

Skenfrith Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Ynysgynwraidd

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Skenfrith, on Monday, 21 September 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hughes Jones, S Dickens, A Phillips, A Elkins, V Diamond, N Gholami and County Cllr I Chandler

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present:

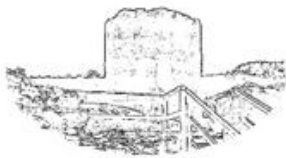
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2609	01	Apologies for absence -Cllr J Beavan	
2609	02	Declarations of interest Cllr Dickens 2607.07, Pen Y Wyrlod Farm	
2609	03	Police report 09/07/26 – Report received of a two vehicle RTC, on B4347. No injuries sustained. 09/07/26 – Report received of criminal damage to gates in Rockfield. 09/07/26 – Report received of poaching and criminal damage to the Rolls of Monmouth Golf course. 10/07/26 – Report received of a two vehicle RTC on B4521, near Skenfrith, where the road was blocked. No injuries sustained. 12/07/26 – Report received of an RTC where a vehicle collided with a tree on B4347, minor injuries sustained. 13/07/26 – Report received of a traffic accident where a vehicle has hit a pedestrian near Skenfrith. No report received for August. PCSO Watkins has been replaced by PCSO Greaves.	
2609	04	County Council report -Speed monitoring results in Llanvetherine have justified further action (to take place in due course). -Publication of Storm Claudia Section 21 report is imminent. -Surface water flood risk strategy for Monmouthshire has been approved.	
2609	05	Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2026 Approved and duly signed.	
2609	06	Matters arising from the meeting held on 20 July 2026 -Llanvetherine noticeboard repairs complete.	
2609	07	Planning applications -DM/2026/00834, Pen Y Wyrlod Farm, Old Ross Road Llanvetherine to Treadam, Llanvetherine, resubmission of a lapsed planning permission DM/2020/00482- extension of building previously approved under planning application DC/2014/00095 to provide enlarged staffroom and welfare facilities – recommend approval. -DM/2026/00520, Gelli Farm Old Ross Road, Llanvetherine to Treadam, Llanvetherine, installation of conservation style roof lights to the rear of the main roof to provide alternative means of escape – recommend approval.	CA
2609	08	Planning decisions -None	



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2609	09	<p>Bank reconciliation and accounts for payment</p> <p>-The following bank reconciliations were approved.</p> <p>JULY</p> <table><tr><td>Balance in bank at 31.7.26</td><td>£23,316.73</td></tr><tr><td>Net opening balance at 1.4.26</td><td>£19,501.95</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts to end July</td><td>£5,747.79</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£25,349.74</td></tr><tr><td>Payments to end July</td><td>£3,033.01</td></tr><tr><td>Closing account balance at end July</td><td>£23,316.73</td></tr></table> <p>AUGUST</p> <table><tr><td>Balance in bank at 31.8.26</td><td>£27,936.06</td></tr><tr><td>Net opening balance at 1.4.26</td><td>£19,501.95</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts to end August</td><td>£11,514.79</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£31,016.74</td></tr><tr><td>Payments to end August</td><td>£3,080.68</td></tr><tr><td>Closing account balance at end August</td><td>£27,936.06</td></tr></table> <p>-The following payments for September 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>208</td><td>Clerk expenses- mileage £60.84, WFH £144.00, Stamps £40.80</td><td>£245.64</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Admin and Office</td></tr><tr><td>209</td><td>Playworks Aug Invoice 10703</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Admin- Playworks</td></tr><tr><td>210</td><td>HMRC Aug</td><td>£64.40</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary/payroll- HMRC</td></tr><tr><td>211</td><td>Clerk salary Aug</td><td>£257.20</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary/payroll- Clerk salary</td></tr><tr><td>212</td><td>Playworks Sep Invoice 10744</td><td>£20.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td><td>Admin- Playworks</td></tr><tr><td>213</td><td>HMRC Sep</td><td>£64.20</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary/payroll- HMRC</td></tr><tr><td>214</td><td>Clerk salary Sep</td><td>£257.40</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Salary/payroll- Clerk salary</td></tr><tr><td>215</td><td>ICO data protection fee</td><td>£52.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td><td>Admin and office- ICO</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>£980.84</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>-Set up of online banking is underway.</p> <p>-Council acknowledged the NALC pay review which takes clerk pay from £16.08 per hour to £16.61 per hour and backdated to 1 April 2026.</p>	Balance in bank at 31.7.26	£23,316.73	Net opening balance at 1.4.26	£19,501.95	Receipts to end July	£5,747.79	Total	£25,349.74	Payments to end July	£3,033.01	Closing account balance at end July	£23,316.73	Balance in bank at 31.8.26	£27,936.06	Net opening balance at 1.4.26	£19,501.95	Receipts to end August	£11,514.79	Total	£31,016.74	Payments to end August	£3,080.68	Closing account balance at end August	£27,936.06	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to pay	Budget pot	208	Clerk expenses- mileage £60.84, WFH £144.00, Stamps £40.80	£245.64	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and Office	209	Playworks Aug Invoice 10703	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin- Playworks	210	HMRC Aug	£64.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll- HMRC	211	Clerk salary Aug	£257.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll- Clerk salary	212	Playworks Sep Invoice 10744	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin- Playworks	213	HMRC Sep	£64.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll- HMRC	214	Clerk salary Sep	£257.40	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll- Clerk salary	215	ICO data protection fee	£52.00	LGA 1972 s111	Admin and office- ICO			£980.84			CA
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2609	10	<p>Skenfrith flood fund</p> <p>-Fund applications have been received from 8 residents. This will leave £2,104 to be granted to the Skenfrith Flood Fund.</p>	CA																																																																										



