



WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING OF WENTLOOGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2025 1900 HOURS – EARLIER START DUE TO GUEST SPEAKER

PETERSTONE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present:

Acting Chair, Cllr Clatworthy

Cllr Foster

Cllr Turner

Cllr Lovejoy

Clerk Nikki Malpas

3 Members of the public

City Cllr Watkins

Head of Waste Management Saranne Phillips

3 Gwent Police Officers

Apologies/Declaration of Interest 5 mins

Apologies from Cllr Picton (Personal)

Minutes 5 mins

Acknowledge the Minutes of the meeting held 21st October at Peterstone Village Hall. Cllr Clatworthy to act as Chair.

Police Matters 15 mins

October ward report circulated. Police noted there has been a decrease in calls to the LHP for ASB since the car park had been closed overnight. Regular patrols are also conducted in the area. Police reps will request updates on issues raised at the meeting concerning an alleged shooting and a separate attack a few weeks ago. Neighbourhood Matters to be advertised more widely as police receive training on its use. Aims to make reporting incidents easier and provide information relevant to the area.

Public Participation 15 mins

The council thanked Saranne Phillips for her update on efforts to address fly tipping, noting her team grew from 7 to 23 members and CCTV use increased. These measures led to more prosecutions and fines, but the public is still urged to report incidents and verify waste contractors' licences.

During Police Matters and Public Participation, residents raised ongoing concerns about road safety, frequent traffic near misses, and inadequate responses from authorities. There are complaints about unsuitable traffic and unclear road signage, with conflicting statements between NCC and WCC regarding weight limits. Issues such as unreplaced barriers, poor drainage, potholes, and degraded road edges were noted, and Cllr Watkins will continue discussions with NCC.

Matters arising from the minutes 5 mins

OVW transport webinar – Clerk to share summary of webinar with Cllrs

Biodiversity Section 6 webinar – Cllr Turner fed back that review of previous plan has almost been completed and work commenced on new plan. This will be discussed further on 25.11.25. Cllrs have been asked to consider any further suggestions to add to the next report.

SLCC & OVW joint conference – Clerk to share summary of sessions with Cllrs

Chairs meeting – NRW main point of discussion. Reens not being maintained well enough. Not enough water in summer now too high during recent wet weather. Land owners and NRW need to ensure system is kept clear and maintained efficiently.

City Councillor Report 15 mins

Cllr Watkins updated that road repairs have been carried out in some areas and more are planned for the near future. WCC Cllrs noted that many of the roads are severely degraded and passing places, especially on Hause Lane are extremely dangerous. A scheme of works will be available from NCC.

Drainage to reens questioned. Previous culvert cut to allow drainage of surface water during bad weather but apparently not allowed now due to potential pollution entering system.

St Peters Sewerage Scheme – no further update. Bollards now in place in an effort to stop cars parking. Cllr Watkins will continue to request updates.

Footpaths have also been mention as being impassable and not maintained, therefore unusable. Cllr Watkins explained that most footpaths will be the responsibility of the landowner with the entrances being covered by NCC. Cllrs will map the footpaths affected to pass on to the Ward Cllrs.

Cllrs requested updates from the new stakeholder group, which is now run without representation from local residents. Ward Cllrs will only receive redacted minutes to ensure sensitive information is not within the public domain.

Council Finances 15 mins

Examination and Payment of Accounts including reconciliation up to 31.10.25. Payments agreed.

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	Nikki Malpas	Wages for October 35 Hours	***
BACS	Bedwas YFC	Donation for fireworks event. Paid on 05.11.25 due to time constraints. Agreed in previous meeting	£100
BACS	SLCC	Agendas and Minutes 2-part training	£72
BACS	SLCC	New Clerk training Part 4	£24
		*** Redacted GDPR	

Matters to note or review and agree 15 mins.

Item	Detail
Confirm Cllr Clatworthy to be acting Chair.	WCC confirm the agreement not to elect officers until 'erosion of democratic process' resolved. Still awaiting response from NCC. WCC agree to Cllr Clatworthy to act as Chair to remain legal.
Confirm resignation of Cllr Farrugia	Council resolved to accept Cllr Farrugias resignation.
Request from Clerk to purchase Charles Arnold-Baker 14 th Edition Local Council Administration book	Council agreed to purchase book
Consultation on Local Gov election rules in Wales	Due to guest speaker, item held over to next meeting
Update on Transport Strategy document	Reply discussed, Council will arrange a separate meeting to reply to comments made. MoP has also informed Council of Stage 2 complaint made to NCC with regards to road safety and condition.
Civility and Respect pledge	Council resolved to sign pledge
Budget	Budget meeting arranged for 25.11.25
Website and email provider quotes before transition to .gov.uk email and website	Council resolved to make the move to Cloud Next & Eyelid Productions, following investigations and comparing quotes. Clerk to make arrangements to switch.
Community Boundaries Consultation	Council resolved to allow Clerk to respond to consultation, strongly stating case that we do not wish to change current boundaries.

Planning 10 mins

No areas of concern to note. No planning applications received this month. Cllrs to carry out update of previous areas under. Need clarity on planning, regarding 28 day notice and SSSI status of area.

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).

Email received from Welsh Air Ambulance requesting a donation. WCC resolved to contribute £100 under Section 137.

Meeting concluded at 21.47pm. Next meeting to be held at Peterstone Village Hall on 16th December.

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