

# Skenfrith Community Council

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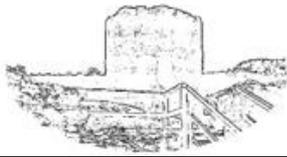
### Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Skenfrith, on Monday, 16 February 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: C Arvanitis

**Also present:**

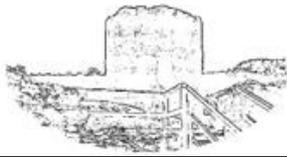
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26	389	<b>Apologies for absence</b> -County Cllr I Chandler	
26	390	<b>Declarations of interest</b> -None.	
26	391	<b>Police report</b> -10/01/26 – Report received of suspicious vehicle in The Hendre, officers attended but did not come across the vehicle. -23/01/26 – Report received of RTC at The Old Post Office, Graig Ter, Cross Ash. where a vehicle rolled down the hill and collided with the caller’s garden wall. -26/01/26 – Report received of poaching on Rolls of Monmouth golf club. Rural crime team are investigating. -26/01/26 – Report received of highway disruption outside Llangattock school. Officers and staff are working together to try to resolve. -26/01/26 – Several reports of flooding in Skenfrith.	CA
26	392	<b>County Council report</b> -None received.	
26	393	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2026</b> Approved and duly signed.	
26	394	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 19 January 2026</b> -Councillor vacancy Skenfrith ward – adverts placed on various Facebook sites and village halls. Some interest has now been received. -Cross Ash school parking (signage and road markings) – MCC Traffic Engineer and Road Safety Team are investigating and will let us have a plan in due course. -Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr Phillips, Cross Ash school representatives and local PCSO. -Clerk to contact MCC Civil Parking Enforcement Officers regarding school parking. -Council resolved to grant Cross Ash School £100 for lamination of children’s road safety drawings.	CA
26	395	<b>Planning applications</b> -None	CA
26	396	<b>Planning decisions</b> -DM/2025/01476, Bridge House, B4347 Copes Farm to the Garth, Norton, Skenfrith, discharge of condition 8 prior to ensure a satisfactory form of	



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		<p>development takes place and to ensure compliance with LPD Policy DES1. Material list provided – approved. -DM/2025/01140, Hillcrest, 8 Hill Crest, Cross Ash, installation of metal balcony 3.1m wide x 1.0m projection, overall balustrade height 1.1m. Balcony platform and supports in welded mild steel with protective coating. Vertical metal balustrades at max. 100mm c/c, top and mid-rails rails continuous. Fix to structural wall with suitable brackets and angled struts as shown – approved.</p>																																						
26	397	<p><b>Bank reconciliation and accounts for payment</b> -Bank reconciliation</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Balance in bank at 31.1.26</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£16,461.79</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net opening balance at 1.4.25</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,191.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Receipts to 31.1.26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15,194.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24,386.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments to 31.1.26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,924.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing account balance at 31.1.26</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£16,461.79</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>-The following payments for February were approved:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">Chq no</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Power to pay</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Budget pot</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">120</td> <td>HMRC Dec</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£64.20</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> <td>Salary / payroll - HMRC</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Playworks Feb Invoice 10402</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> <td>Admin – Playworks</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Clerk salary Feb</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£257.40</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> <td>Salary / payroll – Clerk salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£341.61</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>-Other financial matters: -Member allowance refusals received from all councillors.</p>	Balance in bank at 31.1.26	<b>£16,461.79</b>	Net opening balance at 1.4.25	£9,191.90	Receipts to 31.1.26	£15,194.66	Total	£24,386.56	Payments to 31.1.26	£7,924.72	Closing account balance at 31.1.26	<b>£16,461.79</b>	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to pay	Budget pot	120	HMRC Dec	£64.20	LGA 1972 s112	Salary / payroll - HMRC		Playworks Feb Invoice 10402	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin – Playworks		Clerk salary Feb	£257.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary / payroll – Clerk salary			£341.61			CA
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26	398	<p><b>2025-26 budget</b> -Underspend to be discussed at next meeting. -Clerk to ask Cross Ash hall for booking invoice.</p>	CA																																					
26	399	<p><b>Mayor’s flood fund</b> -Discussion deferred until we have details.</p>																																						
26	400	<p><b>Clerk’s report</b> -Clerk to circulate ideas for Council objectives and list of expenditure examples from other small community councils. -Clerk to check ownership of land around Cross Ash village hall.</p>	CA																																					
26	401	<p><b>Other reports</b> -Cllr Diamond attended Cross Ash School Governors meeting.</p>																																						
26	402	<p><b>Correspondence</b> -MCC, Let's Talk Budget and Priorities 2026-27 Consultation Toolkit</p>																																						



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		<p>-MCC, Fw: Let's Talk Budget and Priorities 2026-27 Consultation. Town and Community Council's</p> <p>-MCC, Fw: MEETING UPDATE: Monmouthshire County Council - Let's Talk Budget and Priorities 2026-27. Town and Community Councils Meeting Invite</p> <p>-MCC, Please help spread the word - One week left of the Let's Talk Budget and Priorities 2026-27 consultation</p> <p>-OVW, Draft minutes - One Voice Wales Monmouthshire &amp; Newport Area meeting- 22 January 2026</p> <p>-Roland Close (resident of Newcastle) - Very specific response re: MCC 2026/27 budget consultation</p> <p>-County Cllr Ian Chandler, FW: Community Infrastructure Team</p> <p>-County Cllr Ian Chandler, FW: Age Without Limits Day: Microgrants opportunity</p> <p>-Cross Ash Village Hall, Newsletter November &amp; December 2025</p>	
26	403	<p><b>Highway matters</b></p> <p>-Drains blocked above Lane's garage, B4521, water going into residential land at Wernycwm Barn, Hen Ysgubar.</p> <p>-Llanvetherine just before bridge from Abergavenny, potential for road collapse, road coming away to 10 feet drop below.</p> <p>-Clerk to contact MCC Highways about huge number of potholes not being repaired in area (for example Cross Ash Farm to Great Llanllwydd).</p>	CA
26	404	<p><b>Urgent items (for next meeting)</b></p> <p>None</p>	
26	405	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>-16 March 2026, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall.</p>	

Meeting closed 8.45pm