

WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING OF WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025 1915 HOURS
ST BRIDES VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES

Present:

Acting Chair, Cllr Clatworthy

2 Members of the public

Cllr Foster

Cllr Turner

Cllr Picton

Cllr Farrugia

Cllr Lovejoy

Clerk Nikki Malpas

Apologies/Declaration of Interest 5 mins

Apologies from Ward Cllrs and Gwent Police due to conflicting meetings.

Minutes 5 mins

Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 20th May 2025 and 24th June at Peterstone Village Hall acknowledged due to not electing officers at AGM or today.

Police Matters 15 mins

June report circulated, no police presence.

Public Participation 15 mins

- Residents reported ongoing antisocial behaviour at the Lighthouse Park Car Park, including loud
 parties, littering, and fires, with police response seen as inadequate. The clerk has shared evidence
 with authorities and will follow up on improved signage and department coordination to address
 the issues.
- Residents raised concerns about speeding on Beach Road, and other smaller lanes, increased HGV
 traffic causing congestion and road damage, and the need for better road repairs and maintenance.
 The clerk will contact the ward councillors about these issues, including road speeds and repair
 timelines.
- Residents expressed frustration over litter collection issues, with concerns about uncollected
 recycling and the lack of support at the household waste site, particularly for disabled users. There
 are complaints that the area is being neglected and that existing services are inadequate.

Matters arising from the minutes 5 mins

- Did not elect Officers due to Cllr Foster not being present. Will complete next meeting.
- PEDW Hearings. Cllr Turner fed back on points raised during hearings. Further information was requested by Inspector and site visit to be arranged. Questions over suitable mitigation and effort to maintain protected species, Lapwings and Shrill Carder Bees. Decision to be made imminently.
- Innovative Practice Conference- Unable to attend.
- Council Liaison Meeting; Cllr Clatworthy shared Newport Waste Management updates. New management to arrange for public bin monitoring and tracking. Many changes needed to tackle

outdated systems and increased fly tipping. Cameras to be installed in prominent areas of waste dumping. Clerk to email Saranne Phillips and Stephanie Marnell-Jones to arrange meeting to request support for ongoing issues in the area.

City Councillor Report 15 mins

Update from City Councillors for Marshfield and Tredegar Ward

Item	Update 24.06.25	Follow up
St Peters Sewerage Scheme	Cllr Watkins informed that Dwr Cymru preparing preadoption report. Cllr Howells emailed update to state rectification work to begin imminently	No further update given due to absence of Ward Cllrs. Clerk to request update.
Lighthouse Park evening closure	NCC still refuse to lock gates, no further discussion will be made. WCC to consider further action.	NCC has offered a new meeting. Meeting now set for 25 th July 2pm.
Traffic survey	Cllr Watkins was requesting the raw data for the survey to deep dive the cause for such a difference from the survey and reality. No further update.	No further update given due to absence of Ward Cllrs. Cllrs state they have been waiting for too long for the data. Residents state the HGVs are more than the previously quoted 0.2% of traffic. Comments were also made regarding the lorries who still do not cover their loads. This is contributing to the dirt on the roads and is hazardous to other road users.

Council Finances 15 mins

Examination and Payment of Accounts including reconciliation at 30.06.25. Internal Audit completed and approved with no recommendations made. Electors notice to be placed in noticeboards. Please note payment to Cllr Turner added at meeting due to late submission and no meeting now until September.

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	Clerk Nikki Malpas	Wages April 50 hours	***
BACS	Katie Richards	Internal Audit fee	£150
BACS	OVW	Biodiversity Training Part 1- Cllr Turner	£21
BACS	HMRC	P30 Quarter 1	£227.73
BACS	Audit Wales	Audit Fees 2020/21	£285
BACS	Cllr Lucy Turner	Vector Tracing for new Logo	£42.98
		*** Redacted GDPR	

Matters to note or review and agree 15 mins.

