

Nash Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on Thursday 5 February 2026

Held at Nash Village Hall at 7:00pm

1. Present

Sarah Williams (Chair)

Jennifer German (Vice Chair)

Alf Thomas

Stacy Williams (RFO)

2. Apologies for Absence

Leo Knoyle

Gavin Luke

Resolved: Apologies were noted and accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest

From Sarah Williams & Stacey Williams due to interview of Desmond Williams for councilor vacancy.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Alf & Jennifer

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Recycling

The Chair confirmed that two dual-compartment recycling bins had been purchased for installation in the Village Hall kitchen area. These bins have been introduced to improve recycling compliance and reduce general waste disposal costs.

The total purchase cost was approximately £176. The invoice has been received but had not yet been paid, so will be added onto next agenda payment section

Resolved:

- Recycling bins to be installed and operational immediately
- Invoice to be included on the next agenda for formal approval and payment

Action: RFO to add recycling bin payment to next agenda.

5.3 Horse Rider Safety Signage

The Chair provided an update on ongoing discussions with Newport City Council regarding installation of horse rider warning signage within Nash.

It was noted that Martin Kellaway had formally raised concerns regarding the absence of appropriate signage and submitted a complaint to the local Member of Parliament. The MP subsequently raised the matter at Parliamentary level, which resulted in Newport City Council's original decision not to install the signage being overturned.

Following this intervention, Newport City Council has agreed to proceed with the installation of horse rider warning signage.

New signage will be installed along Broadstreet, subject to completion of the required public consultation process.

5.4 Fly-Tipping Enforcement and Camera Installation

Newport City Council has agreed to install six enforcement cameras within Nash, an increase from the three cameras originally proposed.

Additional trail cameras will also be deployed. Installation is expected by early May 2026.

Resolved: Council to continue monitoring progress.

6. Hall Management and Operations

6.1 Caravan Club Hire Charges

The Caravan Club continues to hire the Village Hall on a regular basis, historically paying allow fee for the weekend hire

The council agreed that hire charges must reflect hall running costs including electricity, heating, cleaning, and maintenance.

Resolved: Hire charges for external organisations to be reviewed and aligned with the current hall pricing structure.

Action: booking clerk to advise caravan club of new

6.2 Requests for Free Hall Hire

The Council discussed the increasing number of requests received from organisations seeking free or reduced-rate hire of the Village Hall.

It was noted that many of these requests were from organisations based outside of Nash and therefore did not directly contribute to the Nash community or council area.

The council outlined the significant ongoing running costs associated with operating the Village Hall, including electricity, heating, cleaning, maintenance, servicing, and compliance requirements. It was noted that energy costs in particular have increased substantially, placing additional financial pressure on the hall's operating budget.

Councillors discussed the importance of ensuring that the Village Hall remains financially sustainable and that hire income continues to contribute toward essential running costs and long-term maintenance.

Whilst the Council remains supportive of community use of the hall, it was agreed that reduced or free hire cannot be routinely offered to external organisations, particularly where there is no direct benefit to the Nash community.

Resolved: Due to the significant running costs of the Village Hall and the fact that the organisations requesting reduced or free hire were based outside of Nash, it was unanimously agreed that hire charges would not be reduced for these organisations and that the standard hire fees would continue to apply.

6.3 Hall Maintenance and Compliance

The following maintenance and compliance activities were confirmed:

- Fire alarm inspection completed
- Emergency lighting inspection completed

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Bank Reconciliation

Bank statements were signed.

7.2 Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure approved

8. Grant Applications and Funding

8.1 Community Facilities Programme – Heating Improvements

An application has been submitted under the Community Facilities Programme for heating improvements.

8.2 National Lottery Community Fund – Kitchen Improvements

The Council confirmed its intention to submit an application to the National Lottery Community Fund to support kitchen improvements.

9. Councillor Recruitment and Co-option

Applications for the vacant councillor positions were received from Mr Paul Clifford and Mr Desmond Williams.

Both applicants were interviewed by members of the Council.

During the interview of Mr Desmond Williams, Councillor Sarah Williams and the Responsible Financial Officer, Stacey Williams, left the room to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The interview was conducted by Councillors Alf Thomas and Jennifer German, with Councillor Leo Knoyle participating via telephone.

Following completion of the interview process and consideration of both applications, it was:

Resolved: That Mr Paul Clifford and Mr Desmond Williams be co-opted onto Nash Community Council to fill the current vacancies.

Both co-opted councillors will be required to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and complete the necessary statutory requirements, including the Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence received included maintenance inspection notifications, grant communications, and operational matters.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 5 March 2026

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7:00pm

12. Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: _____

Signed: _____

RFO

Date: _____