



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Arvans Community Council held at St Arvans Meeting Rooms on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7.00pm.		Action
2604.01	<p>ATTENDANCE Cllrs P Farley, A Clay, B Howells, P Taylor, I Costello, H Hathaway and County Cllr A Webb Apologies: Cllr T Houghton Also in attendance: C Arvanitis (clerk), PCSO D Cordingley</p>	
2604.02	<p>PUBLIC SESSION -No members of the public attended.</p>	
2604.03	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA -None</p>	
2604.04	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 March 2026 were approved and duly signed.</p>	
2604.05	<p>MATTERS ARISING -Rugby post will soon be transported to the Sports Field. -Handyperson to attach plaque to Grange Road bench</p>	AC, HH
2604.06	<p>REPORTS RECEIVED Neighbourhood Police Crime & Traffic February report from PCSO D Cordingley: -Report received of fallen tree obstructing both carriageways on Devauden Road, near entrance to The Cot. Police officers attended promptly and implemented appropriate traffic management measures to ensure the safety of road users. Local authority removed the obstruction. -Concerns raised in relation to parking issues as well as reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds along Devauden Road. -To support ongoing community safety and engagement, monthly speed monitoring will be conducted to address traffic-related concerns and promote road safety. -Proposed upcoming police surgeries in The Meeting Rooms: Thursday 25th June 2026 18:00 – 19:00 hrs Friday 14th August 2026 18:00 – 19:00 hrs</p>	
b	<p>County Council report: -Meeting arranged with Gloucestershire Highways to discuss imminent A466 closure and new bus routes. -Current purdah in MCC due to forthcoming Senedd elections</p>	
	<p>Other reports: -Village Trust AGM attended by Cllrs Farley and Clay. -Memorial Hall monthly meeting attended by Cllr Clay.</p>	
2604.07	<p>HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE</p>	

	-Road safety measures are imminent; signage has been put up. Cllr Farley to circulate evidence for removal of white lines.	PF																								
2604.08	ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION																									
	-The Council approved an increase the handyperson's pay to £13.50 per hour. -The Council resolved to proceed with the signage maintenance proposals submitted by the handyperson subject to the clerk informing MCC in advance. -Cllr Hathaway to investigate whether pedestrian signage needed for Penterry Lane. -Cllr Taylor to check price of putting cap on Devauden Road pump. -Clerk to organise meeting with MCC Emergency Planning officer to discuss resilience.	CA, HH, PT																								
2604.09	BIODIVERSITY																									
	-2026-27 plans broadly approved with some minor amendments. -Cllr Hathaway and clerk to prepare costings split across KGF and Council.	CA/HH																								
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c The March cash book was approved:

<i>Supplier</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
One Voice Wales	Training	£42.00	
Cllr Farley	Member allowance	£656.00	
Cllr Houghton	Member allowance	£406.00	
Cllr Clay	Member allowance	£156.00	
Cllr Howells	Member allowance	£156.00	
Cllr Costello	Member allowance	£156.00	
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Greenleif Landscapes	Tree pruning	£240.00	
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Merlin Waste	Empty dog bins March	£157.78	
Clerk	WFH Wks 31-52	£210.00	
St Arvans Village Trust	Hall 18.2	£27.00	
One Voice Wales	Membership to Mar 27	£147.00	
HMRC	Tax Mar	£124.00	
Clerk	Salary Mar	£496.50	
Barclaycard	Jamf (£12.11) and Microsoft (£12.10)	£24.21	
Three	Clerk's mobile	£8.40	
Unity Trust	Bank charge	£7.00	
Total		£3,605.89	

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2604.11	PLANNING																															
	New applications: -DM/2021/01764, Livox Quarry, Tintern Road, St Arvans, A change of use of land for siting 40 lodges, and associated works for tourism purposes only – clerk to organise meeting with agent.	CA																														
	Planning decisions: -DM/2026/00303, The Byre, 3 Rogerstone Grange Barns, Grange Road, Rogerstone Grange, modification of condition 1 relating to planning DM/2021/00610 (this development shall be begun within 5 years from the date of this permission) – approved.																															
2604.12	COMMUNICATIONS																															
	-It was resolved to grant £400 to The Village Trust for broadband, clerk to send grant application form.	CA																														
2604.13	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE																															
	-Clerk appraisal to be booked.	CA / TH																														
2604.14	CORRESPONDENCE																															
	-MCC, Media Release: Residents' views on living in Monmouthshire published -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report - week ending 03.04 -MCC, Media statement: Old Wye Bridge in Chepstow will close to all users -MCC, Monmouthshire's Road Works Report - week ending 10.04 -MCC, Joint Media Release: Update on Old Wye Bridge: Structural Safety and Closure -MCC, Monmouthshire School Admissions Forum -National Highways: M48 Severn Bridge March Newsletter -Population Needs Assessment - Join the Conversation!																															
2604.15	CLERK'S REPORT																															
	-The Council deferred consideration of a formal mission statement and set of short and long term aims for 2026-27 until next month.	CA																														
2604.16	FORTHCOMING MEETINGS																															

	-None	
2607.17	DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Annual and Ordinary)	
	20/5/26, 7.00pm at The Meeting Rooms, St Arvans.	

The meeting closed at 21:00

Chair's signature:

Date:

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