

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 1st July 2025

Present:

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

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt Cllr G Thomas NCC Cllr T Watkins

CSO S Notley CSO M Watts

1. Apologies

Cllr P Turner - work

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 3rd June 2025 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

5. Newport City Councillors Report

NCC Cllr T Watkins: presented a report to the meeting –The road resurfacing program has been presented to cabinet, no updates at present. All councillors expressed ongoing concerns over the state of the A48 by the Berry Hill Farm layby, it is curious that only one side of the road is affected and more needs to be done to stop this from continually happening. Please continue to report potholes in the area. The cutting of the turf at Microsoft has been witnessed, 105 of the steel from the old building has been reused. Microsoft is now involved with the road to nature and the Foodbank. The project to provide children services with premises in the area is underway. It is noted that the roads around Imperial Way will be dug up again causing disruption for residents in the surrounding area.

6. Police Matters

A report for June was read out by the chair. The Officers present gave a short report on Police matters in the Coedkernew area. Operation Wheeler is successful in getting off-road motorbikes out of the area, this relies on the information supplied by residents.

Residents are reminded of the risk on contracting rogue traders for work, there is expected to be an uplift in this type of crime over the coming weeks, please look out for your vulnerable neighbours.

7. Finance Matters

Bank Statements are unavailable – screenshots were.

OVW and WAO office bills were paid and seconded by the chair. The difference in the two WAO invoices is down to a “standard audit” 22-23 and a “triennial audit” 23-24 was which is more complex.

Zurich Insurance £214 has not been paid yet; the Clerk is currently unable to confirm with Zurich how to pay. The documents they sent do not contain payment details. An email has been sent asking for clarification.

WAO audit states that the Clerk is underpaid, this maybe in part due to using the Clerks computer equipment with no recompense and the erratic workload (more some weeks than others).

Risk register – to be drawn up by the Clerk and brought to the next meeting.

8. Planning

25/0379 noted

9. Digital Guidance Working Party ongoing

10. Correspondence noted as per the agenda items.

11. Any Other Business – for information only

CCC Cllr G Thomas: Cllr Thomas confirms his resignation as Coedkernew Community Councillor. The Council wishes Mr Thomas all the best and thanked him for his hard work on behalf of his community. His local knowledge is impressive and will be missed.

Black Bag Dumper: The person dumping black bags around the area has finally been identified and action will be taken.

Medieval Ship Open Day: Free Admission to the medieval ship on 26th July.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on 2nd September 2025 at 6:30pm at the Parc Golf Club.