



REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023-2024

Redwick CC's AGM was held in May of last year and all the Councillors were re-elected. On the same day I installed the plaque at the base of the Oak at Prince Charles Patch to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. The oak tree had been kindly donated by Lynette Jones and planted by James Pinder.

Following the Annual Meeting in May 2023 Redwick CC produced and published its first Annual Report in line with new legislation. A copy can be found on the website: [Redwick CC Annual Report](#)

In June several meetings were arranged with Newport City Council to discuss the disbandment of the Council, but they failed to turn up to the site meetings. Finally, Cllr Jarrett and our Clerk, held virtual meetings with NCC in September and October. Then, on 23rd November, the second community meeting was held, supported by NCC. Many residents attended the meeting and once again, unanimously agreed, to hold a poll to decide the fate of RCC.

The Poll, run by NCC was finally held on 21st March 2024 and unanimously agreed to disband Redwick CC in favour of Redwick Community Group. Cllr Jarret has been working tirelessly to pull things together in readiness for the disbandment, looking at ownership, deeds and leases. I am extremely indebted to Cllr Jarrett for all his hard work in disbanding Redwick Community Council and helping to create the new Community Group.

In July 23 the Council's books and systems were audited by Wales Audit Office – this was an in-depth audit of the financial year 2022/2023. The books are again with the auditor for the financial year 2023/2024.

On 5th March 2024 we met with Chepstow Harriers regarding their proposed Road Races for 2024 and discussed how they could improve the affect the races have on the village. The first road race has been run and was very well organised with minimal effect on the village.

As part of the Council's grant scheme, Redwick Village Hall was granted the sum of £5274 towards improvements to the bar area and equipment using Community Contribution funds from the Wind Turbines.

Steps have been taken to resolve the issues surrounding the Allotment Warden's Bank account in preparation for the disbandment of the Council and the transfer management of the Allotment Warden's responsibilities to the new Community Group.

Cllr Mair Duthie represented the Council at Magor with Undy Town Council's Commonwealth Day celebrations in March.



Unfortunately, the Council had to close the children's play park due to health & safety issues but hopefully, new play equipment will be installed with the help of grants, once ownership has been legally determined.

Council have continued to maintain the grassed areas in the village in order to keep the village looking its best.

I had the great honour of attending the Kings Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 21/05/24 with my husband, Tom, courtesy of a nomination from the Clerk and One Voice Wales.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors and Beverly Cawley, our super-efficient clerk for all their help and support during the last year.

Kath James
22/05/24