

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Redwick Community Council held on
Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00pm in Redwick Village Hall.**

Councillors: Cllr M Duthie (19.30pm) Cllr E Jarrett,
Cllr R Waters (Chair), Cllr J Williams

In Attendance: Beverly Cawley (Clerk)

Members of Public: two (St Thomas' Church)

Guests: Future Energy Llanwern Limited

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**IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR CLLR KATH JAMES, CLLR RHYS WATERS
CHAired THE MEETING**

Open Forum

Presentation - Future Energy Llanwern Limited

Address by Future Energy Llanwern on proposed Solar Farm on the Gwent Level's at Redwick

Cllr Waters welcomed Messrs Nick Beddoe and Tristan Harris from Future Energy Llanwern Limited.

A short presentation on the proposals for Solar Panels across the Gwent Levels (predominantly Redwick) was given. The proposals for the timeline and consultations with the community and stakeholders was also outlined. Future Energy Llanwern are to forward a copy of the presentation slides to Council. A short question and answer session followed.

**CLLR MAIR DUTHIE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7.30PM
GUESTS LEFT THE MEETING**

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

The two representatives from St Thomas' Church advised that they were unsure as to what Council wished them to do, if the church brought forward their annual summer fete e.g. was it to be a celebration or a commemoration? The fete organisers were also concerned what impact having the fete on the same day as other villages were holding events would

have on attendance. They had spoken with Cllr Jarrett regarding the issues. The church had a meeting on 26th March when it would need to make a stance regarding the date.

81 Chair's Announcements

81.1 To receive apologies for absence from Councillors

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr James.

81.2 To receive any update and feedback from the Chair on meetings attended.

On behalf of Cllr James:

Cllr Waters advised that Cllr James was unable to attend an invitation from Magor with Undy Town Council to their Commonwealth Day Civic Service, and that she wished to extend her thanks to Cllr Mair Duthie who had attended and represented Redwick.

Cllr James had also attended a meeting with Chepstow Harriers, details of which would be covered under agenda item 10.

82 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Forms to be completed

82.1 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr John Williams – Agenda Item 6.2 – Rushwall Solar Farm Limited.

83 Proposal to Change the Order of the Meeting

83.1 Cllr Waters proposed to bring forward agenda item 11 for discussion – under Standing Order No 10.a.vi

Resolved: To bring forward agenda item 11 for early discussion.

84 D-DAY 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024

84.1 To receive an update on the proposals for the church fete to be held on 8th June 2024 and agree any actions.

The clerk confirmed that Magor with Undy Town Council were considering a beacon on the 6th of June but had nothing planned for Saturday 8th June. Rogiet Community Council were only going to lay a wreath at their War Memorial on the Thursday, and possibly buy a flag for the local school to fly. Penhow CC were organising a commemorative event/fete on their playing fields on the Saturday.

Resolved: That the date of the Church fete would remain at the end of June – as already booked by the Church.

A suggestion of purchasing an 'Unknown Tommy statue/silhouette' (£175) and laying a D-Day Poppy Wreath (£25) was discussed. The Clerk would

confirm if the local RBL were to hold a short service at the War Memorial, at which Redwick could lay the wreath.

Resolved: To purchase a D-Day Poppy wreath from the local RBL and lay the wreath at the Magor War Memorial.

RESIDENTS LEFT THE MEETING

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Minutes

85.1 To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th January 2024

Resolved: To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th January 2024

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Finance

86.1 **To confirm the Bank Reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts to 1st February 2024**

Members noted that the balances included £16,842.21 monies earmarked for the Community Fund. *(see attached)*

Resolved: To accept the Bank Reconciliation of the Council's Bank Accounts to 1st February 2024

86.2 **To note and accept list of payments to be made for February/March 2024.**
Noted. *(see attached)*

Resolved: To accept the list of payments for February/March 2024

86.3 **To meet the requirements of the Clerk's contract, and the External Auditors, Council to approve in principle the payment (estimate) of the Clerk's Salary and Statutory Payments in advance of the bi-monthly meeting, with the exact amount being ratified at the next meeting.**

Members noted the estimate for the Clerk's salary and statutory deductions for the month of April.

Resolved: To approve the estimated amount of £248.26 for salary and statutory deductions for the month of April.

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Correspondence

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

Reference was made to correspondence received from a resident regarding the play park.

Resolved: To respond to the resident advising the situation regarding the ownership and the issues that will initially arise depending on the result of the Community Poll to disband the Community Council.

88 Planning

88.1 View applications at [Simple Search \(newport.gov.uk\)](https://newport.gov.uk)

Responses to the following Planning Applications had already been sent due to time-restraints. Council would need to ratify the responses for the record.

Resolved: To ratify the responses to Newport City Council Planning Dept. as detailed below.

88.1. a **24/0060- Minor alterations to the existing dwelling including insertion of sliding doors and replacement windows and erection of new single storey detached garage and garden store – The Coach House, South Row, Redwick.**
To note that due to time limits a response has already been submitted following electronic discussion with Councillors – “No objection, comments or observations”.
To note that this application has since been refused by Newport City Council.

88.1. b **24/0088 – Construction of detached garage, reinstatement of orchard boundary and retention of gates and front boundary treatments – New House, Church Row, Redwick**
To note that due to time limits a response has already been submitted following electronic discussion with Councillors – “No objection, comments or observations”.
To note that this application has since been approved with conditions by Newport City Council.

