

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2011 at 7:30pm in Raglan School.

Present: Cllr Mrs H Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Moorby, Mrs A Vaughan, R Watkins, S Thomas, R Parry and A Crump.

In attendance: The Clerk

3104. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Price and D Watkins.

3105. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary.

3106. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2011 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3107. Matters arising.

The Clerk would follow up with Paul Keeble about meeting the Council in January.

Cllr Moorby noted that Llandenny Village Hall now has new curtains.

The Clerk will bring furniture catalogues to the January Finance Meeting for the Community Room.

3108. Planning Matters

a) Correspondence etc.

The revised list of sites in Monmouthshire for the LDP were considered. It was agreed to re-state the Council's support for the Usk Rd site and not for the Tribe Lands site.

b) The following Planning Applications were considered (Cllr Crump declared an interest as a member of the County Planning Committee and took no part in the decisions)

DC/2011/01110 Planning permission for change of use of part of the ground floor and first floor to office use at Puddleducks Nursery, Station Rd, Raglan. Agreed but with a concern about the lack of pavement on the Station Road.

DC/2011/01112 Removal of 3 free standing mobile homes and their replacement with a new permanent extension at Castle Garage, Monmouth Rd, Raglan. Agreed

3109. Finance matters.

a) The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£163.27
Inland Revenue	£108.40
Merlin Waste	£35.64 (dog bins)
Mazars plc	£135.00 (external audit)
One Voice Wales	£125.00 (Training course Fees)
One Voice Wales	£20.00 (Strong Roots course)

b) Members noted the return of the completed Audit proforma and agreed to advertise the completed audit publicly.

c) Various requests for funding were received and referred to the January Finance meeting.

3110. Highway matters

a) There were no items of correspondence.

b) Members` concerns

A lorry with a refrigerator unit was parking in the A40 lay-by at night and the refrigerator was disturbing the sleep of people in Primrose Green. The Clerk would write to Environmental Health about it.

Potholes were appearing in the road at the entry to the roundabout from High Street. This would be reported.

3111. Correspondence.

It was agreed to continue on the GAVO Database.

A letter from the Welsh Government about Byelaws was noted. The Clerk will circulate the details to the next meeting for comment.

Agreed to nominate Cllrs Phillips and Williams to the Strong Roots Training.

Agreed to refer the letter from David Davies about Wifi to the Community Plan Group, and to respond to his letter about flooding to refer any matters about Ethley Drive to the County Planning Department.

3112. Website matters.

We are still awaiting feedback from a potential supplier on this.

3113. Members reports.

A briefing on schools development recently had made it clear that although Raglan is still a top priority for the County, any work on site was likely to be limited to repair and some renewal rather than a complete rebuild.

Concern was expressed that the new bus service should not compromise the existing one, which stopped at more places and was more valued by most of the Community. The Clerk would write to Mr Cope about this.

Cllr Moorby reported that the new Chairman of the Monmouth CAB was Terry Christopher.

A village plan meeting had been held recently and only a few had turned up. It was hoped that more would come to the next meeting in January.

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Debbie McCarty about the proposed route of the Olympic Flame through Monmouthshire. It would be coming through Raglan, and an issue to be resolved was car parking for anyone who may turn up to watch it progress through the village. It was agreed to recommend the old dairy yard, and if necessary the land behind Fayre Oaks. The sports association field was also an option.

3114. Any other business.

Members commented on how good the Christmas lights are this year. The Clerk would notify the supplier of a problem on one of the Cross- street strings.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm and all present adjourned to The Beaufort for refreshments.