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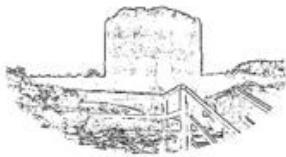
Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Cross Ash, on Monday, 19 January 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present:

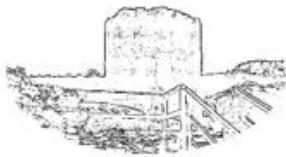
			Action
26	371	Apologies for absence -Cllr S Dickins.	
26	372	Declarations of interest -None.	
26	373	Police report 02/11/25 – Report received of suspicious incident - young female seen walking through the lanes. Officers attended and located the female, who was reported missing from the West Mercia Police area. -26/11/25 – Report received of poaching in The Hendre. Rural Crime Team have taken ownership. -In November, Gwent Police received 15 calls in relation to flooding. -No crime-related incidents reported during December. -Neighbourhood Matters – a new online service for residents has been launched. The website is: https://www.gwentneighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/ . -Clerk to check when police will visit Skenfrith CC area.	CA
26	374	County Council report -Road flooding at Llanvetherine (near vineyard) being investigated. -MCC budget proposals have been published and will shortly go out for consultation.	
26	375	Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2025 Approved and duly signed.	
26	376	Matters arising from the meeting held on 17 November 2025 -Repost Skenfrith Councillor vacancy on website, any local Facebook groups and request to include in village newsletters. -Re parking on road outside Cross Ash School: - Clerk to request visit from local PCSO. - Clerk to request help from MCC - Clerk to check budget for safety sign lamination	CA
26	377	Planning applications -DM/2025/01593, Mill House, Malthouse Road, Skenfrith, increase height of existing wall by 32cm – no objections .	CA
26	378	Planning decisions	



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		<p>-DM/2025/01526, Former Cross Ash Garage, B4521 Hill House to Trebella Farm, Cross Ash, discharge of condition 5 in relation to planning decision DM/2017/01335 – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01531, Former Cross Ash Garage, B4521 Hill House to Trebella Farm, Cross Ash, NMA relating to planning DC/2017/01335 (amendments and additional information provided with regards to external materials approved under condition 8) – approved.</p>																																																					
26	379	<p>Bank reconciliation and accounts for payment</p> <p>-Bank reconciliation</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Balance in bank at 31.12.25</td><td>£16,488.54</td></tr> <tr> <td>Net opening balance at 1.4.25</td><td>£9,191.90</td></tr> <tr> <td>Receipts to 31.12.25</td><td>£15,194.66</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£24,386.56</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payments to 31.12.25</td><td>£7,898.02</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing account balance at 31.12.25</td><td>£16,488.54</td></tr> </table> <p>-The following payments for December /January were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq no</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Power to pay</th><th>Budget pot</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>114</td><td>Playworks Dec Invoice 10298</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Admin – Playworks</td></tr> <tr> <td>115</td><td>HMRC Dec</td><td>£64.40</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Salary / payroll - HMRC</td></tr> <tr> <td>116</td><td>Clerk salary Dec</td><td>£257.20</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary / payroll – Clerk salary</td></tr> <tr> <td>117</td><td>Playworks Jan Invoice 10348</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Admin – Playworks</td></tr> <tr> <td>118</td><td>HMRC Jan</td><td>£64.40</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Salary / payroll - HMRC</td></tr> <tr> <td>119</td><td>Clerk salary Jan</td><td>£257.20</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary / payroll – Clerk salary</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>£683.20</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>-Other financial matters:</p> <p>MCC contract for Skenfrith war memorial 26/27 approved but clerk to request dates of cuts.</p> <p>The Council resolved to move to online banking.</p> <p>Decision on how to allocate any monies received from Mayor's flood fund deferred until we have more details.</p>	Balance in bank at 31.12.25	£16,488.54	Net opening balance at 1.4.25	£9,191.90	Receipts to 31.12.25	£15,194.66	Total	£24,386.56	Payments to 31.12.25	£7,898.02	Closing account balance at 31.12.25	£16,488.54	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to pay	Budget pot	114	Playworks Dec Invoice 10298	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin – Playworks	115	HMRC Dec	£64.40	LGA 1972 s112	Salary / payroll - HMRC	116	Clerk salary Dec	£257.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary / payroll – Clerk salary	117	Playworks Jan Invoice 10348	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin – Playworks	118	HMRC Jan	£64.40	LGA 1972 s112	Salary / payroll - HMRC	119	Clerk salary Jan	£257.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary / payroll – Clerk salary			£683.20			CA
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26	380	<p>24-25 Audit</p> <p>-The results of the 24-25 audit showed no matters giving cause for concern apart from:</p> <p>A mistake in the completion of the annual return related to the categorising of certain monies.</p>	CA																																																				



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		Changes based on issues raised in the 23-24 audit should have been explained. -Audit results to be loaded to website and noticeboard.	
26	381	Biodiversity -Section 6 Action report sent to Welsh Government and One Voice Wales. -Re free tree packs are available from Woodland Trust, County Cllr Chandler to investigate whether resident with field in Skenfrith may benefit.	IC/CA
26	382	Collaborations -Clerk to indicate interest in collaboration to adjacent community councils.	CA
25	383	Clerk's report -Clerk noted that new councillor training is available from One Voice Wales. -The Council resolved to change the website address (to Skenfrith.gov.uk) and clerk's email to ensure adherence to Assertion 10. Costs will be £75 in the first year for the domain and set-up, then £25 per year subsequently and email £15. -Clerk to research availability of free tools to check Assertion 10 web standards. -Re an invitation to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party, it was resolved to suggest Cllr Dickins and, if unable to attend, suggest one of the chairs of the village halls in our area. -Clerk to invite resident with flooding knowledge to next Council meeting.	CA
25	384	Other reports -Cllr Diamond attended Cross Ash School Governors meeting.	
26	385	Correspondence -MCC, Monmouthshire Dementia Hub -MCC, Flood alerts issues across Monmouthshire -MCC, Adverse Weather Update - 8/12/25 -MCC, Media Release: A new chapter for a historic Monmouth landmark -MCC, Re: Adverse Weather Update - 8/12/25 -MCC, Minutes for County Council, Thursday, 4th December, 2025, 2.00 pm -Ian Chandler, FW: Response to Cllr Howells Street Lighting question from P&O - Select 18th November -Village Life Project, Village Life Project & Skenfrith CC -Citizens Advice, Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice - a letter from the Chair -Cross Ash School. Fwd: Cross Ash School December News -One Voice Wales, Buckingham Palace Garden Parties respond by 13 February	
26	386	Highway matters -Potholes on corner up drive to Hillcrest and Graig View, Cross Ash.	CA
26	387	Urgent items (for next meeting) None	
26	388	Date of next meeting -16 February 2026, 7.30pm, Skenfrith village hall.	

Meeting closed 8.55pm