

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**22 January 2020 at Old Raglan School, Chepstow Road,**  
**Raglan, at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

Cllr Hazel Davies  
Cllr Charlotte Exton  
Cllr Martine Dorey  
Cllr Adrian Merrett

Cllr Richard Moorby (Chairman)  
Cllr Sylvia Price  
Cllr Helen Tilley  
Cllr Brian Willott

**4837 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council

**4838 Agenda item 1:-** Apologies for absence

Cllr Penny Jones due to illness, Cllr Dave Bevan due to hospital appointment and Cllr Sylvia Price had a diary commitment

**4839 Agenda item 2:-** Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were submitted, but members will make a declaration when and identified under the relevant minute.

**4840 Agenda item 3:-** 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Chairman or Council questions of local interest. **Any questions should be submitted to the clerk 3 working days before the meeting**

No applications received, and no members of the public in attendance.

One member raised a point that had been raised with them, that an incident with dogs occurred on one of the local public walks in the village. The report was noted by those present.

**4841 Agenda item 4:-** To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11 December 2019

**Proposed:** by Cllr Exton seconded by Cllr Willott the minutes are accepted and signed as an accurate record.

**All those present agreed**

**4842 Agenda item 5:-** Matters to report.

The clerk raised a matter relating to the Christmas decorations and the County Council have asked about the location and the "Watts" the decorations use. A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** the clerk contacts the contractor and ask for the relevant information

**4843      Agenda item 6:-** To receive and adopt the minutes from the finance meeting, held on Wednesday 15 January 2020

**Proposed:** by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Willott the minutes are accepted and signed as a accurate record.

**All those present agreed**

**4844      Agenda item 7:- Matters to report**

One member asked about minute 4835 and the payment to MCC relating to road cleansing. A discussion took place about the road gullies in the village and surrounding communities. A wide range of views were expressed by members. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** the clerk should contact MCC highways and report the matter and ask for the road gullies to be serviced

**All those present agreed**

**4845      Agenda item 8:-** Planning applications, applications distributed to members before the meeting

- **DM/2020/00012** Fair View Usk Road Raglan Usk, Planning Permission Change the use class of a former brickworks (agricultural storage), to a wedding and events venue (D2 Assembly and Leisure). We are seeking to host rustic, festival-style weddings and events at the brickworks throughout the year. This would include using the brickworks for wedding ceremonies, the wedding meal and the subsequent evening entertainment e.g. disco and live music. The site will also include overnight accommodation (a bridal suite) for the bride and groom and family with 2 x Shepherd Huts. There would be no increase in floor space as part of the proposal.

The clerk distributed a report to members before the meeting for consideration. A discussion took place with several views being expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** the clerk should include more information and objections about the highways and safety matters relating to this application. The report was accepted with the amendments to the report to the Planning Dep't

- **DM/2019/01813** Proposed Single storey Garden Room and External & Internal alterations including Renovation of existing house. Pen-y-clawdd House, Wern-du Road, Penyclawdd, Monmouthshire

A discussion took place with several views expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** Members do not consider that the proposed development is detrimental to its surroundings and offers no objections.

- **DM/2019/02052** Full planning application for the installation of glamping pods and associated work Raglan Parc Golf Club, Station Road, Raglan.

The clerk distributed a report to members before the meeting for consideration. A discussion took place with several views being expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** to accept the report and send to the Planning Dep't

- **DM/2020/00070:** Advertisement consent, Raglan Farm Park, Chepstow Road, Raglan

A discussion took place with several views expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** Members do not consider that the proposed development is detrimental to its surroundings and offers no objections

- **DM/2020/00051:** Change of use of vehicle workshop building to sale of used motor vehicles (temporary use for five years). Vehicle Repair Workshop, Rhiwlinon Ton Lane, Raglan,

A discussion took place with several views expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** Members do not consider that the proposed development is detrimental to its surroundings and offers no objections

- **DM/2019/01268:** A mixed native hedge to be planted at the entrance to the property. Brooks Cottage Chepstow Road Raglan.

A discussion took place with several views expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** Members do not consider that the proposed development is detrimental to its surroundings and offers no objections

**4846      Agenda item 9:-** Reports from the County Councillor

No reports submitted due to Cllr Jones sending apologies due to illness

**4847      Agenda item 10:-** To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure.

Payments December 2019 & Jan 2020	Amount
Money in hand before meeting	<b>£60,549.14</b>
Merlin Waste December & Jan collection	£120.00
Clerks Salary and HMRC	
Baptist church hall hire	£15.00
MCC Road Sweeping	£174.74
Karl Davies	£195.00
MCC grass cutting	£150.56
Llandenny Village Hall	£341.00

**Proposed:** by Cllr Exton seconded by Cllr Merrett the council pay the invoices.

**All those present agreed**

All correspondence and vouchers were noted by members and copies were available for inspection.

A member raised the point about grant applications the council have received in advance of the new financial year. It was explained that several local organisations over the last several years haven't submitted applications for consideration so the council could consider setting a grant precept. A wide and varied discussion took place with a wide range of views being expressed by those present. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** the council will consider applications when they are submitted.

