

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Agreed Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** held on
Thursday, 17th November 2022 at 19:00 in Redwick Village Hall

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland RedwickCC@outlook.com 01633 401106

Councillors Present:

Kath James – Chair

Mair Duthie – Vicechair

Elwyn Jarrett

Rhys Waters

Jon Williams

Member of the public – Mr Lloyd

Nicola Sutherland – Clerk

1. **Apologies:**

There were no apologies as all of the Councillors were present.
City Councillor Martyn Kellaway was unable to make this meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday, 13th October 2022.
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed
by Cllr Jarret and seconded by Cllr Waters.

4. **Public Participation:** (15 minutes)

To receive any questions or addresses to the Council from members of the public, with seven days prior notice having
been given of any questions, issues or concerns.

No items submitted.

5. **Matters Arising:**

- Quotes for upgrading the play area. Cllr Jarrett met with Jerry Widdas to discuss the possible options for the playing area. Both the field and the equipment need to be restored/refreshed. Jerry was able to signpost possible funding streams. There will be a need for contribution from the Community Council as well as grant funding. It was noted that there is a need to ensure that the plans are inclusive for all. This work would include the whole field, entrances, equipment etc. Cllr Jarrett agreed to put the business case together for this project. It was also noted that a Community Fund request for improving the playing field has been received. Clerk to keep this on file for inclusion with this project. It was unanimously agreed to ask Cllr Jarrett to put together the business case for this project.
- A response has been received from NCC about the fencing of the reen near to Great House. They consider that the fencing does not belong to

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NCC and suggest that RCC contact NRW to discuss this issue. Clerk to action.

- Cllr Williams raised a question about how the Community Fund is currently managed, with members of RCC not able to submit requests to the fund for improvements in the village. It was clarified that this is currently written into the procedures to keep the independence of the decision making. It was agreed to include this as a point for clarification at the Annual Meeting in May.

6. **Correspondence Received:**

- The Audit Wales outcomes 2019-20 and 2020-21 were noted and accepted.
- An invite from Magor Net Zero to update councillors about the project was discussed. It was agreed that this was not necessary at this point. Clerk to action.

7. **Village Issues:**

- Saplings purchased as part of the Jubilee Celebrations. The Field Maples have been ordered and are due to arrive by the end of November or the beginning of December. They will be distributed once they have been received. The oak tree being donated to the village by Lynette Jones will be transplanted once the weather is appropriate.
- The water leak in the verge, opposite Jesmond will be reported to Dwr Cymru. Clerk to action.
- The future of the Community Council was discussed in some detail. It was unanimously agreed that a feasibility study is undertaken to look at replacing the Community Council with a community led group. The Clerk was asked to find the number on the electoral roll in Redwick.
- The arrangements for the appointment of a new clerk were discussed. It was agreed that the appointment would be on a temporary, fixed term basis. The Clerk was asked to draw up the job advert.
- The community funding element of the proposed new solar park was discussed. Currently a lump sum has been offered for community use. Various questions were raised including:
 - Is the total amount offered satisfactory?
 - Lump sum or annual payments preferable?
 - Is there an option for a lump sum and an annual payment?Clerk to action.

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8. Planning Applications:

Planning application 22/1015 Church House Farm has been received. This will be agreed by email. Residents are asked to submit any concerns to the Clerk.

Planning Application Updates (for information only):

22/0784 The Bryn Awaiting NCC Decision
22/0807 The Bryn Awaiting NCC Decision

9. Finance:

i. Bank Balances:

Bus Bank Account			3979.99
Treasurer's Account			
Opening Balance 09.09.22			£ 27,884.02
Cheques going out		£	503.70
		£	108.00
Payments in			
Cheques not yet showing on bank statement:		£	-
Balance of Treasurer's Account 08.09.22			£ 27,272.32
Community Fund	£	22,135.85	
RCC Funds	£	5,136.47	

The balances were noted and accepted.

- ii. The following payments were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Duthie.
Clerk salary £490.70
Payroll Invoice (x2 to take to the end of the financial year) £108.00
One Voice Wales training invoice £17.50
Clerk expenses £58.77
- iii. The implementation of the clerk salary award for 2022-23 was unanimously agreed.

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iv. Precept request for 2023-24:

The precept request for 2023-24 was discussed. The total of £4910.00 was unanimously agreed for the request. This amounts to £42.64 per property. Clerk to action.

The precept requests of other similar sized community councils were discussed. The Clerk was asked to circulate details of these to Councillors.

v. Allotment Wardens Account:

It was noted that the current balance of this account is - £1523.86

vi. Community Fund:

- The operation of the Community Fund and update of finances were discussed as part of items 7 and 9.
- Cllr Jarrett gave an update about The Pound project. He confirmed that the masonry and woodwork will all be completed by one contractor. Work is due to start in Spring 2023.
- One request for the fund has been received – the play area. This will be kept on file whilst the business case for this project is completed.

10. Items for Information

There were no items for information.

11. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 12th January 2023 @19:00 in Redwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:00