

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
24th July 2013 at the Pen-y-Clawdd Village Hall at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Richard Moorby

Cllr Sylvia Price(Chairman)
Cllr Ray Parry
Cllr Trevor Phillips
Cllr Peter Williams

3427 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council. Plus two members of the public.

3428 Agenda item 1:-Apologies for absence.

Cllr's Noel Porter, Helen Williams & Vivienne Compton

3429 Agenda item 2:-Declarations of interest.

Declaration will be made as and when required

3430 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

3431 Agenda item 4:-Raglan Local History Group update

No members from the Local history group were in attendance.

The clerk was conscious of the comments made at the last meeting regarding the interpretation boards and the time restraints to complete the project.

It was explained that one of the history group members attended a meeting at the Junior School on the evening of the 23rd July. It was explained that members from the Community Council have not seen the plans since the amendment were send to the designer some three or four weeks ago. A copy of the plan was shown to those present at that meeting with further amendments.

It was explained that the history group should continue with the project but the existing interpretation boards remain in the village and the history group provide their own boards and settings. One member explained that further amendments were going to be made without the council members seeing the finished interpretation maps.

Concern was expressed over the consultation between the Council the History group and the existing designer artist.

It was proposed that the council grants the History Group a grant of a one off payment of seven hundred pounds and the council would receive a grant from a local group contributing to fifty percent towards the new boards and the existing interpretation boards are retained in the same

location. After some debate it was:

Resolved: that the council should see and approve the content of the new maps before erection.

Proposed: by Cllr Philips seconded by Cllr Peter Williams.

It was: **Resolved** that no further grants are approved without full details and business plans.

3432 Agenda item 5:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2013.

Proposed: by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Brown that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3433 Agenda item 6:-Matters to report.

Cllr Moorby asked about the monies held on account for the village hall trust. Included on agenda item 6 from the last meeting. It was explained that the clerk and Cllr Philips met with the past clerk and it was resolved that the money in the council reserve account is that money.

Cllr Philips asked about the fences on the allotment site and are the council any closer in awarding a contract. It was explained that the clerk is waiting for two further estimates.

Concern was also expressed over the state of some of the allotments. It was:

Resolved: to write to the tenant/s asking them to vacate the plot.

One member asked if the council has written to the Open Spaces regarding Treworgan Common. It was explained that no reply has been received to date.

3434 Agenda item 7:-To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013.

Proposed: by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Philips that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3435 Agenda item 8:-Matters to report.

One member asked about the properties identified on page two and did the agent explain why these properties were left off the design statement. It was explained that that point was not raised in the meeting. A question was asked about the income and farm sustainability or farm diversity. It was explained that this question was raised and the turbine would be an income generator and not farm diversification.

The clerk and Cllr Brown gave members the back ground to the meeting.

3436 Agenda item 9:- To consider the observation relating to **DC/2013/00469** Lower Pen-y-Clawdd Farm, and resolve the outcome from the site meeting 24th July 2013.

Members debated this application and the comments made by members of the public this evening.

It was proposed that this application is recommend for refusal as it does not meet the policies of the Planning Authority. i.e.

- This application is in conflict with the policy on the grounds the construction of a wind turbine of this size does not form part of the open countryside and the topographical and the landscape conservation.
- The construction of a turbine of this size does not protect the physical environment.
- The development should be assimilated into the landscape. This policy also states sites on the skyline should be avoided, if possible It was:

Resolved: that the council objects to this application

All Members Agreed

3437 Agenda item 10:- Planning applications received

- **DC/2013/00531** Anthony House, Llandenny. Conversion of existing double garage into kitchen dining and retain single garage. First floor extension above existing double garage to provide additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom. Installation of solar thermal collectors/panels on existing south facing roof.

Members considered the this application and after some debate it was agreed to offer no objection

- **DC/2013/00977** The Waun, Raglan. Conversion and extension of barn into annexe to main house.

Members concluded that this property is not in this Community Council boundary.

- **DC/2013/00375** 8 Ethley Drive, Raglan. First floor extension over existing garage space to create dining room, bedroom and en-suite

Members were informed that this application has been approved before the meeting.

