

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 6th January 2026

Present:

Chair Cllr T Boswell Vice-Chair Cllr D Johnston Cllr H Boswell

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt Cllr P Turner NCC Cllr R Howells CSO S Notley
CSO M Watts

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 4th November 2025 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Blacksmiths Way Roundabout on the A48 - the road surface is in appalling condition forcing drivers to change lanes on a busy island, NCC Cllr Howells confirmed it had been looked at. The meeting noted that "What3words" is good at pinpointing a problem area when reporting issues to NCC.

Village Signs: one has been cleaned; the rest are next.

5. Newport City Councillors Report

NCC Cllr R Howells: A road safety fund has been proposed – finances permitting to make improvements in targeted areas. Budget setting is ongoing.

Duffyn Pelican Crossing light is not working, this has been reported 4-5 times.

Pedestrians are not visible and so this is a safety concern.

NCC Cllr Howells and CCC Cllr Turner are to meet to discuss further "active travel" issues in the area as pedestrian travel is not joined up and very disjointed putting them at risk.

Vantage: carried out a site noise survey and picked up on noise emanating from the Microsoft site a resident of Church Crescent has also made a complaint. Vantage Residents Meetings are going well; there is still noise and disruption for residents.

A48 footbridge: Horses were recently witnessed using it and queries were raised about the weight limit and safety. The horses left behind mess that could not be got around with a pushchair.

Pencarn Way: The double yellow lines are due to be completed in the autumn.

Parkrun disruption: Cars are now being parked on both sides of Imperial Way, Pencarn Way and Briggs Avenue, this reduces the road to one car width, causing issues for residents trying to go out. Tredegar house has not opened their overflow carpark, and this would alleviate some of the problem.

Tredegar house Playground: This is still at the planning stage with certain conditions needing to be met. The Café Kiosk is now open

6. Police Matters

Figures are lower than usual, prework around Bonfire night has had an effect. Asda roundabout is still problematic for pedestrians. A lengthy discussion took place about statistics, planning and safety and the history of the area. Currently the statistics for the island mean that no improvements are planned. A request to have a risk assessment made on the island has been suggested.

20mph speed limits; the road past Asda and St Joseph's school did not meet the criteria from the Welsh Government to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 20mph. This is due to the good separation of pedestrians and traffic provided by the grass verges.

Neighbourhood Matters Scheme: The Police are piloting a new app for smart phones and computers to communicate with residents in the area. Residents will need to make contact to be able to sign up.

Crimestoppers: The charity provides the ability to report anonymously; no one can identify your telephone number or email address. It is for crimes only and not antisocial behaviour.

7. Finance Matters

Risk register – ongoing.

CCC Precept vote: To be raised by 3% in line with inflation to cover our costs. All agreed.

Planning

8. Digital Guidance Working Party ongoing

9. BAP – Biological Action Plan

10. Correspondence noted as per the agenda items.

11. Any Other Business – for information only

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on 3rd February 2026 at 6:30pm at the Parc Golf Club.

Meeting dates are on CCC website for 2026; on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, except for August and December.