

## **RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 January 2011 at 7:30pm in Raglan School.**

Present: Cllr S Thomas (Chairman)

Cllrs R Moorby, T Phillips, D Watkins, R Watkins, Mrs S Price, Mrs H Williams, A Crump and Mrs A Vaughan.

In attendance: The Clerk and 2 Representatives of British Red Cross for the first item.

The Chairman welcomed the British Red Cross Representatives to the meeting, and invited Ms Julie Payton to address the meeting.

Ms Payton and her colleague explained that the Scheme to provide a Community Support Service to older people in Raglan had been launched recently. The objectives of the scheme are to identify older and more vulnerable members of the community who might need some extra support, to signpost some to other services who could help, to identify needs that could be met by local people and to work with local groups and facilities to maximise use and participation by older and more vulnerable people, including developing a network of local people who are willing to help. The scheme is a pilot scheme at present, and the purpose of talking to councillors was to ask for their support in helping to highlight those who might benefit from the scheme. The scheme would only operate in Raglan village for now, and would be looking to recruit volunteers to help with its objectives.

There was also another project called Dawn Patrol which would give vulnerable people cards to put in their windows to indicate different days, which would be visible to school children taking part in the scheme on their way to school. If the card had not been changed from the previous day, the child would report it to a teacher when they get to school and a call would be made on the house to check the person in the house was well.

Members supported the concept of the two schemes and asked questions about links with other agencies and safeguards that were built into the scheme.

The Chairman thanked the two ladies for their presentation and they left the meeting at this point.

2295. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Parry and N Porter.

2296. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

2297. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2010 were received and adopted as a correct record.

2298. Matters arising.

Cllr R Watkins noted that he had not been able to contact the lady about the War Memorial as she had returned to Australia. He had left a message for her to contact him on her return.

Cllr Crump noted that the fence will be erected around the School in April during the School Holidays.

The Clerk apologised for the confusion about the recent Planning Training date. He now had two dates on offer for the Finance Training, 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Cllrs Mrs Williams and Mrs Vaughan confirmed they could do either date.

2299. The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11 January were received and adopted as a correct record.

3000. Cllr D Watkins queried why there was no donation to the Welsh Air Ambulance and it was noted that this area is not served by it, but by the Midlands helicopter.

3001. Planning Matters.

a) Agendas and enforcement lists were noted. Notice of the LDP was received with no comments.

b) The following Planning Application was considered:

DC/2011/00037 Planning Permission for a single storey extension at Grange Lodge, Old Abergavenny Rd Raglan. Concern was expressed about the overall size of the development compared with the original dwelling but no objections were made.

Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the County Planning Committee and took no part in the decision.

c) An Appeal against the decision on application DC/2010/00528 – revised access to Homestead Barn and Brick Cowshed at The Homestead, Llangovan was noted.

3002. Finance matters.

a) The following payments were agreed:

Clerk`s Salary £271.67

City Illuminations £4434.00

b) Notice of Borrowing requirement arrangements and Section 137 limits were received and noted.

Two requests for funding support were received and deferred until next January.

3003. Highway Matters.

a) Response to previous concerns to the County were received and noted.

A question was asked about traffic calming in Chepstow Rd, and the indications are that this is still being considered as the initial scheme was criticised as unhelpful.

b) Members concerns.

It was noted that there are no signs on the A449 to Raglan Castle. The Clerk will write to Monmouthshire Tourism, Sewtra, CADW and copy the Custodian of the Castle into the correspondence.

3004. Correspondence.

The following items were discussed:

A letter from County about use of the School Kitchen. It was noted that this is not the responsibility of the Community Council but should be referred to the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk would write to say so.

A letter asking for information on any empty or semi derelict premises in the Community was noted.

A letter offering Planning Training by the County was received. Cllr Mrs Williams may wish to go.

Various other items of correspondence were received and noted.

3005. Members` Reports

Cllr Mrs Vaughan had attended the One Voice Wales Planning Training session, which was well presented but she did not find the content particularly relevant to her needs.

Cllr Moorby would be attending the Monmouth CAB meeting tomorrow.  
Cllrs Mrs Williams and Phillips had attended the recent One Voice Wales Area Meeting. The Charter had now been agreed by the County Council.  
Cllr Crump had a site meeting concerning issues to do with the school with Mr Ashworth and Mrs Hill Howells which had looked at design of the site and traffic calming among other things. The bid for funding for Raglan School may drift even further into 2013 as last year's capital schemes have slipped into this year.  
Cllr Phillips noted that a new notice board had been sited outside the school by the Music Festival Organisers. It was agreed to write to thank them for it. The replacement Notice Board near the Police Station would be erected soon.

3006. Other Business.

- a) It was noted that there had been vandalism at the School and the Scout Hut recently. Members would keep their eyes open for any more of this.
- b) The One Stop Shop Bus would be in Raglan tomorrow.
- c) Mr G Edmunds was organising the publicity caravan for the revised waste collection service to be located in the Police Station yard.
- d) Raglan Local Ways were organising a walk at Llandenny on Sunday.

**The meeting ended at 8:55pm**