

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
25th July 2012 at the Junior School Raglan at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Sylvia Price
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Peter Williams
Cllr Ewen Brierley

Two seats are still vacant.

3212 In attendance

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Sergeant Richard Ball, PCSO Alwyn Pritchard and Mrs Sheila Hughes

3213 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence
Cllr Noel Porter Cllr Mrs Helen Williams Mrs Penny Jones-County Councillor

3214 Agenda item 2:-Declaration of interest. Would be made if and when needed

3215 Agenda item 3:-15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the council with any concerns.

No members of the public in attendance

3216 Agenda item 4:- Sergeant Richard Ball and PCSO Alwyn Pritchard

The Chairman welcomed and introduced the both officers from Gwent Police to the meeting.

Sergeant Ball introduced himself and PCSO Pritchard. It was explained the Gwent force will be making extensive saving over the next year. The front offices will be closing at a number of stations including Raglan station and officers will be working from Monmouth station. Abergavenny Station will remain open seven days a week 8 till 8. It is hoped that officers will be patrolling the community in the same way as now and the PCSOs will be more visible.

It was also explained that the mobile station will be visiting the area on a frequent basis. It is expected that mobile station will visit the community on the second Friday of the month between 11am and 1.30 pm.

If members of the public still wish to contact or report any incidents they can call the 101 or the 999 numbers. It was explained that the full time officers will be dealing with local crimes and larger incidents. It was also

confirmed that the officers at Usk will be available. It was confirmed that a special team will be set up to investigate rural crime. Sergeant Ball asked members if they wished to ask any questions.

One member asked about PC Thomas

- PC Thomas is based in Usk and remains on the beat in Raglan community with other officers. Sergeant Ball informed members that there are three further PCSO in the Monmouth station which will service the community.

Parking on footpaths

- It was explained that a large car park is available but people won't use the car park, as you need to spend specific amount one of the local shops.
- Officers explained that they would look at the situation and make a report on this matter.
- Concern was also expressed about cars parking on Castle Street for a number of days and the bus bay has a problem with parking.

It was explained that the officers will visit the area.

Heavy vehicles driving through the village.

- Concern was expressed about heavy and large vehicles driving through the village. This with the amount of vehicles parking on the road sides is causing congestion.
- It was suggested that a sub-committee is set up to review the issues as they did in Usk. It was also suggested that a local survey is carried out so evidence can be provided to MCC and the traffic section of Gwent Police.
- It was recommended that the council write to MCC asking for satnav signs to be erected.
- Would it be possible for members to have the contact details and details of which officers are dealing with each area?

Concern was expressed over the attendance of the PACK meeting, People do not seem inclined to attend or make any observations. Sergeant Ball explained that there are a number of other ways the public can engage with the local police, (ie. using the 101 service or contacting the local PCSO or report anything to the community council or the local members).

The Chairman thanked both officers for attending. Both officers left the meeting at 8pm.

3217 Agenda item 5:-To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 2012

Proposed by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Mrs Price that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3218 Agenda item 6:-Matters to report.

The Clerk informed members that he has received a letter regarding a small sign to be erected close to the War Memorial. Members considered this and it was:-

Proposed and agreed

Action Clerk

Cllr Mrs Sylvia Price expressed concern over the inspection chamber cover on Prince Charles Road as it is still causing a trip hazard. Cllr Price also asked about the drainage issue on Usk Road. Cllr Phillips has also explained that the gullies outside the school are also full.

Action Clerk

The Clerk informed members that he has received a letter from HMRC regarding late payment, but HMRC have a number of reference numbers for the council and he will contact them again regarding this matter.

Action Clerk

Minute 3206 Cllr Phillips informed the meeting that CC Penny Jones has visited the area in King-coed and Penny Park Lane with officers from MCC.

Minute 3209 Cllr Phillips asked Mrs Hughes about the Music Festival and the underwriting of any loses made by the promoters. Mrs Hughes believes there are no short falls but the accounts are with the accountants.

Members noted the matters to report.

3219 Agenda item7:-Planning Items

- **DC/201101003** Glen Oak, King-Coed, Nr Usk, Monmouthshire. Proposed ground and first floor extensions, over existing garage. Also proposed plate works to existing garden areas.

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection***

- **DC/2012/00228** Cherry Tree Cottage, Castle Road, Raglan, NP15 2JZ.
Construction of a conservatory

Cllr Ewen Brierley declared interest as this property is next door. Cllr Brierley took no part in the meeting.

