

# Skenfrith Community Council

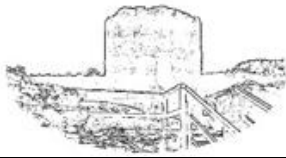
## Cyngor Cymuned Ynysgynwraidd

### Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Skenfrith, on Monday, 20 April 2026 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs D Hughes Jones, A Phillips, V Diamond, S Dickins, A Elkins and County Cllr I Chandler  
 Clerk: C Arvanitis

**Also present:** Natalie Gholami and Debbie Astill-Parsons

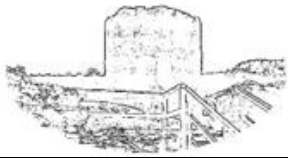
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26	0401	<b>Apologies for absence</b> -Cllr J Beavan -Natalie Gholari was co-opted onto the Council following an interview and vote.	CA
26	0402	<b>Declarations of interest</b> -2604-11 – Cllr Elkins is on the Cross Ash Village Hall committee.	
26	0403	<b>Police report</b> -11/03/26 – Report received of suspicious vehicle in Cross Ash, caller stated that the vehicle was driving slowly past properties looking into driveways. Officers attended but did not come across any vehicles.	
26	0404	<b>County Council report</b> -The County Council is currently in the pre-election period due to the forthcoming Senedd elections.	
26	0405	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026</b> Approved and duly signed.	
26	0406	<b>Matters arising from the meeting held on 16 March 2026</b> -Cllr Elkins provided information about the land around Cross Ash village hall.	
26	0407	<b>Planning applications</b> -DM/2026/00045, Seven Hills Hideaway Glamping Site, Winston Court, Winston Court Road, Llanvetherine, Installation of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array to serve the existing lawful glamping use. The proposal comprises 30 panels (approx. 450 W each) arranged in two rows on an aluminium support frame fixed to a concrete base. The installation will generate renewable electricity solely to offset on-site energy demand and does not involve any new buildings or a change of use of the land – <b>recommend approval.</b> -DM/2026/00347, 8 Hill Crest, Cross Ash, amendments to application DM/2023/01240 including resin boundary aggregate driveway and property frontage to allow for safe disabled access, and alteration of proposed steps to shallower steps for ease of access. Retrospective – <b>no objections.</b>	CA
26	0408	<b>Planning decisions</b> -DM/2025/01593, Mill House, Malthouse Road, Skenfrith, increase height of existing wall by 32cm – approved.	



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		<p>-DM/2025/01081, Gelli Farm, Old Ross Road, Llanvetherine to Treadam, Llanvetherine, DOC of conditions 13 relating to DM/2024/01345 (air source heat pump specification) – approved.</p> <p>-DM/2025/01314, Plas Yr Ywen, Llantellen Road, Cross Ash, barn conversion to provide dwelling – approved.</p>																																																
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26	0410	<p><b>Skenfrith flood fund</b></p> <p>-Monies for the Community Council from the Monmouth mayor’s flood fund have been agreed.</p> <p>-Clerk to liaise with Whitecastle Community Council regarding application form for residents / businesses affected.</p>	CA																																															
26	0411	<p><b>Grant requests</b></p> <p>-It was resolved to grant the Village Life Project £794 for maintenance / future replacement of defibrillators, provision of training and insurance.</p>	CA																																															
26	0412	<p><b>Speeding in Llanvetherine</b></p>	CA																																															



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		-County Cllr Chandler provided information on Telraam kits for traffic monitoring. Clerk to circulate link.	
26	0413	<b>Clerk's report</b> -Clerk provided information on timing of Skenfrith memorial grass cuts. -Clerk on holiday between 22 and 24 April.	
26	0414	<b>Other reports</b> -Cllrs Phillips and Diamond attended a meeting with Cross Ash School regarding parking. -Cllr Diamond attended Cross Ash School Eisteddfod. -Cllr Diamond attended Cross Ash School Governors meeting.	
26	0415	<b>Correspondence</b> -MCC, TTRO Consultation - 25th March - 31st March 2026 -MCC, Media Release: Age-friendly Monmouthshire community events -MCC, Media Release: Residents' views on living in Monmouthshire published -MCC, MEDIA RELEASE Monmouthshire County Council awarded Council of Sanctuary status -MCC, Monmouthshire School Admissions Forum -Cross Ash SchoolPTFA 'Three Castles Walk' Sunday 10th May 2026 -Cross Ash Village Hall Newsletter April 2026	
26	0416	Highway matters -Pothole outside Cross Ash school has been repaired. -Potential for road collapse, coming from Abergavenny at Llanvetherine, just before bridge – repaired. -Potholes on corner up drive to Hillcrest and Graig View – repaired. -Clerk to recirculate Cllr Chandler's paper on Skenfrith summer parking.	CA
26	0417	<b>Urgent items (for next meeting)</b> -Impact of visitors on Skenfrith in the summer (clerk to contact MCC for information on how to get recycling bins and to circulate previous research on temporary toilets).	CA
26	0418	<b>Date of next meeting (ordinary and annual)</b> -18 May 2026, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall.	

Meeting closed 8.55pm