

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**23 November 2016 at Raglan School, Station Road, Raglan,**  
**at 7.00pm**

**Present**

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

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

**4159 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

Mr Matthew Lewis MCC

Ten members of the public were in attendance (Nine resident joined the meeting at 7.04pm )

Cllr Compton joined the meeting at 7.20pm

**4160 Agenda 1:-** Apologies for absence.

Cllr Noel Porter

**4161 Agenda 2:-** Declarations of interest.

No declarations made at this time.

**4162 Agenda 3:-** Presentation by Mr Matthew Lewis to identify potential options available to the Local Authority

Mr Lewis introduced himself, and explained that he would like to give members a report on a range of options open to the County Council and partnership working with Community and Town Councils in Monmouthshire. He explained that a draft document went to County Council Cabinet on the 5 Oct this year.

The draft document proposes that MCC set a number of different options, one being Community Asset Company or a Community Trust. One person asked if the County Council has employed the services of consultants and what is the cost of those consultants. If a Community Asset Company or a Community Trust is set up the directors of those companies will be elected members of the county council and officers from the management team. There was some debate around this and a number of questions were asked.

The chairman thanked Mr Lewis for attending and he left the meeting at 7.20 pm

Cllr P Williams asked the members of the public if they would like to address the council on any matters of concern. Cllr Williams asked if a member would propose that Standing Orders are suspended to allow the members of the public to address the meeting.

**Proposed:** by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Price. All members agreed.

A number of those who attended the meeting expressed concern over the continuing parking at Fairfax View. A number of the residents were very vocal about the continuing issues. One local business person explained this is having an impact on businesses in the village. It was explained that a number of emails have been sent to MCC Highways and Traffic Management Advisor Gwent Police.

It was also explained that the community council has suggested a number of dates to convene meetings but the others partners would like to look at all of the current issues and how this matter can be dealt with, as applying for a statutory notice would take a considerable amount of time with the statutory consultation period. After a considerable amount of debate, it was:

**Resolved:** the clerk will write again to the Highway Authority to convene a meeting.

**All those present agreed.**

**4163 Agenda 4:-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 26 October 2016.

**Proposed:** by Cllr Dennis Brown seconded by Cllr Richard Moorby that the minutes are signed.

**All Members Agreed**

**4164 Agenda 5:-** Matters to report.

One member asked about the submission of objection to Planning application DC/2016/01128. It was confirmed that a response has been sent to the Planning Authority.

Minute 4153: One member asked about the tree over growing the street light on Usk Road. There was also some concern over the street cleansing, and it was explained by Cllr Phillips that MCC would be sweeping the main roads in the next 10 days.

One member asked about the potential flooding from a brook on the Old Monmouth Road. After some debate it was agreed to write to MCC land drainage section. It was also agreed that RCC make a small contribution towards this matter.

Minute 4137: It was explained that unlawful tipping of waste material is still being monitored by MCC enforcement officers

**4165 Agenda 6:-** To accept the notes from a meeting with MCC officers relating to the MUGA and car parking issues

Cllr Helen Williams informed members that she had spoken to the lead officer and the business plan will be presented to the cabinet member for approval, once it has been returned from the County Councils Legal Dep't

**4166 Agenda 7:-** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5 November 2016.

**Proposed:** by Cllr Sylvia Price seconded by Cllr Richard Moorby that the minutes are signed.

**All Members Agreed**

**4167 Agenda 8:-** Matters to report.

No further matters to report

**4168 Agenda 9:-** Planning applications.

**DC/2016/01238:** Land adjacent to Clytha Road, Raglan, Usk, Monmouthshire.

AN 875MM X 1500MM DOUBLE-SIDED PLAZA SIGN THAT WILL DIRECT TRAFFIC TO THE PEN Y PARC

After some debate it was: Proposed to offer no objection

**All those present agreed**

**DC/2016/01073:** Treworgan Court, Llandenny, Usk, NP15 1DN Extend planning consent for previous application reference number DC/2011/00952

After some debate it was: Proposed that an extension of two years.

**All those present agreed**

**DC/2016/01172:** The Old Vicarage, Penyclawdd, Monmouth, NP25 4BN CONVERSION OF COACH HOUSE TO DWELLING. (RENEWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION M/12050)

After some debate it was: Proposed to offer no objection

**All those present agreed**

Cllr Penny Jones left the meeting at 8.20pm

**4169 Agenda 10:-** To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure

Payee	Amount
Clerks salary & HMRC October	
Griffiths Signs	£183.60
One Voice Wales	70.00
Thomas Waste	276.00
Merlin Waste 14 & 28 Nov	£40.68
Mr I A Bassett Allotment rent	£30.00
Ms Amanda Cook Allotment deposit	£15.00
Mrs Robinson Allotment deposit	£15.00
Fellowship Centre	£10.00

*It was: proposed by Cllr Trevor Phillips seconded by Cllr Richard Moorby the invoices are paid*

**All those present agreed**

*All invoices were available for members to inspect*

**4170 Agenda 11:-** Members concerns on highway issues.

Cllr Moorby informed members the road conditions in and around Llandenny have not improved

Cllr Phillips expressed concern over the exposed ditch on the A40 roundabout. It was explained that MCC were going to inspect this ditch and make recommendations to fill it in.

Cllr Moorby, would like to thank the land owner for removing the old hedge on Pen-y-Parc Road and for erecting the new timber post and rail fence. This was seconded by Cllr Compton

**All those present agreed**

**4171 Agenda 12:-** Items of correspondence.

**Welsh Government:**

1. Appeal Decision Green Tree Orchard Store, Coed-Chamber Road, Glascoed
2. Appointment of a vice-chairman and Ind members to NHS Wales
3. Mr Nick Ramsay AM 'Poster'

**Monmouthshire County Council:**

4. Electoral Register 2016/2017 Elections 2017
5. FAIRFAX VIEW RAGLAN: PARKING PROBLEMS

**Other Correspondence:**

6. Public Service Ombudsman for Wales
7. BDO External Auditors
8. Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice

**Emails**

9. Natural Resources Wales changing Tel number
10. Monmouthshire County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Consultation
11. LDBCW Publication - Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice
12. Talking Future Generations Report
13. Review of Usk community hub 2016
14. REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CHC STANDARDS

15. How did we do in 2015-2016 and What do we plan to do in 2017-2018
16. Ageing Well walking survey for neighbourhoods
17. Email from Mrs Powell
18. David Davies MP - 2017 BUSINESS RATES REVALUATION

All the correspondence was available for members to inspect. Members noted the correspondence received.

**4172      Agenda 13:-** Clerk reports.

**4173      Agenda 14:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Helen Williams gave members a verbal report following the last Governors meeting. Cllr Helen Williams will be a member of the selection panel to appoint the new head teacher.

Cllr Sylvia Price informed members that the work has started on the new housing at Prince Charles Road.

Cllr Helen Williams asked if the community council would consider awarding a grant for a defibrillator. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** once the community council receives a grant application form payment can be made.

Cllr Phillips expressed concern over the hiring of the meeting room and the two occasions the community council have been unable to use the room. The cleaning staff are also waiting to close the building before the council has concluded its business. After some consideration it was:

**Resolved:** the clerk should write to the head teacher, and send a copy to the Chair of Governors

**4174      Agenda 15:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Council Penny Jones made a number of verbal reports and observations during the meeting before she left at 8.20 pm for a family appointment

**4175      The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 9.26 pm. The date of the next meeting 14 December 2016**

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Cllr Peter Williams  
Date 14 December 2016