88.1.c **24/0133 – Works to an Acer Tree (Crown Reduction) Protected by the Redwick Conservation Area – Yr Hen Gapel, North Row, Redwick**
To note that due to time limits a response has already been submitted following electronic discussion with Councillors – “No objection, comments or observations”.
Members noted that this application had since been approved.

88.2 **Rush Wall Solar Farm Limited – To receive and consider a copy letter from Welsh Government advising that following the rejection of the Planning Application on 23/6/23 the High Court have instructed Welsh Government to seek further written representation with a closing date 22/03/24.**
Cllr Williams declared an interest in this item.
Noted.

88.3 **To note Newport Council weekly new and decided planning lists.**
[Weekly List \(newport.gov.uk\)](https://newport.gov.uk)
Noted

89 Future of the Redwick Community Council

89.1 **To note that the Community Poll will be held on Thursday 21st March 2024.**
Noted. The Polls will open at 4pm and close at 9pm.

89.2 **To receive any other feedback from Cllr Jarrett in respect of Council's proposal to disband the Community Council.**

Cllr Jarrett advised that he had received challenges regarding the inability to undertake postal or proxy votes, and that resident enquiries to Newport City Council Electoral dept had received the response 'That its law'. This statement had not however been backed up by details of the legislation. Phil Johnson from NCC had forwarded a copy of the legislation to Cllr Jarrett relating to the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules, 1987. There was no reference within this legislation to postal votes. It was noted that letters had been sent out (sporadically) by NCC to households, instead of to electors.

89.3 **To note the items that Council need to consider, should the Poll result in the Council disbandment, and agree any actions that can be taken prior to the Poll.**

Members briefly went through a list of actions that need consideration. Cllr Jarrett had already obtained names of four residents who were willing to become a Trustee of the new Community Group. The clerk would continue to work on the details.

90 Redwick Play Park & Allotments

90.1 **To receive an update in respect of the Allotment Warden's account held with Barclays Bank and agree any actions.**

Change of signatory forms had now been received from Barclays Bank. These need to be completed and sent off to Barclays before a Cheque book and Paying-in book can be ordered.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain signatures and forward paperwork to Barclays Bank

91 Newport Wales Marathon & 10K - Sunday 28th April 2024

91.1 **To note the proposed date, and that the effect on the village of Redwick will be diminished, with access/egress via Magor at all times. Further details are to be supplied by the organisers.**

Noted

92 Rose Inn Road Races – Chepstow Harriers

92.1 **To note the dates for 2024: 14th May 11th June 9th July & 13th August**

Noted

92.2 **Feedback from a meeting held with the organisers and agree any actions.**
Cllr Jarrett advised details of the meeting with the organiser of these races, and the discussion about the possibility of using the Playing Field for parking.

Resolved: To advise Chepstow Harriers that Council were unable to sub-let the playing field for parking. But to suggest that they contact Rhys Waters or Jeremy Payne with regards to parking in the vicinity.

93 Consultations

93.1 **Welsh Government: Proposed changes to the 'Putting Things Right' Process.**

[Proposed changes to the Putting Things Right process | GOV.WALES](#) closing date: 06/05/24

Noted. Council did not wish to respond.

94 Reports

94.1 **To receive and note written reports from Clerk and Councillors**

94.1. a **Clerk's update**

Members noted the clerk's written report. The Clerk also advised in line with Local Council Employment Law, that she had applied for secondary employment with another Community Council, which will not impact on Redwick Community Council.

Resolved: To note and approve secondary employment.

95 Future Meeting Content

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

- Outcome of Community Poll and any actions required.
- Internal and External Audit

96 Meeting Dates

96.1 **To agree a date for the next Ordinary Meeting in May 2023 (subject to venue availability).**

Resolved: To hold the May Ordinary Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.22PM

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Bank Reconciliations

Current account statement balance as at		
01/02/2024		18,254.05
less outstanding cheques		
000909	-248.26	
000910	-350.00	
plus outstanding credits not yet received into account	25.00	
	-573.26	-573.26
Current Account Balance		17,680.79
Current Account	17,680.79	17,680.79
BPA1 - Gen Dep	4,024.95	4,024.95
BPA2 - Allotment Wardens	0.00	0.00
BPA3 - Community Trust Fund	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		21,705.74
Total Receipts inc balances b/fwd		32,536.46
less total payments		10,830.72
		21,705.74

NB: Includes Community Fund Balance of		16,842.21
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Payments and Receipts for March 2024 Ordinary Meeting

PAYMENTS					
REF NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
909	Various	Salaries & Statutory Deductions Dec	248.26		248.26
910	Redwick Village Hall	hire 21/3/24 re community poll	350.00		350.00
911	Various	Salaries & Statutory Deductions Jan	248.06		248.06
912	Audit Office	Fee for 2022/2023 Full audit	440.00		440.00
913	B Cawley	expenses re print & postage to Year End	8.97		8.97
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE					1,295.29
RECEIPTS					
REF	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION			
	Lloyds Bank	Credit Interest Jan			3.69
	Lloyds Bank	Credit Interest Feb			4.42
	Aura Wind	Longlands - Community Contribution			4,395.73
	Ross & Frazer Price	rent for Allotments (ref min 73.3)			25.00
TOTAL RECEIVED IN					£ 4,428.84