

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2011 after the Annual Meeting in Raglan School.

Present: Cllr Mrs H Williams (Chairman)

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr A Sherwill (Press) and Messrs D Brown and C Fountain.

3039. There were no apologies for absence.

3040. Declarations of interest would be made as necessary during the meeting.

3041. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 April 2011 were received and adopted as a correct record.

3042. Matters arising.

Cllr D Watkins confirmed that the Council Minutes are held behind the counter in the Post Office.

Cllr Mrs Price noted that she had a report the gate at the allotments is difficult to operate. This would be investigated.

The ivy on the wall in High Street had not been cut back. The letter had gone to the correct address but to the wrong name. It was agreed to report this to the County Council.

Cllr Phillips noted that the dog walk had been cut again by the County Council.

A question was raised as to why the Raglan Toilets had been withdrawn from the auction. The Clerk would follow this up.

The Clerk was asked to report to County that it appears that a garage at Cayo Cottage had been converted into living space.

3043. Planning matters.

a) Agendas and Enforcement lists were received and noted. A letter concerning short delays in the Development Plan was noted.

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/2011/00234 Proposed Garage extension and erection of detached timber shed at 1 Barton Bridge Close, Raglan. Agreed (Cllr Mrs Vaughan declared an interest in this application)

DC/2011/00379 Two storey side extension, rear sun room (to replace existing conservatory) and removal of existing dormer window at 2 Fayre Oaks, Raglan. Agreed. (Cllr Thomas declared an interest in this application and left the room. Cllrs Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Williams also declared interests but took no part in the decision)

DC/2011/00188 Agricultural storage building at Llanerthill Mill, Llandenny. Agreed. (Cllr Mrs Williams declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision)

DC/2011/00437 Certificate of Existing Lawful Use for occupancy in breach of agricultural tenancy at Cefn Coed Bungalow, Kingcoed, Raglan. Agreed.

DC/2011/00430. Conversion of redundant agricultural store to a holiday let at Pentre Farm, Llangovan. Agreed.

DC/2011/00413 Agricultural notification of proposed general storage building at The Crown Farm, Monmouth Rd, Raglan. Agreed.

DC/2011/00364 Converting existing workshops into offices, internal remodelling and decoration at Raglan Highways Depot, Station Rd, Raglan. Agreed with concern about the additional traffic and the inadequacy of the existing Station Rd.

3044. Finance Matters.

a) The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Clerk`s salary	£271.67
Cutting Dog Walk A G Bradley	£141.00
Jobs in Village K Clarkson	£150.00
Merlin Waste Dog Bins	£53.46
Monmouthshire Beacon advert	£78.00
One Voice Wales Conference Fee	£130.00
Chairman`s Allowance	£250.00

(other payments agreed last month but not paid due to a lack of cheques were also signed.)

b) The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been completed and he would send them to the Internal Auditor before bringing them back to the Council for approval. This was noted. The accounts book was available at the meeting for inspection by members.

3045. Highway matters

a) The Clerk reported a response from County on three issues. This was noted.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted that by using the Fix my Street website she had a pot-hole repaired in three days.

Members reported several problems where the County is denying responsibility as it claims not to own the land. The Clerk would follow this up.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Kellie Beirne about the alleyways and paths.

Cllr Mrs Price reported a problem with the bridge over the brook at Castle Hill. She would double check before a formal report is made.

Cllr Moorby reported a good job done at Gwehelog crossroads.

3046. General correspondence.

Cllr Williams will go to the Rural Forum meeting.

The Clerk will do a notice for Cllr R Watkins to place in the phone box at Cuckoo`s Row.

Other items of correspondence were received.

An e-mail asking if this Council will maintain the MUGA footpath was considered. It was agreed in principle but we would like to see what is being agreed precisely before final commitment.

3047. Website Review.

Several members had looked at the website. Most agreed that there was quite a lot of useful information on it, but it was agreed that a sub-committee of Cllrs Thomas, Williams and Vaughan will meet to look at it more closely and to come up with some suggestions for the next meeting.

3048. Members reports

Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted that a burglary had taken place next door to her and the police had not responded. It was agreed to write to Supt Sutton to complain about this, copy to Cllr Crump.

Cllr Thomas noted that the School governors had decided to close the school kitchen and to have meals imported from Deri View School Abergavenny. There were concerns that this as a premature decision given the assurances to parents about the timing of the decision. It was also agreed that there is a need for a kitchen in the school for Community purposes.

The Chairman outlined the upcoming visit by a delegation from Parce on 11/12 June. There would be a tree planting ceremony and various events planned during the visit including a lunch for 100 people at the golf club to which two Council representatives will be invited. This was noted.

Cllr Mrs Vaughan noted that Raglan Local Ways were holding a walk on 4 June starting at 10:00am at The Beaufort.

The Clerk noted that he would probably be unable to attend the next meeting but would prepare all the papers if someone could do the minutes. This was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm