

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
18th December 2013 at the Raglan Junior School at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Vivienne Compton
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Sylvia Price(Chairman)

Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Trevor Phillips
Cllr Helen Williams
Cllr Peter Williams

3501 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

3502 Agenda Item 1:-Apologies for absence.
Cllr Noel Porter

Agenda Item 2:-Declarations of interest.

Members will may make declarations as and when required during the meeting

3503 Agenda Item 3:-15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

No members of the public were in attendance

3504 Agenda Item 4:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 29th November 2013.

***Proposed** by Cllr P Jones seconded by Cllr H Williams that the minutes are signed as a true record.*

All Members Agreed

3505 Agenda Item 5:-Matters to report.

Cllr Helen Williams asked the Clerk if he had received any further information relating to the website grant from MCC. Cllr Williams informed members that she had spoken to the Area Service Officer from MCC and she has been given the task to compile a template for an application form so Community and Town Council can apply for the grant funding. It was also explained that the funding will be available until March 31st 2013.

3506 Agenda Item 6:-Planning applications received.

No applications received before the meeting

3507 Agenda Item 7:-Finance Matters.

Clerks salary and HMRC payment

Merlin Waste	£29.70
Platform One Repairs to notice boards "Revisited"	£180.00

Members considered the payments. The Chairman distributed a briefing paper from Dr Cheryl Morgan the project Manager of the local Raglan Roots Project. A further briefing paper was distributed to members from Mr Brinley Morgan explaining some of the outcomes from the project.

Members considered the content of the briefing papers and after some debated it was agreed that no grant application will be considered without an application being made and this should be prior to any meeting of the Council.

It was agreed: For the Council to award further payments when unforeseen work is identified, the Council or the Clerk must agree the work before work commences.

After some debate it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Moorby that the outstanding invoice is released.

*It was: **Resolved:** to pay the outstanding invoice for the unforeseen work on the notice board in Beaufort Square.*

All receipts were available for members to inspect before payment.

Resolved: to pay all the outstanding invoices.

Cllr Moorby asked if the Clerk can provide a monthly account relating to the expenditure.

3508 Agenda Item 8:-Members concerns on highway issues.

No further highway issues to report. Cllr Moorby explained that the items raised in the last meeting are still outstanding.

3509 Agenda Item 9:-Items of correspondence.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2014-15

Monmouthshire County Council:

2. Council precept 2014-15

The Clerk informed members that the Council will need to consider the 2014-15 precept by the 20th of January 2014. A number of members expressed concern over this when the CEO from Monmouthshire County Council stated in an open meeting that Councils would be given until the end of January to enable them to consider the implication of the devolution of services if there are any. It was:

Proposed: that the Clerk writes to the CEO reminding him of the agreement in the engagement meetings that Councils would be given extra time until the end of January.

Cllr Brown asked about the document that the Clerk had attached as an appendix: LOCALISED

SERVICES–TRANSFER, COLLABORATE, CONTRIBUTE. He explained this document gives three options for Councils to consider. Cllr Phillips explained that he attended a meeting of One Voice Wales and their view was not to enter into any agreements at the moment until the Council as consulted with the residents.

3. Review of Communities and electoral Arrangements

Members considered the report which was presented by the County Council relating to boundary changes and the numbers of members for Raglan Community Council, if the proposals are implemented. After some debate it was:

Resolved: *all members should attend the working group meeting on the 7th January in County Hall.*

4. Raglan School Project "Report to Full Council"
5. Christmas Card from "MCC Chairman"
6. Christmas Card from "MCC Leader"

Other Correspondence:

7. Llangoven Churchyard "Thank you letter"
8. War Memorial Trust "Newsletter"

Cllr Price informed the members that a stone had been collected from a local quarry as a memorial to commemorate local people who lost their lives in the War.

9. CADW Grant "Repairing-Restoring historic assets in 2014.
10. Homemakers Community Recycling "Thank you letter"
11. Public Notice
12. Raglan Church "Thank you letter"

Members noted all the other correspondence.

3510 Agenda Item 10:-Clerk reports.

No further items to report

3511 Agenda Item 11:-Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr H Williams informed members that she and Cllr Phillips attended a meeting with the contractors who will be building the new school in Raglan. Cllr H Williams explained that further information will be available in the New Year.

Cllr H Williams explained that she and other members attended the Community Plan meeting. Cllr H Williams explained that 25-30 people attended the meeting. Cllr H Williams explained that the role of the Community Council was debated and what the Council can undertake if the services are going to be devolved. It was explained that there was some negativity part of the way through the meeting but there were also some very good points raised in the meeting.

Cllr H Williams explained that residents would like to know what services are going to be cut. It was explained that residents would like to be part of the consultation before the Council take on any services or raise the precept for any services. One member thought the Council should have a face book page to inform local residents.

It was explained that Seven-Wye Energy attended the meeting and explained about community based projects to make Raglan a greener and more self-reliant community. It was explained that Seven-Wye will be holding a meeting in January regarding green projects. It was:

Proposed: by Cllr Phillips that the School Council should be invited to a Council meeting in the new year over projects in the village.

The Chairman informed members that the bottle bank located at Prince Charles Avenue has been removed and it will not be replaced due to the kerbside recycling.

3512 Agenda Item 12:-Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones explained that all the points she was going to raise have been covered during the meeting.

3513 The Chairman thanked members for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm. The date of the next meeting is 22nd January 2014

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr

Date 22nd January 2014