

# Skenfrith Community Council

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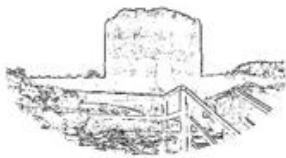
**Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Cross Ash, on Monday, 20 October 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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

Clerk: C Arvanitis

**Also present:** -

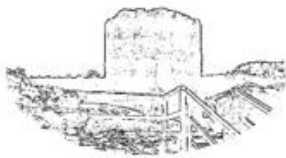
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25	339	<b>Apologies for absence</b> -The Clerk reported that Cllr Rockach had submitted her resignation from the Community Council with effect from 20.10.25. The Council noted the resignation and expressed thanks for Cllr Rockach's service.	
25	340	<b>Declarations of interest</b> -None.	
25	341	<b>Police report</b> -07/09/25 – Report received of dog worrying sheep in Skenfrith. -13/09/25 – Report received of an attempted theft of a quad bike on Whitecastle Road. -17/09/25 – Report received of a theft of a quad bike and a sheep snacker trailer from a farm on Old Hendre Road. -18/09/25 – Report received of theft of a Land Rover from a farm on Old Hendre Road. -18/09/25 – Report received of suspicious male seen in caller's garden, in Maypole. The male made off when alerted. -19/09/25 – Report received of vehicle going into caller's wall. No injuries sustained. -22/09/25 – Report received of damage to vacant property in Skenfrith. -27/09/25 – Report received from South Wales Fire and Rescue Service of a van on fire in Skenfrith.	
25	342	<b>County Council report</b> -The resident survey deadline is 31 October. Residents can take part by visiting Let's Talk Monmouthshire: <a href="https://www.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/resident-survey-2025">https://www.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/resident-survey-2025</a> -The Replacement Local Development Plan will be debated at the County Council meeting on 22.10. Cllr Dickens raised concerns about the impact of proposed developments in Abergavenny adjoining the rural landscape of Little Skirrid.	
25	343	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2025</b> Approved and duly signed.	
25	344	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 15 September 2025</b> -Clerk to check locations of defibs is on website and adequately signed in Skenfrith area.	
25	345	<b>Planning applications</b>	CA



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		<p>-DM/2025/01254, former Cross Ash Garage, B4521 Hill House to Trebella Farm, Cross Ash, DOC 5 of DC/2017/01335 amendment to wording of condition 5. <b>No comment.</b></p> <p>-DM/2025/01279, Weir Holm, Skenfrith, development of a rural tourism and education site including: 1) Works to existing buildings to support a Forest School, 2) retention of a yurt and decking for use as visitor accommodation, 3) provision of a Round House for use as visitor accommodation, 4) siting of two shepherds huts for visitor accommodation. <b>No objection as long as flooding has been taken into account.</b></p>																																						
25	346	<p><b>Planning decisions</b></p> <p>-DM/2025/00146, New Inn Farm, Barn Heald Road, Cross Ash, variation of condition 2 for extant planning decision DC/2006/00364 to make amendments to approved plans – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01156, Cross Ash Garage, B4521 Hill House to Trebella Farm, Cross Ash, application seeks a non-material amendment to the approved plans for the above development, specifically the removal of a chimney from the design – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/00509, Brook Cottage, Church Lane, Llanvetherine, demolish existing conservatory and construct new two storey extension – approved.</p>																																						
25	347	<p><b>Bank reconciliation and accounts for payment</b></p> <p>-Bank reconciliation</p> <table><tr><td>Balance in bank at 30.9.25</td><td><b>£15,397.65</b></td></tr><tr><td>Net opening balance at 1.4.25</td><td>£9,191.90</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts to 30.9.25</td><td>£10,194.66</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£19,386.56</td></tr><tr><td>Payments to 30.9.25</td><td>£3,988.91</td></tr><tr><td>Closing account balance at 31.8.25</td><td><b>£15,397.65</b></td></tr></table> <p>-The following payments for October were approved:</p> <table><tr><td>Chq no</td><td>Payee</td><td>Amount</td><td>Power to pay</td><td>Budget pot</td></tr><tr><td>99</td><td>Cross Ash village hall grant</td><td>£500.00</td><td>LGMPA 1976 s19(3)</td><td>Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants</td></tr><tr><td>100</td><td>Skenfrith village hall grant</td><td>£500.00</td><td>LGMPA 1976 s19(3)</td><td>Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants</td></tr><tr><td>102</td><td>Llanfair St Marys</td><td>£200.00</td><td>HA 1980 s96</td><td>Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants</td></tr><tr><td>103</td><td>St Bridgets church</td><td>£200.00</td><td>HA 1980 s96</td><td>Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants</td></tr></table>	Balance in bank at 30.9.25	<b>£15,397.65</b>	Net opening balance at 1.4.25	£9,191.90	Receipts to 30.9.25	£10,194.66	Total	£19,386.56	Payments to 30.9.25	£3,988.91	Closing account balance at 31.8.25	<b>£15,397.65</b>	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to pay	Budget pot	99	Cross Ash village hall grant	£500.00	LGMPA 1976 s19(3)	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants	100	Skenfrith village hall grant	£500.00	LGMPA 1976 s19(3)	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants	102	Llanfair St Marys	£200.00	HA 1980 s96	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants	103	St Bridgets church	£200.00	HA 1980 s96	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants	CA
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		101	St James church, Llanvetherine	£200.00	HA 1980 s96	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants		
		104	Cwmerra Baptist church	£200.00	HA 1980 s96	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants		
		105	Norton Baptist church	£200.00	HA 1980 s96	Grants / Amenities – amenities / grants		
		106	Playworks Oct Invoice 10194	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin – Playworks		
		107	HMRC Oct	£76.40	LGA 1972 s112	Salary / payroll - HMRC		
		108	Clerk salary Oct	£305.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary / payroll – Clerk salary		
				£2,401.60				
25	348	<b>2026-27 budget</b> -Council considered the draft 2026-27 budget and will bring further suggestions to the next meeting prior to approval.						
25	349	<b>Clerk's report</b> -The Clerk noted that the biodiversity report, which has to be submitted to Welsh Government in December, will be presented to Council for approval next month. -Clerk will try again to convene a meeting with Cross Ash School regarding parking.						CA
25	350	<b>Other reports</b> -Cllr Chandler summarised the Skenfrith Visitor Impact meeting held recently. It was proposed that the Community Council consider increasing the precept to pay for hiring temporary toilet facilities, purchasing cleaning and supplies as well as information signs for visitors.						
25	351	<b>Correspondence</b> -MCC - Litter forum working group -MCC, Media release – More than 4,000 responses to Monmouthshire RLDP -MCC, Flood Information - Quick Reference Guide -MCC, Toolkit to support National Resident Survey consultation in Monmouthshire -One Voice Wales Area Committee – Minutes of Meeting						
25	352	<b>Highway matters</b> -A pothole outside Cross Ash School has been repaired. -Another pothole outside Cross Ash School to be reported. -Clerk to check if maximum speed signage through Llanvetherine could be enlarged to reduce traffic speed.						
25	353	<b>Urgent items (for next meeting)</b> None						CA
25	354	<b>Date of next meeting</b>						



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		-17 November 2025, 7.30pm, Skenfrith village hall.	
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Meeting closed 8.45pm

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