Ivor – potholes all along road. -The place name sign at Llanvetherine (coming in from Monmouth) needs replacing (damaged and taken away some time ago).	CA
25	302	Urgent items (for next meeting) -Skenfrith family fun day -Potential for placing gates at either end of villages in the area to aid speed reduction.	CA
25	303	Date of next meeting -21 July 2025, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall.	

Meeting closed 8.40pm