Cllr Exton explained that the school is considering several projects this financial year and 2020/21. Cllr Exton asked what the process will be for applications from the school. It was explained that the school would need to submit grant applications dependant on the project. Cllr Exton will inform the Headteacher

**4848      Agenda item 11:-** Items of correspondence

All correspondence below was distributed to members before the meeting.

**Welsh Government:**

1. SE Regional Engagement Team e-Newsletter Winter 19
2. Consultation Document - Changes to planning and related application fees
3. SuDS - proposed amendments to two Orders on Sustainable Drainage

**General Correspondence**

4. EMERGENCY TEMP TRAFFIC SIGNALS | STAUNTON ROAD, MONMOUTH
5. Emergency Road Closure - Ponthir Road, and Roughton Road, Llangybi Fawr, Monmouthshire 17/12/2019 - 18/12/2019
6. Press Release - Monmouthshire County Council launches draft budget proposals
7. One Voice Wales National Awards Conference Thursday 26th March 2020
8. CHC Full Council Meeting
9. VE DAY 75 – 8TH MAY 2020: A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HUGE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN DURING THE DARK DAYS OF WWII
10. One Voice Wales Innovative Practice & National Awards Conference 2020
11. Residents invited to have their say on Monmouthshire budget proposals
12. Bala Town Council are about to embark on several projects.
13. OVW Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill
14. OVW Area Committee - The Green Valleys Presentation
15. OVW Response - Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill
16. Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
17. OVW - Monmouthshire/Newport Area Committee - The Green Valleys Presentation

18. Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements

**Members noted the correspondence**

**4849 Agenda item 12:** - report from the clerk.

The clerk presented a report on the review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements in Monmouthshire. A wide range of points were made through the discussion and a wide range of views expressed by those members present. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:**

- I. the clerk writes to Gwehelog Fawr CC inviting members to a meeting.
- II. Send a press report to local newspapers so the wider community can be informed of the proposed changes.

**All those present agreed**

Report attached as an appendix:

**4850 Agenda item 13:** - Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Exton gave members a verbal report relating to the School Governors and a number of local events in the area.

**4851** No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20.47hrs.

The date of the next meeting 26 February 2020.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date 26 February 2020.

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Action Points from meeting dated 22 January 2020**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Allocated to</b>	<b>Date issued</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Community meeting	Chair & Clerk	12 Dec	On-going	Arrange a meeting in Oct 2019. This item has been deferred
2	Barton Bridge undermining	Clerk	26 June 19	On-going	This matter has been reported once before. A second letter informing the Highways Authority
3	Footpath between Caestory Av & Crescent	Clerk	25 July 19	On-going	To contact Highway Authority
4	Road gully cleansing	Clerk	22 Jan 2020	On-going	Clerk to contact highways, Highways investigating
5	Meeting with Gwehelog CC	Clerk	22 Jan	On-going	Clerk to contact Gwehelog CC

**Reports to: - Raglan Community Council**  
**Subject: - Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements**  
**Report: - by the Clerk**  
**Date: - January 2020**

Members will recall a report I presented in February 2019 relating to the review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements in Monmouthshire. The Local Government Boundary Commissioner Wales (LGBCW) is the responsible body for the setting of County Council ward boundaries in Monmouthshire. When undertaking this exercise, the LGBCW must, by law, ensure that a whole community, or where warded a whole community ward, lies within a County Council ward, s55 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires all Principal Authorities in Wales to keep under review the communities within its areas. s57 (4) requires all Principal Authorities in Wales to keep under review the electoral arrangements within its area. The last review undertaken by Monmouthshire County Council was completed in 1999 with the changes taking effect in 2004.

The Commission has published its final recommendations for the future community electoral arrangements for MCC and they have been submitted them to Welsh Government Ministers. The Final Recommendations Report contains all the Commission’s recommendations for the County. Where it has made changes to the existing arrangements a description of the change, along with the representations it has received, and the reasons for any change are included. I will send both reports to members for consideration. The Commission received no objection to the final proposals and are satisfied that the proposed changes are desirable and in the interests of effective and convenient local government and are recommended. The recommended new community electoral arrangements will include the following changes to the wards within the communities and United Raglan Council will consist of four wards: Raglan. Llandenny, Kingcoed and Gwehelog. It’s estimated that the community council area that is proposed will have an estimated electorate of 1,659 and be represented by nine community councillors.

Existing No’s				Proposed by LDBCW			
Community Wards	Electors	No of Cllr’s	Electors pre Cllr	Community Wards	Electors	No of Cllr’s	Electors pre Cllr
Llandenny	366	2	183	Llandenny	220	2	110
Pen-y-Clawdd	99	1	99	Pen-y-Clawdd	0		
Raglan	1120	8	140	Raglan	1070	4	178
Gwehelog	-	-	-	Gwehelog	223	2	223
Kingcoed	-	-	-	Kingcoed	146	1	146

The recommendations are that MCC is going to make six changes to the existing community boundaries, which involves proposals to transfer areas between the Communities of Raglan, Gwehelog Fawr, Llanarth and Mitchel Troy. MCC have indicated that the area east of Llancayo Hill will be transferred into the Llandenny and proposed Gwehelog wards. These proposals will affect around 223 electors

MCC are proposing to change the boundaries of the Llandenny ward. MCC propose to change the area east of the A449 from the Llandenny ward to the proposed Kingcoed ward. This proposal will affect around 146 properties.

