

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Redwick Community Council held on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7.00pm in Redwick Village Hall.

Councillors: Cllr M Duthie, Cllr K James (Chair),
Cllr E Jarrett, Cllr R Waters, Cllr J Williams

In Attendance: Beverly Cawley (Clerk)

Apologies: -

Members of Public: -

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Open Forum

Public Open Forum (*members of the public should be mindful of the Council's standing orders numbers 3.d - k*)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

20 Chair's Announcements

20.1 **To receive apologies for absence from Councillors**
None

20.2 **To receive any update and feedback from the Chair on meetings attended.**
None

21 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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None

22 Minutes

22.1 **To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2023**

Resolved: To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2023

22.2 **To adopt the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2023**

Resolved: To adopt the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2023

22.3 **To adopt the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 27th June 2023**

Resolved: To adopt the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 27th June 2023

The Chair duly signed all minutes.

23 Finance

23.1 **To confirm the Bank Reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts to 15th June 2023**

Resolved: To accept the Bank Reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts to 15th June 2023

23.2 **To note and accept list of payments to be made.**

Resolved: To accept the list of payments for June/July 2023

23.3 **To consider reimbursement of printing costs to Clerk**

Resolved: To pay the Clerk the sum of £2.99 per month towards printing (ink) costs.

24 Correspondence

24.1 **To note that miscellaneous correspondence has been emailed direct to Members as appropriate for information purposes.**

Noted

24.2 **To note correspondence from Welsh Government in relation to the "Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023" The Senedd will commence scrutiny of the Bill shortly.**

Noted

24.3 **To note receipt of the Welsh Government's "20mph communications & engagement toolkit"**

Noted

25 Planning

View applications at [Simple Search \(newport.gov.uk\)](https://www.newport.gov.uk/simple-search)

25.1 **No applications received (*at time of agenda publication*)**

None received.

25.2 **To note Newport Council weekly new and decided planning lists.**

[Weekly List \(newport.gov.uk\)](http://newport.gov.uk)

Noted

26 Policies

26.1 **To note, consider and adopt a revised model 'Standing Orders' (as provided by One Voice Wales) which includes updates to incorporate new legislation.**

Members checked through the sections where choices needed to be made to personalise the Standing orders for Redwick CC as annotated by the Clerk.

Resolved: To adopt the revised model 'Standing Orders' as annotated by the Clerk.

27 Consultations

27.1 **Welsh Government: [Amending the regulations to extend the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years](#) | [GOV.WALES](#) Closing date 12/09/23**

Whilst members thought a term of 7 years was slightly excessive, they did not wish to comment on the consultation.

27.2 **Welsh Government: [Wales consultation on Public Procurement Regulations: Part 1](#) | [GOV.WALES](#) Closing date 28/07/23**

Members did not wish to comment on the consultation, given that the Council's pending poll in respect of disbandment.

27.3 **Newport City Council: <http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/School-reorganisation> – Closing Date 30/07/23**

Members did not wish to comment.

27.4 **To note and consider a 'Pre-Planning' Consultation from JBM Solar in respect of a proposed Solar Farm at Bishton. (*Craig Y Perthi Solar, south of the M4, north of the Llanwern Steelworks, and to the east and west of Bishton Village.*) www.Craigyperthisolarfarm.co.uk**

Members noted that the village of Bishton would become 'an island' within the development of solar panels and paperwork stated that the development would be on Grade 4 poor quality land, and that several small areas would be set aside for development as wildlife areas. Members noted the dates of the public consultation open days.

Resolved: That the clerk would advertise details of the consultation on the website and in the notice boards.

28 Future of the Redwick Community Council

28.1 To receive feedback/an update from Cllr Jarrett in respect of Council's proposal to disband the Community Council.

Cllr Jarrett advised that Newport City Council officers had now failed to attend two meetings organised at the Village Hall. The Clerk had written offering to hold a virtual meeting, with Cllr Jarrett offering to host the meeting. To date there had been no response.

The Clerk had written to Cllr Martyn Kellaway who offered to speak with the officers, but to date nothing had been heard back.

Cllr Jarrett believed that Newport City Council were stalling the progress of the poll and possible disbandment, and felt Council needed to take further action.

Resolved: That Cllr Jarrett write to Jessica Morden MP to advise her of the situation and ask for assistance in any way she could.

29 Involve Newport Citizen's Panel

29.1 To note and consider an invitation from Newport City Council to join the 'Newport Citizen's Panel'.

Members noted the invitation and number of citizens on the panel and did not wish to be involved at present.

30 Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty report 2019 & 2022

30.1 To consider a draft Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report for adoption under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – section 6.

Members noted the contents of the report drafted by the Clerk.

Resolved: To adopt the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – section 6 and upload it on to the Council's website.

30.2 To consider any further actions Council can take in respect of its duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – section 6.

Resolved: To hold a village litter pick in early Spring 2024

31 Reports

31.1 To receive and note written reports from Clerk and Councillors

31.1. a Clerk's update

The clerk confirmed: a. completion of the external audit, and delivery of the papers to Wales Audit Office in Cardiff. b. Tidying and update of the website

c. the opening of the new bank account for the Community Fund had been chased with Lloyd's bank, with no response to date.

32 Future Meeting Content

32.1 To accept proposals from Councillors for items to be included at future meetings.

Members requested the following be added to a future agenda:

- Consideration of re-siting litter bin currently on Prince Charles Patch opposite The Willows.
- Consideration of signage at Mead Lane
- Update on new 'Community Fund' account, and possibility of approaching new bankers.

33 Meeting Dates

33.1 To agree a date for the next Ordinary Meeting in September 2023 (subject to venue availability)

Cllr Jarrett confirmed availability of the hall.

Resolved: To hold the next Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.28 PM