Item	Detail	Responsible
Update from NCC on signage and planter positioning	Update in May, with the engineer for design investigations. Have since chased this up again. Email update forwarded. Non urgent work postponed.	Clerk will continue to monitor and update once non urgent work is resumed.
OVW Area Meeting	Area meeting in Sessions House Usk July 3 rd 7pm.	Cllr Turner and Cllr Picton were unable to attend. Clerk will circulate Minutes when received.
Letter to Welsh Government on waste funding	Approved. Chair to discuss with other Community Council Chairs.	Update from Chair. Could not raise point at recent meeting due to several more urgent matters taking precedence.
Facebook page	To discuss creating Facebook page for the purpose of sharing information with residents. Comments would be disabled.	Council agreed to start a Facebook page for a means of sharing information in a more user-friendly way. Clerk and Cllr Turner to manage the page.
Update on Transport Strategy Group	WCC met on 06.07.25 to update comments and capture new information. This has been emailed to Transport department. Discuss request for an updated traffic survey.	Clerk has updated comments and will feedback once transport department respond. Several areas were discussed with MoP that are causing a danger at junctions due to becoming overgrown. Cllr Turner and Cllr Clatworthy to arrange new speed watch date.
Section 6 Biodiversity report	Rachel made site visit on 01/07/25 to discuss application for free packs and top up of previous package. Choices of pack and potential sites circulated. Suggestions for different mowing method for Nellive Park rather than a pack. Lots of wildlife species identified at that site that need to be preserved. Feedback from Biodiversity Training Part 1, undertaken by Cllr Turner. Discuss meeting in August to review	Clerk and Cllr Turner feedback on site visit with Rachel Carter. Recommendations emailed to Cllrs. Council to hold a separate meeting to discuss Biodiversity report and decide which packs to apply for.

	plan that is due to be published this year and consider new plan to be written for the next reporting round.	Resident offered to help with donation to enhance Nellive Park area.
Purchase of portable hearing loop	Discuss purchasing a portable hearing loop for use at the village halls, to meet the needs of the public and comply with the Equality Act 2010. Clerk provided options at previous meeting. Council agreed to purchase from Amazon once governance issues resolved.	Clerk will purchase portable hearing loop from Amazon to be used at both halls for meetings. This will be implemented in the September meeting.
Lighthouse Park Meeting with NCC	NCC have offered a meeting at the Civic Centre. This is confirmed for 25 th of July at 2pm.	Clerk confirmed meeting to be held with NCC representatives.
	Meeting with Site Guardian 07.07.25 to discuss options for security.	Site Guardians have offered to provide us with a camera to monitor the carpark on a 6-month term in return for a case study and displaying their signage. Clerk to source a suitable pole mount and obtain permission to display signage on NCC barriers.
OVW proposed change to Constitution	Draft proposal for new Constitution circulated. Council to nominate a Cllr and substitute to attend online meeting on Weds 3 rd September 2025 to vote.	Council nominated Cllr Turner as representative and Cllr Foster as substitute.
Draft Planning (Wales) Bill	A draft Bill has been produced to begin to familiarise everyone with the proposed plans. This will be formally introduced to the Senedd in September.	Link circulated and summary provided. Council to read and familiarise themselves with new updates.
Save the 6 Bells	Request for letters of support from the community due to funding applications. Need to prove that it will be a benefit to the community.	Council agreed to write letter. Will also write letter for St Brides Wentlooge Village Hall to support funding application.
NRW changes to process of reporting incidents.	Recent NRW meeting highlights a change to their processes. Email forwarded.	Cllr Clatworthy fed back. Will need to monitor situation with changes made to their reporting processes.

Planning 10 mins

Ref		Applicant	Detail	Update
25/05	504	150A Lighthouse Park Estate Beach Road St Brides Wentlooge Newport NP10 8SU	INSTALLATION OF A PLATFORM LIFT AND CREATION OF APPROPRIATE LANDING AREAS FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY	Awaiting decision. WCC no comments made.

Further information available from Newport City Councils (NCC) planning portal for full details of any planning applications submitted to NCC and search using the reference number www.newport.gov.uk

Correspondence/Consultations 15 mins

To receive correspondence not specifically referenced on the agenda (Decisions cannot be taken in relation to matters raised under this agenda item).

Request from Karen Alford at Tenovus Cancer Charity. Would like to highlight the need for more volunteers for their Newport shop and to fundraise on behalf of the charity.

Meeting concluded at 21.32pm. Next meeting to be held at St Brides Village Hall on Tuesday September 16th at 7.15pm

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