

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
22nd October 2014 at the Raglan Junior School at
7.30pm

Present

Cllr Vivienne Compton
Cllr Ewen Brierley
Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Noel Porter

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

3697 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

3698 **Agenda Item 1:-**Apologies for absence.

Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Compton joined the meeting at 7.10pm
Cllr Helen Williams joined the meeting 7.23pm

3699 **Agenda Item 2:-**Declarations of interest.

Declarations of interest will be made as and when.

3700 **Agenda Item 3:-** 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

Mr Watkins and Ms Watkins joined the meeting at 7.25pm

3701 **Agenda Item 4:-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 2014.

Cllr Brown explained that he asked for a letter to be sent to Raglan in Bloom following their success in the Wales in Bloom competition.

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

All Members Agreed

3702 **Agenda Item 5:-** Matters to report.

***Proposed:** that a letter is sent to Raglan in Bloom after their success in the Wales in Bloom*

The clerk gave members a verbal report following the Public Inquiry (PI) regarding Application No: DC/2013/00469 at Lower Pen y Clawdd Farm. He explained that some of the officers who attended the PI showed very little professionalism. In the first instance the officers were unable to provide the Inspector with a copy of the Council LDP document, and then an officer copied pages from the document but didn't collate the copies, and the officer sorted the pages on the floor of the Inquiry room in front of all the attendees. It was explained that the case officer was not the officer that determined the application. After some debate it was:

Proposed: the clerk should write to the CEO from MCC and express the Councils dissatisfaction

All members agreed

Concern was also expressed about the crossing on the dual carriageway after the accident. After some debate it was:

Proposed: that the clerk writes to the MCC Highways Dept and SWTRA regarding this matter.

3703 Agenda Item 6:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2014.

Proposed by Cllr P Williams seconded by Cllr R Moorby that the minutes are signed as a true record.

All Members Agreed

3704 Agenda Item 7:- Matters to report.

The chairman explained that the meeting date was changed due to a clash of dairy commitments.

The chairman explained that a Community working group meeting was held in County Hall on the 21st October and officers from MCC will be submitting a report to the Council cabinet relating to Community Asset Transfer policy. Members debated this matter and the proposals of transfer of the MUGA as an asset transfer.

It was explained that further information is required before any business case can be proposed and submitted to MCC. The clerk asked for members to submit ideas for inclusion in the business case, there was some debate over a community orchard and open parkland. After some debate it was:

Resolved: that a draft business case will be submitted to the next meeting.

Cllr Brown believes that the Council should hold a community meeting and inform the residents and the wider community what they would like to see in this area. He believes that residents should be provided with all the facts. After some debate it was:

Resolved: that a date will be arranged for a community engagement meeting.

Members were informed that Raglan Village Hall Association will be holding a meeting public meeting to inform residents of the outcome from their survey. This meeting will take place on the 2nd November in the Baptist Church.

Cllr Price gave members a verbal report in relation to the proposals at St Cadocs to be discussed on Friday at 10.30 am.

3705 Agenda Item 8:-To consider a planned maintenance programme from October 2014 to March 2015

The clerk explained to members that due to the increase in the precept in April, The Council should consider a programme of works to spend the monies that were allocated for extra work. Cllr Brown explained that a meeting should be sought with officers from MCC to find out what services or what the Community Council can undertake. Cllr Moorby asked if the monies ring-fenced are for a particular project.

Cllr Moorby proposed that some minor road improvements to the Llandenny to the Chepstow Road by the Brace Farm. After some debate it was:

Resolved: that the Council arrange a meeting with officers from MCC Highways.

There was also some debate over the dog walk area and the footpath which should be improved and widened to the existing width. There was also some debate over providing some play equipment in the recreation ground.

There was some debate over the flooding on Chepstow Road where the open ditch is over grown and further improvement to the open drainage ditch on Pen y parc Road.