*Concern was expressed about the comments made by the Planning Authority. Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection**.*

- **DC/2012/00406** The Cedars, Usk Road, Raglan, NP15 2EB. Proposed works to remove u-PVC conservatory, and construct a new kitchen extension to the rear of the property and incorporating a new conservatory

*Members considered the above application and after some debate it was resolved that the council offer **No objection.***

3220 Agenda item 8:-Finance Matters

Clerks salary	
HMRC	
Council & Clerk's office expenses "May & June" 2012	£15.40
Merlin Waste 9 th and 23 rd July 2012	£29.70

Resolved to pay the above accounts.

The clerk informed members that the external auditor has contacted him over a number of points within the return. Members considered the comments and will review the accounts at the next precept meeting.

The Clerk informed members that Cllr Mrs Williams has inspected the waste bins since the last meeting and the bins are being emptied on the dates indicated on the invoices. Cllr Williams expressed some concern over the colour of the bags on a monthly basis.

Resolved that the waste bin on Fayre Oaks be re-sited

Action Clerk and Cllr Phillips

3221 Agenda item 9:-Members concerns on highway issues.

Members raised the same points as from the last meeting plus the gullies outside the school.

Action Clerk

3222 Agenda items 10:- of correspondence

General

1. Voluntary Voice Magazine.
2. HMRC Digital Services.
3. Raglan & District Local History Group. "Letter of support"
4. Press release: "Public Interest Report" from WAO.
5. Bank statement.

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6. MCC Chairman "Charity invitation" 31st August 2012.
7. Communities and local Government. Payments by Parish and Community Councils. "Consultation"

Action Clerk to complete the return and submit

3223 Agenda item 11:-Consider the council website.

Cllr Moorby informed members about the sub-committee meeting relating to the web-site and the improvements. The items below are some items to be considered.

Face Page

Contents,
Pictures of Raglan,
Links,

Community Council page

List of Councillors,
Clerk and contact details,
Minutes of previous meetings,
Minutes of Annual meetings,

About Raglan

Map,
History—Castle, Church etc.
Points of interest,
Local business, schools,
Surgery pharmacy,
Religious establishments,
Local clubs and societies scout, sports etc.
Local ways

Resolved to hold a further meeting and contact web-site designers including local universities.

Action Committee members

3224 Agenda item 12:-Reports from members on outside bodies.

- 1) Cllr Phillips informed members about the meeting he and a number of other members attended with the CC Hobson and officers from MCC. A number of items were raised including Green waste collection and Planning. Cllr Phillips has been informed that the community councils will no longer be consultees in the planning process. Members were concerned over this and asked who the consultees were.
- 2) Cllr Phillips also explained that the County Council has employed an officer who is also responsible for strategic lead in partnerships and engagement and communication between MCC and local councils and interested groups. Cllr Phillips explained that One Voice Wales

have been waiting for over a month for MCC to hold a meeting in relation to the Charter Mr Mclean was to arrange a meeting for the end of July but he has not met with the Councils ASOs so it would appear the meeting will not take place.

- 3) Cllr Phillips also informed members about the One Voice Wales meeting which he attended.
- 4) Cllr Moorby informed members about the meeting he attended of the Monmouth CAB Board, and members of the board have concern over the funding of the CAB. Cllr Moorby explained that the CAB is funded around 50% from MCC as are all the other CABs in the County. MCC have proposed that they only want to deal with one organisation not four which is the case as it stands. Cllr Moorby stated that MCC are coming under pressure to supply advice more information and this will be put up for tender and it would seem the individual bureau offices are too small to bid for the service. Therefore the four bureau offices should amalgamate to form one large county wide service.
- 5) Cllr Moorby informed members that the Monmouth bureau is against this on the grounds it will affect the service. The bureau believes the groups and individuals that support the bureau will stop supporting as it would seem their contribution is going some where else in the county. Cllr Moorby understands the other three bureaus are in favour of the amalgamation.
- 6) A number of questions were asked about the service and was it all about cost. Concern was also expressed on how can a company provide the service at a lower cost when the bureaus are run with volunteers
- 7) Cllr Phillips informed members of the outcome from the village plan and the group will be sending out a questionnaire to all households in the community which is 885 dwellings. Cllr Phillips asked members if they would distribute the questionnaire in the surrounding communities. It is hoped they will be ready late August early part of September.

3225 The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9:35pm. The date of the next meeting 22nd August 2012

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr Trevor Phillips

Date 22nd August 2012