



Minutes of the meeting of Darran Valley Community Council on Thursday, 4th December 2025, at 6.30 pm (Deri Library)

Attendance

Present

Cllr D Johnson (Chair)

Cllr E Blanche

Cllr J Gibbings

Cllr M Gibbings

Cllr D Roberts

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Cllr R Chapman initially sent apologies but arrived later after attending a prior meeting.

Absent

Cllr D Nicholas

Apologies

Cllr T Johnson

In Attendance

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)

77 - Members of the public

No members of the public attended.

78 - Declarations of interest

There were none.

79 - To approve and confirm the November 2025 minutes of the meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

80 – Matters arising from the November 2025 meeting

81.00 – Planning for Christmas events.

Deri Pantomime

- The Clerk informed Council that the pantomime in Deri had to be moved to Saturday 3rd January at 6.30 pm, due to staff shortages. Cllr D Nicholas raised concerns this maybe too late and young children could get tired.

Action: The Clerk to contact the company and see if there are other available dates at an earlier time and then check if there is availability to accommodate in Deri Community Centre.

December 2025 meeting - RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

During the meeting, the entertainment provider contacted the Council and confirmed that the pantomime *Snow White* is available for Deri Community Centre on Saturday 20th December at 17:30. The Councillors present voted in favour.

Lighting & Lamppost Figurines – Update

Cllr R Chapman reported the need for the additional figurines and provided estimated costs as follows:

- **Hire cost for WD24 figurine:** £30 + VAT
- **Hire cost for WD165 (new lamppost) figurine:** £100 + VAT

He also noted that Street Lighting had not yet responded regarding the installation of a timer on the new lamppost. Engineers had attended and resolved an issue where the Deri Christmas tree lights had tripped due to a cut wire.

This brings the total extra installations for the year to **two hire figurines plus one additional installation** on the new lamppost WD165.

Council members voted in favour of these actions.

52 – Library Closures

At the last meeting there was some uncertainty around the legal challenge of the Deri library closure. Cllr R Chapman clarified an appeal is in progress; and the library remains open. However, there are staffing shortages caused by staff moving to other roles.

December 2025 meeting – no update to report.

81 -To receive Community Council Correspondence

72.1 - Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Event – Caerphilly CBC

- Notification of a **Community Asset Transfer Information Evening:**
 - **Date:** Wednesday 25 February 2026
 - **Time:** 6pm
 - **Location:** Downstairs area, Ty Penallta
- Event includes partner organisations offering information on:
 - The CAT process
 - Funding advice
 - Organisational development
- Further details and agenda will be circulated in the New Year.
- Councils and community groups are asked to share this invitation with members.

82 - Planning Applications

Case Ref: 25/0728/COU

Location: The Old Club, 93 Bailey Street, Deri, Bargoed

Proposal: Change of use from public house to a single 6-bedroom dwelling

Case Officer: Joshua Burrows

Decision Level: Delegated

No specific comments or concerns were raised by council members.

83 - Darran Valley Community Council Crime Update

The Police attended, and provided the following update:

1. Crime Levels in the Darran Valley Ward

- **Recorded Crime:**
 - October: **15**
 - November: **12**
 - Change: **-3** (a slight decrease)
- **Recorded Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):**
 - October: **0**
 - November: **0**
 - No change; ASB remains **zero**.

Summary

Darran Valley continues to present low crime levels, **with a** slight month-on-month reduction **and** no recorded ASB **in either October or November.**

84 - Community Council Payments

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts for payment, detailing invoices received and payments due, totalling **£3,661.94**

It was resolved that the accounts as listed be approved and authorised for payment by Members.

85 - Date of the next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th January 2026, at 6.30 pm (Deri Library or Teams).