

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
24th April 2013 at the Junior School Raglan at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Vivienne Compton
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Sylvia Price
Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Helen Williams
Cllr Peter Williams

3376 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

3377 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

The Chairman offered apologies for Cllr's Helen Williams and Penny Jones has as they are attending a school governors meeting.

Apologies were also offered for Cllr Noel Porter.

3378 Agenda item 2:-Declarations of interest.

Declaration will be made as and when required

3379 Agenda Item 3:- 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the council with any concern.

No members of the public in attendance.

3380 Agenda Item 4:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2013

The Chairman explained that Cllr Williams was in attendance at the last meeting. It was Cllr Parry which offered his apologies.

Proposed by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr E Brierley that the minutes are signed as a true record after the minute is amended.

All Members Agreed

3381 Agenda Item 5:- Matters to report.

- A member asked when the MCC planning training is due to take place.
- A further question was asked about the minute 3367 and which toilets is the minute referring

to. It was explained that it relates to the toilets in the village hall.

- The Chairman informed members that a meeting was held to consider the findings from the community survey and the information will be collated and published shortly.
- A question was asked about the dog fouling in the community. Monmouth Town Council also has a number of letters in the local paper regarding this matter. The clerk informed members that a number of councils are considering joining forces to employ the services of a specialist contractor under the Power of Well-being Act.
- Concern was expressed that the dog waste bins are not being emptied. It was resolved that the bins will be monitored. A further location for a bin on Monmouth Road was considered.

3382 Agenda Item 7:- To receive and note the Minutes of the Allotment Subcommittee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2013

The clerk informed members about the questionnaire. It was hoped that this questionnaire will be distributed over the next couple of weeks.

A site inspection is intended for May where the sub-group will attend and make observations.

After some debate it was:-

Resolved: to defer the minutes to the allotment sub-group.

3383 Agenda Item 5:- Matters to report

3384 Agenda Item 6:- Planning Items

- **DC/2012/00917** Repairs and alterations to a barn and its surrounding site and convert into a dwelling property including a drive and onsite parking **Pen-y-Clawdd Farm, Pen-y-Clawdd.**

Members considered the application and it was:

Resolved: to make no objection.

- **DC/2012/00167** Appeal against a refusal Field 7900 Old Clytha Road, Raglan

Members considered the application and it was:

Resolved: to make the same comments as in the past.

"Members debated the application in full. Members expressed concern over the layout of the proposed dwelling and the close proximity to the stable block. The construction of this property does not form part of any activity for commercial animal husbandry. Therefore the activity does not give rise to the essential functional need for an available worker. Therefore the application is most clearly outside the scope of the rural enterprise dwelling policy.

Members from RCC consider it unreasonable that such an application can be granted planning consent without conditions, due to the volume which is available for extending the living accommodation of the dwelling into the garage area and stable block.

After some debate it was **resolved** that there is **no objection** to the application, but the planning authority consider placing conditions within the consent that no extension will be afforded for any further amendments to change of use to the internal layout or extending the dwelling into the

garage and stable block areas of the dwelling”.

- **MCC 238 (2013)** Tree preservation Order: Beaufort House, Castle Street, Raglan.

Members noted the above application.

- **DC/2013/00263** Change of use from storage/light industrial B1 to B2 use class for microbrewery. 6 little Castel Business Parc, Pen-y-Parc Road, Raglan.

After some debate it was:

Resolved: that no objections are made.

All members agreed

3385 Agenda Item 9:-Finance Matters.

Clerks Salary	
HMRC payment	
One Voice Wales Training	£125.00
Merlin Waste for 8 th & 22 nd April 2013	£ 29.70

Resolved: to pay the above accounts.

Clr Helen Williams joined the meeting 8.04pm

3386 Agenda Item 10:-Members concerns on highway issues.

One member raised concern over the road surface on the roundabout at the A40. He witnessed a person riding a motor bike when a large lorry past the bike and the rider fell into the highway after due to the loose gravel. It was:

Resolved: that the clerk contact MCC highways

Concern was also expressed over the state of the roads and signage at Warrage Road and Tregarr.

It was: **Resolved** the clerk writes to MCC requesting some new signage in these locations.

Clr Penny Jones entered the meeting 8.10pm

A member raised concern over cars parking outside a pumping station or an electricity sub-station.

Resolved: to observe any further parking obstructions.

3387 Agenda Item 11:-Items of correspondence.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. None

Monmouthshire County Council

2. Central Monmouthshire (Rural Forum)
3. Waste Prevention & Recycling Changes in Monmouthshire.

Resolved: that the recycle officers attend the community meeting.

Other Correspondence:

4. One Voice Wales (The Voice)
5. One Voice Wales (Membership fee recite)
6. One Voice Wales (Wales Rural Observatory- Services survey 2013)

Cllr E Brierley volunteered to complete the service survey and return to OWW

7. One Voice Wales (Training events commencing in May 2013- Allotment/Community Growing)

Cllr E Brierley & Compton volunteered to attend the event.

8. NatWest Bank (Annual reminder)
9. Western Power (Network Letter)
10. ECO Open doors (Community Climate Champions)
11. Monmouth CAB (Grant Application)
12. Internal Auditor (Appointment letter)

It was: **Resolved:** that Mr Clive James is appointed as internal auditor.

13. Mazars (Annual return)
14. Mazars (Notice of Audit)
15. St Anne's (Newsletter)
16. Member training from One Voice Wales (Planning aid Wales)

Members considered this item and the benefits this planning training will provide to Community and Town Councils. It was:

Resolved: by to consider holding a joint session with other councils.

Councillors noted the remainder of the correspondence.

3388 Agenda Item 12:-Clerk reports.

The Clerk asked about the council obtaining an external hard drive. It was:

Resolved: to obtain an external drive.

3389 Agenda Item 13:-Reports from members on outside bodies.

- Cllr Moorby raised a point about the public conveniences as he has received a complaint that visitors don't know they can use the Beaufort Hotel.
- There was some concern about Treworgan Ferragan Common as the land has been fenced off stopping local people gaining access to the open space. It is believed that Lord Raglans agent will be writing to the local farmer asking for the fence to be removed.

Resolved: that the clerk write to the farmer.

- Cllr Helen Williams explained that a small group met regarding the community survey and the data has been analysed and work will start shortly on drawing up a draft community plan so anyone with information relating to the history of the village would be welcome.
- Cllr Williams also explained that she had attended a governors meeting and there is no further movement on the new school due to delays from the Welsh Government.

3390 Agenda Item 14:-Reports from the County Councillor.

County Cllr Penny Jones explained that the County Council has held its first meeting in the new County Council offices.

3391 Agenda Item 15: Consider items for the agenda at the community meeting in May 2013

Invite County Cllr Brian Jones as Cabinet member with waste portfolio. Community meeting should include street cleaning and maintaining the flower beds.

3392 The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 9.12pm. The date of the next meeting is 22nd May 2013

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr

Date 22 May 2013