

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2006 after the Annual Meeting at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Councillors Mrs. M. Chilcott (Chairman),
Councillors Mrs. H. Williams, T. Phillips, R. Moorby, D. Brown, R. Parry,
R. Watkins, D. Watkins and A. Crump.
In attendance: The Clerk and several members of the Public.

1017. Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Mrs. J. Harry.

1018. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 April 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1019. Matters arising. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would chase the County Engineer for the traffic survey and further meeting. The County are dealing with tyres in the Brook at Brook Farm.

1020. Planning Matters

a) Planning Agendas and correspondence were noted.

b) No planning decisions had been received.

c) The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2006/00186 - Cabin to house a small hydro therapy pool at 5 Castle Street, Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2006/00116 - Conservatory to rear of property - Caestory Bungalow, Orchard Close, Raglan - Agreed.

DC/2006/00022 - Replacement single storey extension at Twyn House, Twyn-y-Sherriff Road, Raglan - Agreed.

1021. Finance Matters

It was **agreed** to pay the following accounts:

NRG Photocopiers	£173.48
Clerk's Salary	£250.00
Internal Audit fee	£100.00
Chairman's Allowance	£250.00
S. Heath	£30.00
AG Bradley	£129.25
Monmouthshire Beacon	£34.66

A number of letters of thanks for donations were received and noted.

1022. Highway Matters

a) Three street naming notifications were received and noted and a response from the Highways manager about the pavement in Fairfax View.

b) Members Concerns

It was noted that drains have been blocked during the recent heavy rain.

Councillor Parry had had a meeting with the Highways Inspector which he felt had been useful.

1023. General Correspondence

A number of items were considered:

- It was **agreed** to write asking for a replacement tree at Rumpus House, Llandenny (Councillor Mrs. Williams declared an interest in this item and did not engage in the discussion).
- It was **agreed** to send a letter concerning Charter 88 to the MP as the Council agreed to support the Campaign for a modern and fair democracy.
- A letter concerning the Review of Community Boundaries was to be copied to members for discussion at the next meeting.
- The merger of local criminal justice areas in Gwent was noted. It was suggested that it may cause some inconvenience to have to go to other courts.
- the letter concerning Police Service restructuring was received. It was noted that the Police in Gwent are against the merger.
- It was **agreed** to tell Mr. Moran that the Council favoured the larger playing area for the Multi-use Games Area (Councillor Phillips declared an interest in this and took no part in the decision).
- It was **agreed** to invite the new Director of CADW to one of our next two meetings.
- It was **agreed** to place "Council Summer Walk" on the next agenda.

1024. a) Recycling site. Councillor Mrs. Chilcott questioned whether it was still needed, given that the County Council has extensively developed recycling. After discussion it was **agreed** to leave this issue until the MUGA is completed.

b) Allotment Rents. It was noted that Allotment Rents income of £120.00 did not cover the costs of maintenance at the allotments each year. It was **agreed** to increase the rents to £10.00 per plot from 1 January 2007 and to give plot-holders six months notice of this.

1025. Members Reports

Councillor Moorby told Members about the meeting with Mr. Rhidian Jones the Rural Housing Enabler. A questionnaire would be sent to all householders in June to be returned by the end of July. The Council had **agreed** to contribute £200 for postage.

1026. Any Other Business

a) It was noted that the Raglan Music Festival takes place on 9-11 June and that the Church is involved this year.

b) It was **agreed** to hold a special Council Meeting on 14 June 2006 at 7.30 pm at Raglan Junior School to consider the Livestock Market application.

The Meeting ended at 9.10 pm.