3438 Agenda item 11:- Finance Matters.

Clerks salary and HMRC payment
Merlin Waste

£44.55

The clerk informed members that individuals are cleaning dog waste from their gardens and disposing of it in the dog waste bins. There was some debate over this point and one member explained this has become an issue since the new waste collection. It was explained that dog waste can be disposed of in the grey bags.

It was resolved that small notices are placed on the bins explaining to individuals that dog waste from gardens can be placed in the grey bags. It was also agreed to place a press release in the local papers.

3439 Agenda item 12:- Members concerns on highway issues.

Cllr Parry explained about the highway surface on Bentra Road. This is cracking and the verge is becoming dangerous. The road number in 44.4 between London House and Bentra Road.

The Road number 44.1 from Pen-y-clawdd down to bridge over the dual carriageway.

Concern was also expressed over the light columns between Ethley Drive, and the Willows.

Action Point: Cllr Jones will raise these issues with MCC Highways

3440 Agenda item 13:- Items of correspondence.

Welsh Assembly Government:

1. None

Monmouthshire County Council:

2. Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) Amendments to strategic sites allocations.

Members debated the proposals relating to the site on Chepstow Road. Concern was expressed over the number of houses and the condition of the ground. Concern was also expressed over the infrastructure, Education, Doctors and Employment to name some of the concerns.

Action Point: the clerk to write to MCC with observations and objections.

3. Central Monmouthshire Rural Forum Agenda

Other Correspondence:

4. Mr Andrew Crump (Station Road Raglan)
5. City illuminations Ltd

It was agreed that the Chairman sign the agreement.

6. Natwest Bank
7. Raglan Scout Group
8. Llanedenny Parish Hall

Correspondence regarding Wind Turbine:

9. Email from Mr Wright
10. Monmouthshire Beacon Reporter
11. Mr & Mrs Anstey Llangovan
12. Mr & Mrs Jones Tregare
13. Mr & Mrs Wordsworth Llangovan

14. Mr John Wright Pen-y-Clawdd
15. Ms Ashton Llangovan
16. Mr & Mrs Blake
17. Mr & Mrs Joyner Pen-y-Clawdd
18. Mr & Mrs MacFarlane Pen-y-Clawdd
19. Mr & Mrs Ramage Pen-y-Clawdd
20. Unnamed correspondence
21. Invitation to inspect proposed wind turbine site
22. Mr Write Pen-y-Clawdd

Email Correspondence:

23. Monmouthshire Web Portal

Proposed: that the council continue with the council website and apply for the grant from MCC to develop the website.

24. MCC Future of Public services in Monmouthshire

After some debate it was agreed that Cllr's Trevor Philips, Helen Williams, Dennis Brown. Will attend the forum meeting on the 5th August with MCC regarding the future of public services.

All correspondence not commented on was noted:

3441 Agenda item 14:- Clerk reports.

No further reports to make:

3442 Agenda item 15:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Phillips raised concern over the tender documents relating to the toilets at the village hall. It would appear that the cost of installing the toilets was £32k. Members were concerned over this cost and the way officers from MCC are dealing with the village hall committee.

It was explained that the Head Teacher has concern with individuals crossing the playground when the school is open. It would appear that MCC are expecting the village hall to pay the full contribution. Concern was also expressed that officers will not provide the village hall committee with any reports or copies of the tender documents.

A question was asked if the village hall committee or MCC will approach RCC for any funding. It was also asked about the minutes from the joint working group meetings.

Action point: Co-opted members will report back at the next meeting.

3443 Agenda item 16:- Reports from the County Councillor

CC Jones explained about the site which may be allocated for a solar farm.

Concern was expressed over the land being left fallow and due to the financial restraints on MCC this land could have been let on a short term tenancy.

3444 Agenda item 17:- Agree delegated powers to the Chair and Vice Chair for the month of

August recess.

It was proposed that delegated powers are given to the Chair and Vice Chairman.

All members agreed

3445 The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The date of the next meeting is 25th September 2013

Signed by _____
Chairman Cllr S Price

Date 25th September 2013