

## **Annual Report 2023/24**

Cllr. J. Biggs reported the main priority for the year had been to fill the vacancies following the election in May 2022. Only three of the eleven council seats were filled and the council was not quorate. Two councillors were subsequently co-opted for the Rockfield and St Maughans ward and the first meeting was held on 9 June. At present the Llangattock Vibon Avel, Llanfihangel-Ystern-Llewern and Newcastle wards are without representatives on the council. The blame for this situation rests with the Welsh Government, the Boundary Commission and Monmouthshire County Council for not listening to the concerns of local people about the unnecessary boundary changes. The challenge faced by the council in recovering funds from Llangattock Vibon Avel Community Council highlights the problems which could have been avoided if the county council had taken responsibility for managing the transfer of funds. The council is pleased to report progress has been made in representing the interests of its community but it aims to do more. The council website has been up and running since January 2023 and is working well. The council has reviewed and commented on many planning applications and has been actively involved with highways issues. Cllr. J. Biggs hoped the work of the council would be consolidated in the year to come and thanked all members and the clerk for their support throughout the year.

Cllr. J. Biggs