

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Community Meeting held on Wednesday
22nd May 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 Ray Parry
Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Helen Williams
Cllr Peter Williams

3393 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
County Councillor Brian Jones
Mr Glyn Edmunds MCC
Plus 5 members of the public

3394 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.
Cllr Sylvia Price.

3395 Agenda item 2:-To consider the presentation from Monmouthshire County Council-
Waste & Recycling changes in Monmouthshire.

The Chairman welcomed both County Cllr Jones and Mr Glyn Edmunds to the meeting and asked both to introduce themselves. Cllr Jones explained that they will be going through the proposed waste collection service and handed members a paper presentation.

Cllr Jones explained that there will be a kerbside collection from the 1st July 2013, and it will consist of the following service: red and purple bags for recycling weekly, food waste will also be weekly. He explained that the general waste will be collected fortnightly and MCC will be providing households with grey opaque bags to use and this will be restricted to 2 bags per household. It was also explained that no other bags will be collected.

Mr Edmunds explained that one household placed 45 bags on the kerbside for collection and there are houses in the Monmouth area who place 20 to 25 bags on the kerbside regularly.

He explained that the nappy/hygiene collection will also be moving to a weekly collection. County Cllr Jones also explained about the green waste. It's a discretionary service and the green waste collection will remain a weekly collection but consumers will have to purchase the green waste bags and the cost will be £8.00 per bag for 2013/14 year and a maximum of 5 bags per house hold. It was explained that any household can register and this will be introduced in July this year. The bags will have permits for use and the permit will be registered to an address. It was also explained that anyone wishing not to register can still use the recycling and transfer centres in Abergavenny and Monmouth. MCC will also be promoting and subsidising home composting tubs.

County Cllr Jones explained the savings that need to be made over the next number years is:

2012/14 there is a saving of £4m and a further £12m by 2017. He explained that Monmouthshire gets the lowest settlement figures from the Welsh Government and MCC has protected the key services such as Education and Social Services, therefore the Council have focused on income and redesigning the services than cutting any service. It was explained that MCC will work with large families to find a tailored solution. Mr Edmunds explained it's not the intention to employ bin police and fine residents but to work with them and find the solutions.

Mr Edmunds showed members a graph showing what some residents place in black bags for kerbside collection. For example paper and card was 17.3%, plastics 9.2%, dense plastics 7.3% and other items such as Putrescible (Food) 34.3%.

Mr Edmunds stated that 70% of any black bag can or should be recycled, he explained that over 20K tonnes go to land fill every year and this is made from 12K tonnes from kerbside collection and this collection is costing an estimated £3m per year. He also explained that £1.4m goes in landfill tax.

Mr Edmunds explained that MCC will not be using wheelie bins but will continue with the bag collection. It is hoped that the bags will be part of a behavioural change to recycling. County Cllr Jones explained that MCC will be delivering a bag for life with the household recycling bags.

- A number of questions were asked about different plastic packing. It was explained that some items are not satisfactory for recycling and if there is any doubt then that should be placed in the grey opaque bags.
- A member asked about taking waste to the recycling centres and will you have to pay for this service. It was explained that residents can take two bags to the transfer stations free of charge. The member explained that he has been told that he knows someone that had to pay to dispose of waste. Mr Edmunds asked for the details so he would be able to investigate this issue.
- A number of questions were asked about which type of plastic trays can be recycled. Concern was expressed about black glossy trays which state it's not a recyclable item. It was explained that most of the food trays can be recycled.
- A question was asked about the separation of paper and plastics when they are mixed in the transfer station. It was explained that paper is a higher value and it was a WG instruction.
- A further question was asked about the green bags and the cost and where can you pay for them. A member asked about the payment into the one stop shop. It was explained that the one stop shops will be taking payments for green waste.
- A question was asked about the tetrapacks and it was explained that all the components from these packs can be recycled.
- A question was asked about placing general information on the MCC website. This could work to aid local residents within Monmouthshire and this information should be on the home page.
- There was some concern over the green waste being dumped on open spaces and common land with the green waste charges proposed.
- A question was asked about the amount and the waste being transferred around the county.

It was explained that the black bags go to Somerset and the coloured bags go to the Midlands. Cllr Jones explained that waste is not waste anymore as it has a value.

- Cllr Jones explained that the nappy/hygiene contractor has informed the council this week that they have withdrawn the service. MCC will continue with the collection and they will be looking for a different contractor to take over the contract.
- Concern was expressed over the proposed charges for green waste. Since the introduction of the collection the bonfires in the community have stopped, but with the introduction of the charges this may start again.

Chairman thanked both MCC representatives and they left the meeting. 7.35pm

3396 **Agenda item 3:-**Time will be set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Chairman and the Council questions of local interest and concern.

The Chairman invited the members of the public to raise any points.

One member of the public raised concern over the width of the footpaths in the village, and cars parking on the footpaths. It was asked if a car parked on the footpath was scratched who would be responsible. It was explained that more cars are parking so residents with wheel chairs or disability scooters cannot pass between them or use the footpaths in safety. There was concern over crossing the road to go to the doctors etc.

The Chairman explained that a meeting was held in the village a number of weeks ago with officers from MCC. A number of residents and shop owners were also present. A robust discussion had taken place in relation to the proposal to widen the footpath outside the chemist. Due to the opposition to this proposal the County Council have shelved it.

It was explained that the council can place traffic orders but it's down to police force to enforce the law. It was explained that if anyone is having issues with access they need to write to the Highway Authority to make a complaint so the issues can be recorded.

After some debate it was:

Resolved: that the concerns will be monitored

A member of the public asked about planning in the community. He made comment about the way development is being granted in the local community. The person made comment in relation to two dwellings that are under construction and an application which is in front of the County Council.

The Chairman informed the public that the Community Council will be considering the application which has been submitted to MCC and if the public wished they could attend the council's ordinary meeting.

Members of the public were encouraged to write to the Community Council or the County Councillor.

3397 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.05pm. The date of the next meeting is 28th June 2014

Signed by _____

Chairman Cllr S Price

Date 26th June 2013