

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on
26th November 2014 at the Raglan Junior School at
7.00pm

Present

Cllr Dennis Brown
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Noel Porter

Cllr Trevor Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Williams
Cllr Helen Williams

3714 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.
Mr David Morris, Director of Housing & Communities, Monmouthshire Housing Association
Neil Binnell, Monmouthshire Housing Association
Mr Chris Butler-Donnelley joined the meeting 7.20pm
PC Rhydian Evan joined the meeting 7. 27pm

3715 **Agenda Item 1:-**Apologies for absence.

Cllr's Vivian Compton, Richard Moorby, Ewen Brierley, Ray Parry

3716 **Agenda Item 2:-**Declarations of interest.

Declarations of interest will be made as and when.

3717 **Agenda Item 3:-** To consider the address by officers from MHA regarding St Cadocs

Cllr Phillips introduced Mr Morris and Mr Binnell to the Council members. Mr Morris gave members some background information on the proposals and the reasoning for the decision they have taken. He explained that MHA engaged the services of an external specialist in accommodation and appraisal for the OAP's. Mr Morris explained that St Cadocs Court contained 24 old people's flats with a communal lounge along with a warden's unit. St Cadocs Court was constructed in the late 1960s when amenities were shared between residents and the building welcomed its first resident in 1970 and was the first purpose built elderly care community facility in Monmouthshire.

He also explained that the building will not lend itself to re-design. MHA has been liaising closely with residents at St Cadocs Court and their families. he explained that all the residents except for one, has been relocated and the remaining resident will be moving at the beginning of December, and the building will be made secure from vandals with the expectation that the building will be demolished and the area re-landscaped.

He explained that MHA have looked at the accommodation in Raglan and he explained that MHA has fifty seven bungalows in Raglan with twenty general need units. He explained that MHA has 52 older people on the register and over 208 people on the register for general needs housing.

He explained that a survey on St Cadocs Court identified that the building needs a substantial amount of work and the building won't lend itself to redevelopment. There was some debate over the grants available for the redevelopment. It was explained that MHA will be applying for funding to redevelop the site over the next three to five years but he hopes that the site will be redeveloped in the next three years.

One member explained that a plaque commemorating the soldiers who lost their lives in the

world wars. The plaque is fixed to one of the external walls. It was explained that the plaque will be removed and returned to the Council for safe keeping.

One member asked if MHA are waiting for grants or funding. He explained that the site will need to have some cross development with social housing and open market, and the open market housing will contribute to the development of the remaining site.

The Chairman thanked both officers for attending. Mr Morris and Mr Binnell left the meeting at 7.24pm

The Chairman welcomed PC Evans and invited him to address the meeting with any reports he has.

PC Evans explained that he has become the officer for Raglan and the Usk areas. He explained the Police force has been tied up with the NATO conference and other commitments in the force area. He gave members a verbal report on the crime statistics in the local communities. PC Evans explained that there has been a theft from vehicle on Station Road Raglan and damage was caused at Raglan Enterprise Park; it is believed that this was malicious intent.

He believes the main issue is suspicious vehicles travelling around the community. He also explained that people are posing as poachers and driving onto farm yards. He explained due to Raglan being located on one of the main trunk roads in the Wales where people pass through and stop for spontaneous crime opportunity. He explained that the farm watch scheme helps with and reports are made and investigation can be followed up outside the community.

One member expressed concern when members of the public phone the Police they have no response or no officers visit the persons home or crime scene.

Concern was expressed when patients/inmates from local facilities abscond. Local residents are not told that the person has been rearrested and taken back into custody.

General discussions took place over a number of issues in the community.

The Chairman thanked PC Evans for attending and PC Evans left the meeting at. 7.44pm

3718 Agenda Item 4:- 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

No Questions were asked. One observation was made that the website is not up to date.

3719 Agenda Item 5:- To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd October 2014.

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

All Members Agreed

3720 Agenda Item 6:- Matters to report.

One member asked about Minute 3702. It was explained that a letter has been sent to MCC Highways Dept and SWTRA regarding this matter. The Clerk explained he has been told that the Welsh Government Minister considers all correspondence and replies herself.

After some debate it was:

Proposed: that a letter is sent to the local AM for him to take it up with Welsh Government

The Clerk informed members that he has received estimates for the planned maintenance programme.

- *Footpath surface on the dog walk.*
- *Replacing the timber fence on the allotment site.*
- *Cleaning the grips on Chepstow Road.*

He also proposed that the Council consider contributing towards removing the island at the junction to Llandenny/Chepstow Road by Brace Farm.

3721 Agenda Item 7:-Planning applications received.

- **DC/2014/00322:** Appeal Ref: E6840/A/2226082 Land at Castle Road, Raglan, NP15 2DS Variation of condition 7 of DC/2007/01563
- **Highways Act 1980** – Section 119 Proposed public footpath Diversion Order. Public Footpath No 78 (part) Raglan

No objections were offered to the above

3722 Agenda Item 8:- Finance Matters.

RECORD OF EXPENDITURE AND BALANCES

for the month of November 2014

Balance brought forward £12,936.13

Payee	Amount	Balance remaining	Cheque No	Date sent	Cashed
Clerks salary					N
HMRC					N
Mazars	£246.00				N
Merlin waste	£50.85				N

Balance carried forward £12,325.58

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

3723 Agenda Item 9:- Members concerns on highway issues.

Members still had concern over the Pen-y-Parc Road and the road markings, and the road safety. It was explained that the flooding issues have been resolved.

3724 Agenda Item 10:- Items of correspondence.

Welsh Government:

1. Appointment of lay members to the Welsh Language Tribunal
2. Planning Appeal by Mr Jeremy Bayliss Re Wind Turbine at Lower Pen-y-Clawdd Farm

Monmouthshire County Council:

3. Minutes PCC meeting with the rural forum
4. Footpath closure Public footpath N0 82
5. Central Monmouthshire rural forum
6. Emergency contacts

Other Correspondence:

7. Bobath Children's therapy Centre Wales
8. Mr Nick Ramsay National Assembly Member for Monmouthshire
9. National Eisteddfod 2015
10. Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod
11. Friends of Llangovan Churchyard
12. One Voice Wales Area agenda 27th November

Correspondence by Email

13. Have you found a dead badger
14. Review of designated Landscapes in Wales
15. WG consultation on Gypsy and Traveller site accommodation

3725 **Agenda Item 11:-** Clerk reports.

No further reports made.

3726 **Agenda Item 12:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

The Chairman informed members the Council will be convening a public consultation on the 15th January 2015. Cllr Helen Williams gave members a verbal report from the last school governors meeting and a progress report on the new school.

Members considered the report and noted the comments.

3727 **Agenda Item 13:-** Reports from the County Councillor

It was explained that there will be a 3 week overlap for part of the school where the existing building will be closed before the end of the school term.

It was explained that a road maintenance at Pen y Clawdd will be undertaken shortly

3728 The Chairman thanked members for attending. The meeting closed at 8.19 pm. The date of the next meeting is 17th December 2014

Signed by _____

Chairman Cllr Phillips
Date 17th December 2014

The Chairman requested if members were able to remain for five minutes to consider pre meeting engagements with a working group of members.