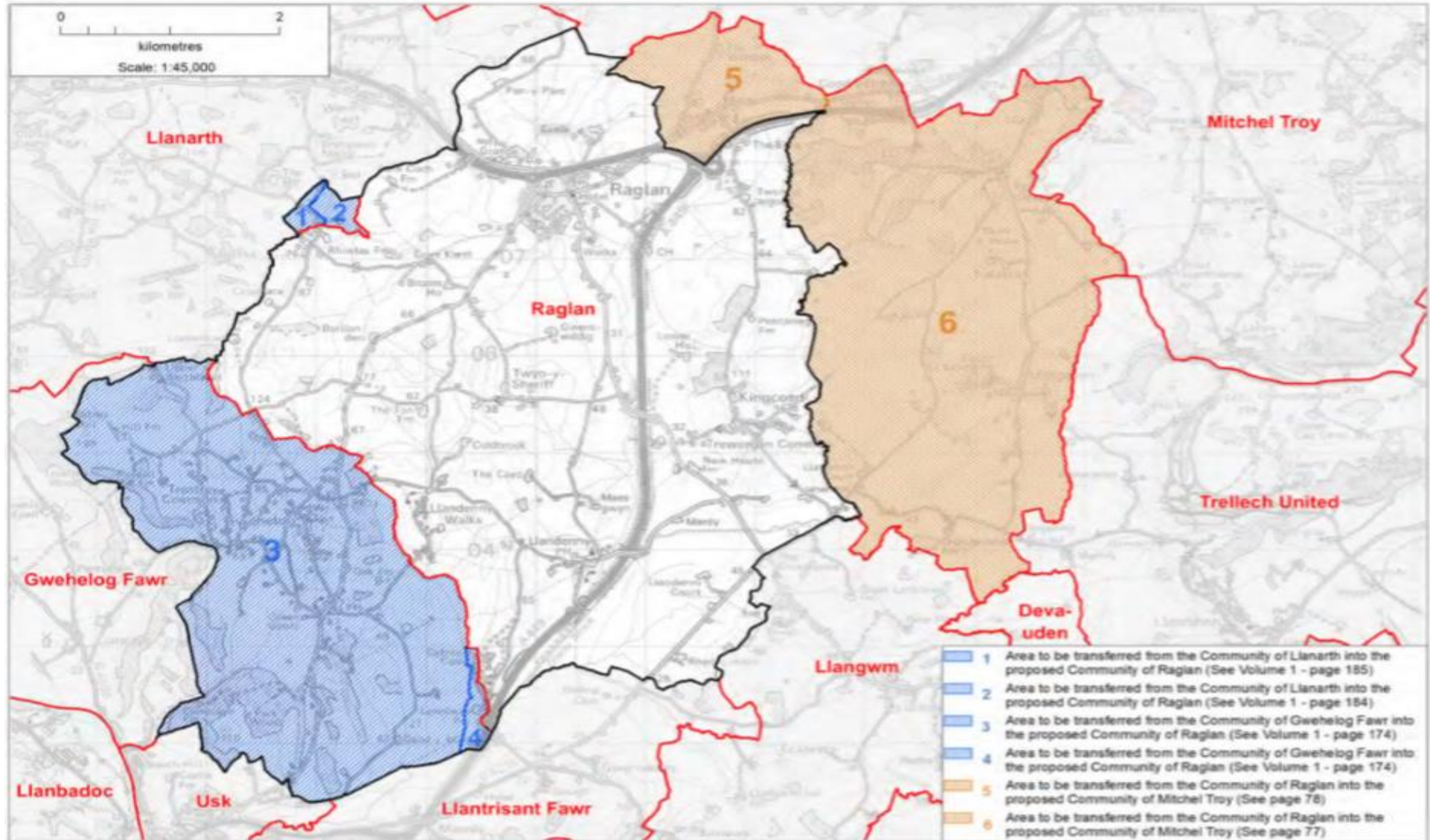
The Commission has completed the Review of Community Arrangements for MCC, and the report has been submitted to the Welsh Government with the recommendations. If members wish to make further representations to the Commission in relating to this report members will have six weeks and any representations should be addressed to the Welsh Government.

**Conclusion:**

- I. Members consider the recommendations and make if appropriate a response to WG within five weeks.
- II. Inform residents in the United Raglan Community of the recommendations
- III. Collate a response if any from comments made by residents.
- IV. Convene a meeting with elected members from Gwehelog Fawr



## THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY OF RAGLAN



THE PROPOSED LLANDENNY WARD OF THE COMMUNITY OF RAGLAN

