



Minutes of the meeting of Darran Valley Community Council on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at 6.30 pm  
Deri Library

**Attendance**

**Present**

Cllr E Blanche  
Cllr R Chapman  
Cllr J Gibbings  
Cllr M Gibbings  
Cllr D Johnson (Chair)  
Cllr T Johnson  
Cllr D Roberts  
Cllr J Roberts

**Absent**

Cllr D Nicholas

**In Attendance**

Ms. A Pallister (Clerk)

**Apologies**

None

**109 - Members of the public**

No members of the public attended.

**110 - Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**111 - To approve and confirm the February 2026 minutes of the meeting**

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

**112 – Matters arising from the February 2026 meeting**

**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.**

**January 2026 meeting - no update yet on the library legal challenge**

**February 2026 meeting – no update.**

**March 2026 meeting – no update.**

### 113 -To receive Community Council Correspondence

No significant correspondence this month requiring discussion.

### 114 - Planning Applications

There were none.

### 115 - Darran Valley Community Council Crime Update

#### Recorded Crime

- **January 2026:** 14 offences
- **February 2026:** 9 offences
- **Change:** ▼ **5 fewer crimes** compared with January

This indicates a **continued reduction in recorded crime** in Darran Valley for February.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- **January 2026:** 0 incidents
- **February 2026:** 0 incidents

**No recorded ASB** in Darran Valley for the second consecutive month.

#### Policing & Local Activity

- No specific **targeted operations, incidents, or community concerns** were reported for Darran Valley in February.
- No Darran Valley-specific engagement events were highlighted in this reporting period.
- The ward falls under the management of **PC 1606 Thomas and PC 2279 Roser**, who are responsible for **Darran Valley & Pontlottyn**.

### 116 - Darran Valley Community Council Payments

Supplier	Amount (£)
United Graphics Design Ltd <b>Action:</b> <i>Clerk to ask for website traffic volumes</i>	199.62
DIB Waste and Recycling	84.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>283.62</b>

## 117 – Summer events and over 60's Trip

### Over 60's Trip

**RESOLVED:** That Council agreed to fund a visit to Wells on a Wednesday to coincide with market day. The Clerk and Cllr J. Gibbings are to investigate suitable dates, make the necessary booking prior to the next meeting, and report back with an update.

### Children's summer events

Members discussed arrangements for the Children's Summer Events to be held in Deri and Fochriw during August 2026. It was agreed that, due to rising costs, the provision would be limited to one event per village, with enhanced activities included to add value. These additional elements are to include bike checks, road-safety and cycling-related activities, and other wellbeing and engagement initiatives.

The proposed dates were noted as 26 August 2026 at Deri Community Centre and 4 August 2026 at Fochriw Football Field. Members also discussed partnership working, including inviting South Wales Police to support the events through bike-marking, safety advice and youth engagement where possible.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to progress arrangements, liaise with partner organisations, and provide updates on confirmations, logistics and costs at a future meeting.

## 118 – Chair and vice chair for 2026 to 2027

**RESOLVED:** Cllr D. Johnson, the current Chair, was unable to attend the AGM and requested that the appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair for the forthcoming municipal year be considered and voted on at this meeting. Following a vote, Cllr J. Gibbings was elected as Chair and Cllr D. Johnson as Vice-Chair for the 2026–27 year.

## 119 - Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, at 6.30 pm (Deri Library).