

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2011 at 7:30pm in Raglan School.

Present: Cllr S Thomas (Chairman)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Moorby, N Porter, D Watkins, R Parry, R Watkins, Mrs S Price, Mrs H Williams and Mrs A Vaughan

In attendance: The Clerk

3029. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Crump.

3030. Declarations of interest would be made as necessary during the meeting.

3031. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2011 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3032. Matters arising.

It was noted that the entry to the MUGA had been resolved. The traffic calming related to Safe Routes to School was likely to be reconsidered again soon.

Re minute 3026, The school kitchen would remain in use until the end of the summer term while other options were considered which might keep it going. There will be a kitchen for community use in any case.

Re minute 3027

The tidy up at the Recycling site was done, albeit not very well.

The ivy over the lane had not been done.

The streets had been swept and the dog walk had been cleared satisfactorily.

The gatepost at the allotments had been replaced and the new noticeboard had been erected.

3033. Planning matters

a) Planning agendas were noted

b) The following applications were noted:

DC/2011/00228 Extension to residential cartilage and retention of timber cabin as workshop/shed ancillary to Hillcrest, Twyn y Sheriff, Raglan Agreed

DC/2011/00249/ST Conversion of redundant milking parlour to holiday let at Pentre Farm, Llangovan, Monmouth Agreed

DC/2011/00363 Certificate of existing lawful use at Parclands House, Raglan No Comment.

3034. Finance matters.

a) The following payments were approved:

Clerk`s salary £271.67

St Anne`s Hospice. £100

Bobath Cymru £50

British Heart Foundation £100

Noah`s Ark Appeal £100

St Davids Hospice Foundation £100

Monmouth CAB £200

Raglan in Bloom £1000

Llandenny PCC £100

Penyclawdd PCC £100

Llangovan PCC £100

Raglan PCC £100

Kingcoed Baptist £100

Raglan Scouts £150

MacMillan Cancer Care £100

Ricoh photocopying	£100.74
Merlin Waste Dog Bins	£144.60
Raglan Music Festival	£1000.00
Raglan Twinning	£500.00

b) The letter from the External Auditor was received notifying the date for completion of the Audit as 30 September 2011.

3035. Highway Matters

a) There was no correspondence

b) Members concerns.

Cllr Thomas would check why the waste bin had not been placed in the alleyway yet. Cllr Porter noted that the layby by the roundabout on the A40 was still being used as a lavatory. Agreed to write to SWTRA to seek a solution to the problem, including possibly closing the layby altogether. Also, the sign at the entry to the village saying Toilet should be changed now that the Toilet is closed.

3036. General Correspondence.

A number of items of general correspondence were received.

The following actions were agreed:

Cllrs Mrs Williams and Phillips would go to the OVW Conference in October.

A letter about affordable homes would be circulated to members and the Council's support be given.

The issue of the MUGA Car Park was discussed in the context of Mr Downing's letter. It was agreed to write asking for progress on this issue.

3037. Website concerns.

The Chairman noted correspondence by e-mail from Mr Fountain, suggesting that the web-site is old fashioned and no longer fit for purpose. He had also raised concerns about the Council's obligation to publish its minutes.

It was agreed that members should look at the website before the next meeting and it should be discussed again then. As regards the publication of the minutes, the Clerk would continue to get them posted onto the website and available in the Post Office for public scrutiny. Cllr Phillips asked that the Clerk get the password for the One Voice Wales website for members to access the site.

3038. Members Reports.

Cllr Thomas noted that a new Deputy Head had been appointed to the school to take up his duties in September. His name is Mark Bowen. The day/night caretaking issue had been resolved as the Community Caretaker now covered the school hours as well.

Cllr Mrs Price noted that the dead trees in Caestory Crescent had still not been removed. The Clerk would contact Mr Leaworthy.

She also asked if we could find out when the County is disposing of the toilet building. This would also be pursued.

Concern was expressed about the Easter graffiti carried out by the Baptist Chapel. It would encourage young people to follow suit. Cllr Thomas would speak to Mr Atkins.

Cllr D Watkins noted the trees at the end of Castle Rd were growing into the street light so it was not shining effectively. This would be pursued as well.

Cllr Mrs Williams noted that the Village Hall Committee were arranging a quiz on 13 May.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:25pm