

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2006 at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. Chilcott (Chairman),
Councillors R. Moorby, D. Watkins, Mrs. J. Harry, D. Brown, R. Watkins,
A. Crump, N. Porter, T. Phillips, Mrs. H. Williams and R. Parry.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Ms. Jayne Rowlands and Ms. J. Cale (CADW) (for the first part of the meeting), Pc Oliver (for the second part of the Meeting) and 4 members of the Public.

1027. The Chairman welcomed Ms Jayne Rowlands, Presentation Officer of CADW and Ms J. Cale, Custodian of Raglan Castle.

Ms Rowlands gave a short presentation which emphasised that CADW is seeking to be sensitive to public views, that Raglan Castle had good local public support, that Raglan Castle is owned by the Duke of Beaufort, not CADW and that CADW is happy for people to use the castle for events so long as they were outside normal opening hours.

Members then commented and asked questions which resulted in the following points being made:

- Local events are listed on CADW's website
- The new visitor centre should be opened in summer 2007 by the Duke of Beaufort.
- There is no charge for events at the Castle, but the hirer is required to have standard third party insurance.
- There are Civic Initiative Grants available from CADW of up to £2000 for living history type events.
- CADW have had some problems with their publicity material but if events are too popular there are problems with too many cars.
- CADW is looking to make further changes for the better in the next year.

Ms Rowlands left some information packs for members to see.

The Chairman thanked Ms Rowlands and Ms Cale who then left the meeting.

1028. There were no Apologies for Absence.

1029. The Notes of the Annual Public meeting held on 24 May 2006 were received.

1030. The Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2006 were **agreed** for accuracy.

1031. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 May 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1032. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2006 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1033. Matters Arising

Re: Minute 1022 it was noted that the drains had been rodded in Monmouth Road but there are still problems with the bottom end of Warrage Road being flooded.

It was also noted that the Housing Survey will now be in July.

1034. Planning Matters

a) Planning Agendas and a letter concerning the adoption of the Development Plan were received.

b) The following Applications were considered:

DC/2006/00278 Replace steel frame building at Springfield Farm, Llangovan - Agreed.

DC/2006/00020 Listed Building Consent conversions at Court Street Lawrence, Trecastle Road, Monmouth - Agreed.

DC/2006/00210 Reconstruction of domestic workshop and single storey extension - The Mount, Castle Road, Raglan. (This was dealt with at the end of the meeting; Cllr D Watkins declared an interest and took no part in the consideration.)

MM 12067 Amended Plan for 2 houses on land adjacent to 14, Castle Road, Raglan - Agreed. (Cllr D Watkins declared an interest and took no part in this consideration)

DC/2006/00176 Listed building consent for conversion of barn to house - Old Trecastle Farm, Trecastle Road, - Agreed.

DC/2006/00107 Conversion of barn to house, Old Trecastle Farm, Trecastle Road - Agreed (Cllr Crump declared an interest in 00176 and 00107 as they are County properties. He took no part in the consideration)

1035. The Chairman welcomed Pc Oliver to the meeting to give his bi-monthly report. Pc Oliver noted that the area had been subject to more crime since the last report. Some of these had been daytime offences when people are at work. It is important that people check their houses for insecure windows and doors and they should phone in if they see anything suspicious.

An issue concerning parking on the pavement in Chepstow Road was brought to Pc Oliver's attention. Cllr D Watkins considered that 15 crimes in the area in two months is very high and asked how it relates to Monmouth. Pc Oliver said that he did not have comparative figures but Monmouth is busy.

Cllr Crump enquired about the reference to internet crime and was told that it relates to things like people being defrauded on e-Bay.

It was noted that the yellow lines in the village are still not being policed. Cllr Phillips noted that several of the offences listed looked like the work of young people.

The Chairman thanked Pc Oliver for coming to the meeting and he then left.

1036. Finance Matters

- a) Agreed to pay Clerk's Salary £250-00
Fee for One Voice Wales £100-00
- b) Correspondence and the Annual Audit return were noted. It was agreed to sign off the 2005/6 accounts at the next meeting.

1037 Highways Matters

- a) Two items of correspondence were noted.
- b) Members concerns about the fence at Llansoy Cross-roads and hedges in the lane to the Llandenny Village Hall were duly noted to be sent to the County Council.

1038 General Correspondence.

A number of items of general correspondence were noted.

1039 Community Council Wards and Arrangements.

The information circulated was noted. The Clerk will collect any questionnaires at the next meeting.

1040 The Council Summer Walk will start at the school at 7pm on 19 July 2006.

1041 Members Reports

- a) Cllr D Watkins reported that the Governors were trying to encourage year 6 pupils to cycle or walk to school. The school fence had been abandoned at present. Children have also been litter picking in the village. The Clerk would write to thank them for the information and the issues raised would be looked at on the Summer Walk. It would then be discussed at the next Council Meeting.
- b) Cllr Phillips noted that weeds in gulleys and pavements are now gone as the County are dealing with them.
- c) Cllr Mrs Chilcott noted feedback from the Music Festival. The organisers had been very pleased with the response and they will do it again next year. The Clerk will write to congratulate the Organising Committee.

1042. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Moorby asked if the Council would consider taking on the keepership of the three commons in the area, Treworgan, Llandenny Walks and Kingcoed. Many others have already been handed over to Community Councils (eg Llanbadoc). The Clerk would enquire of Llanbadoc what is involved.
- b) Housing Survey. Cllr Moorby had an e-mail from Rhidian Jones. It was agreed that members would help with filling envelopes and the Clerk would let Cllr Moorby have details of members contacts.
- c) It was agreed to put policing the village on the next agenda.

1043 It being 9:15pm, members adjourned to a site meeting in Castle Road to consider application DC/2006/00210 Reconstruction of domestic workshop and single storey extension. The Mount, Castle Road, Raglan. (Cllrs D Watkins and N Porter gave their

apologies and did not attend.)

It was agreed to recommend the development for refusal on the grounds that it was not a reconstruction but new build, and it was over-development of the site.

The Meeting ended at 9:35pm.