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		-Clerk to organise all payments.	
2609	11	Road safety update	
		MCC recently conducted a speed count in Llanvetherine at three locations whilst schools were open. The results were: Site A: Mean vehicular speed 26.6 mph. Site B: Mean vehicular speed 30.5 mph. Site C: Mean vehicular speed 35.2 mph. The issue will now be added to the road safety and traffic management requests list for consideration of funding in the next financial year and a review will be undertaken in the area by the church/caravan site to consider what measures may be appropriate to support the existing 30 mph speed limit.	
2609	12	Skenfrith summer visitor impact -Cllr Elkins has made contact with MCC and is negotiating further litter bins for the village. -Cllr Elkins is also trying to make contact with CADW.	AE
2609	13	Grants	
		-The Council approved grants of £200 for churchyard maintenance for each of the five churches in the area. Clerk to organise payments. -Clerk to check with churches if they would allow a small notice in the churchyard to acknowledge the contribution of the Council and to source prices for the notices. -A similar notice to be considered for Skenfrith war memorial. -The revised grant policy was approved.	CA
2609	14	Meeting locations	
		It was agreed to use Llanvetherine Church as an additional meeting location (alongside Cross Ash hall and Skenfrith hall) from May 2027 onwards.	
2609	15	Clerk's report -Clerk to check with Cross Ash Hall if damage to grounds continued over school summer holidays and what developments there have been regarding school parking. -Clerk to recirculate Mission and Actions for approval next month. -Clerk to recirculate list of meetings and locations for rest of year. -Clerk noted that 2027 elections could cost the Council upwards of £500.	CA
2609	16	Other reports -None	
2609	17	Correspondence -MCC, Media Release: Residents warned after reports of rogue driveway traders across Monmouthshire -MCC, Media release: Let's Talk Resident Survey 2026 -MCC, TTRO Consultation- 23rd- 29th September 2026 -MCC, Media release: Enforcement officers supporting cleaner and safer public spaces across Monmouthshire -MCC, Media Release: Cabinet approves updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy -OVW, Issue 4 of 'Y Llais- The Voice' -OVW, IMPORTANT Letter to Member Councils- Community Boundary Reviews	



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		-Cross Ash Village Hall Newsletter June 2026	
2609	18	Highway matters -Cross Ash Farm to Llanilwydd NP7 9PW, potholes made safe.	
2609	19	Urgent items (for next meeting) -None	
2609	20	Date of next meeting -19 October 2026, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall.	

Meeting closed 20.50

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