3706 Agenda Item 9:-Planning applications received. (No hard copy application received)

The Chairman asked if standing orders to be suspended to allow a resident to address the Council in relation to planning application DC/2014/ 01052. The clerk reminded members that some members were part of the pre application stage and supported this application then. The clerk explained if any members did not attend the first meeting they were able to make comment. After some debate it was:

Proposed: the clerk responds to MCC planning explaining the situation.

Mr Watkins gave members a verbal report on the current situation in relation to the memorial stone in the village. He explained that he has the name plaque and the memorial stone will be erected before Armistice Day.

A vote of thanks was offered to Mr Watkins for all his work in relation to this matter.

- **DC/2014/00148:** 7 Primrose Green, Raglan. Proposed two storey rear extension.

Members expressed concern over this application. The clerk explained that this application is an amendment to the application that has received consent.

It was proposed that no objection is made.

- **DC/2014/ 01052:** Yew Tree Cottage, Warrage Road, Raglan. New Dormer bungalow under the build your own affordable home scheme – single plot exception site with garage.

3707 Agenda Item 10:- Finance Matters.

For the month of

October 2014

Balance brought forward

Payee	Amount
Clerks salary	
Merlin waste	£50.85
HMRC	£62.40
Mazars	£246.00
MCC	£385.00

The chairman explained that he has received an email from the Head Teacher stating a fee is payable to erect the memorial stone in the same location as the existing memorial stone. Members debated this matter and members were dismayed that the Highway Authority is insisting on this fee. It was:

Resolved: the fee be paid and a covering letter sent to MCC expressing the Council dissatisfaction on this matter and ask for the fee to be returned.

All members agreed

It was agreed: by all members present that the payments below are paid

3708 Agenda Item 11:- Items of correspondence. (Please see appendix on the evening)

Welsh Government:

1. None

Monmouthshire County Council:

2. Minutes PCC meeting with the Rural forum
3. Footpath closure Public footpath N0 82

Members considered this notice from MCC to extend the division/closure of the footpath adjacent to the MUGA. Members debated the notice and the closure, and after some debate it was:

Resolved: the clerk contact the relevant officer for further information

Other Correspondence:

4. Mazers End of year return
5. One Voice Wales Area meeting agenda
6. One Voice Wales letter of cancellation
7. Letter from Mr R J Bennett transfer of tenancy
8. Letter from Mr H W Cornfield Transfer of tenancy
9. Care line Monmouthshire CALM
10. Draft annual report for 2015/16 Independent Remuneration panel

Correspondence by Email:

11. Email from Cllr Viv Compton regarding community orchards.

Cllr Compton gave members a viable report relating to the community orchard application.

Members noted: all the above correspondence

3709 Agenda Item 13:- Clerk reports.

No further reports made.

3710 Agenda Item 14:- Members concerns on highway issues.

Cllr Price raised concern over the street lighting column at Caestory Crescent/Avenue. Cllr Price explained the overhanging tree is still obstructing the light. After some debate it was:

Resolved: to contact MCC street lighting officer.

A number of members raised concern over a number of locations in relation to the highway and flooding and pot holes; concern was also expressed again over the roads around Pen-y-clwadd. Cllr Moorby also raised concern over the road gullies in Raglan Village; it would appear that the road gullies have not been cleared for a number months and they are full of silt.

3711 Agenda Item 14:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Moorby gave members a verbal report on the Monmouth CAB. He explained that Monmouth CAB is working as a contractor to the offices that amalgamated last year. He explained from 2016 Monmouth CAB wont be able to apply for grant funding from the county wide CAB. Members debated this matter and after some debate it was:

Agreed: to monitor the situation

3712 Agenda Item 15:- Reports from the County Councillor

County Councillor Jones was attendance at a County Council meeting.

3713 The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The date of the next meeting is 26th November 2014

Signed by _____

Chairman Cllr Phillips
Date 26th November 2014