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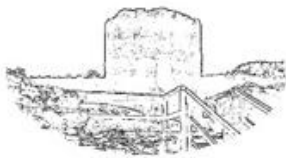
Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Skenfrith, on Monday, 19 October 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hughes Jones, S Dickens, A Phillips, A Elkins, V Diamond, N Gholami and J Beavan.

Clerk: C Arvanitis

Also present:-

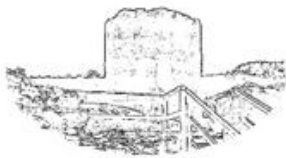
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2610	01	Apologies for absence -County Cllr I Chandler																												
2610	02	Declarations of interest -None																												
2610	03	Police report -No report received.																												
2610	04	County Council report -No report received.																												
2610	05	Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2026 Approved and duly signed.																												
2610	06	Matters arising from the meeting held on 21 September 2026 -Feedback from MCC on litter bins awaited.																												
2610	07	Planning applications -DM/2022/00098, Great Llyvos Farm, amended- the conversion of an existing barn to be ancillary living accommodation in connection to the house only (Great Llyvos) – recommend approval.	CA																											
2610	08	Planning decisions -DM/2026/01057, The Old Vicarage, Malthouse Road, Skenfrith, tree felling and clearing – approved.																												
2610	09	Finances -The following bank reconciliation was approved. To end September <table border="1"><tr><td>Balance in bank at 30.9.26</td><td>£26,406.85</td></tr><tr><td>Net opening balance at 1.4.26</td><td>£19,501.95</td></tr><tr><td>Receipts to end Sep</td><td>£11,514.79</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£31,016.74</td></tr><tr><td>Payments to end Sep</td><td>£4,609.89</td></tr><tr><td>Closing account balance at end Sep</td><td>£26,406.85</td></tr></table> -The following payments for October were approved: <table border="1"><tr><td>Chq no</td><td>Payee</td><td>Amount</td><td>Power to pay</td><td>Budget pot</td></tr><tr><td>216</td><td>St Mary's Church, Llanfair Cilgoed</td><td>£200.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)</td><td>Grants / amenities</td></tr><tr><td>217</td><td>St Bridget's Church, Skenfrith</td><td>£200.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)</td><td>Grants / amenities</td></tr></table>	Balance in bank at 30.9.26	£26,406.85	Net opening balance at 1.4.26	£19,501.95	Receipts to end Sep	£11,514.79	Total	£31,016.74	Payments to end Sep	£4,609.89	Closing account balance at end Sep	£26,406.85	Chq no	Payee	Amount	Power to pay	Budget pot	216	St Mary's Church, Llanfair Cilgoed	£200.00	LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)	Grants / amenities	217	St Bridget's Church, Skenfrith	£200.00	LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)	Grants / amenities	CA
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		218	St James' Church, Llanvetherine	£200.00	LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)	Grants / amenities	
		219	Norton Baptist Church	£200.00	LGA 1972 s215 (1) and (2)	Grants / amenities	
		220	Resident 1	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		221	Resident 2	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		222	Resident 3	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		223	Resident 4	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		224	Resident 5	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		225	Resident 6	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		226	Resident 7	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		227	Resident 8	£237.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		228	Skenfrith Flood Fund	£2,104.00	LGA 1972 s139	Grants / amenities - flood fund from MCC	
		229	Playworks Oct Invoice 10798	£20.00	LGA 1972 s112	Admin - Playworks	
		230	HMRC Oct	£79.20	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll - HMRC	
		231	Clerk salary Oct	£316.60	LGA 1972 s111	Salary/payroll - Clerk salary	
				£5,215.80			
		-The Council was given an unqualified full audit result. However, attention was drawn to the need to record the precept value in the minutes and to consider the rising level of reserves. -Set up of online banking continues.					
2610	10	2027-28 budget					CA



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Following discussion of the proposed budget, clerk to produce an amended version for the November meeting. -Councillors to endeavour to attend community events to discuss needs with residents. 	
2610	11	Skenfrith flood mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cllr Dickins reported on initiatives and actions being considered by the Wye and Usk Foundation regarding how to reduce water flow upstream. 	
2610	12	Grant notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Council resolved to purchase two notices acknowledging Skenfrith CC's contribution, for each churchyard (in agreement with churches) at £12.99 each as well as one for Skenfrith war memorial. -Clerk to remind churches who have not yet replied. 	CA
2610	13	School Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No progress has been made regarding the use of the Village Hall car park for minibuses. -Clerk to check again with school and Cllr Diamond to raise this at the next Governor's meeting. 	CA, VD
2610	14	Clerk's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Mission and Actions document was approved. -Clerk to complete the One Voice Wales community resilience questionnaire on behalf of the Council. -Clerk to prepare a draft resilience plan. -Clerk to request 2026-7 hall hire invoices from village halls. 	CA
2610	15	Other reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cllr Diamond attended School Governor's meeting 	
2610	16	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MCC, Media Release: Council agrees recommendations to improve pothole repairs -MCC, Media Release: Section 19 investigation completed -MCC, Media Release: Funded childcare offer extended to all two-year-olds in Monmouthshire -OVW, Agenda and link for 22 October 2026- One Voice Wales Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee Online Meeting -OVW, Community Resilience Assessment Questionnaire- action required -Cross Ash School Newsletter -Ready to Make a Difference? £500 grants from One Voice Wales for cost of living issues 	
2610	17	Highway matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -None. 	
2610	18	Urgent items (for next meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -None 	
2610	19	Date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -16 November 2026, 7.30pm, Skenfrith village hall. 	

The meeting closed at 20.50