

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**26 April 2017 at Raglan School, Station Road, Raglan,**  
**at 7.00pm**

**Present**

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

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

**4239 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.  
1 member of the public in attendance

**4240 Agenda 1:-** Apologies for absence.

Cllr Noel Porter  
Cllr Dennis Brown joined the meeting at 19.12 hrs

**4241 Agenda 2:-** Declarations of interest.

No declarations made at this time.

**4242 Agenda 3:-** 15 minutes set aside for members of public to address the Council with any concerns.

The member of the public asked if the community council had received any correspondence relating to the traffic issues on the A40.

The clerk explained that the community council had received a letter from the Cabinet Member from Welsh Government. The letter was read out, and the clerk explained if the council receives any further correspondence the member of the public will be informed.

Cllr Penny Jones informed the member of the public that she had met with members from the Welsh Assembly Government and showed them details of the concerns that have been expressed. Cllr Jones informed the meeting that she will be following up this matter following the local election process.

The member of public left the meeting at 19.10 hrs

**4243 Agenda 4:-**To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2017

***Proposed:*** by Cllr Trevor Phillips *seconded by Cllr Helen Williams that the minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.*

***All Members Agreed***

**4244 Agenda 5:-** Matters to report.

Cllr Sylvia Price asked if Monmouthshire County Council had been to inspect the lighting column at Caestory Avenue. The clerk informed Cllr Price that he has contacted MCC Lighting Dep't and he

will follow this up.

CLlr Price asked about the benches on the dog walk. The clerk explained the bench should have been delivered. The clerk will follow this up.

CLlr Moorby asked about the notice board for Llanedeny. The clerk explained it is still with the Joiners

CLlr Phillips gave members a verbal report about Keep Wales Tidy meeting which he attended.

A number of members asked if the council had received any correspondence from MCC regarding the public exhibition. A number of members stated that the council were told by a member of the public that the county council were going to make the findings from the feedback forms public by the 5 May 2017. The clerk informed members that the community council had not received any further information. After some debate it was:

**Proposed:** by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Brierley, the clerk should contact MCC Highways and the relevant officers.

**4245      Agenda 6:-** Planning applications.

- **DC/2017/00335:** To extend edges of current wall using the same stone to create a continuous wall. @ College Cottage Nannys Lane, KINGCOED, NP15 1EE

*After some debate it was proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Moorby to offer no objection*

- **DC/2017/00471** Cladding to external walls of house, new pitched roof over front annexe, patio and decking to rear garden, alterations to parking area. @ The Pantiles, Chepstow Road, RAGLAN NP15 2EN

*After some debate it was proposed by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Price to offer no objection*

- **DC/2017/00409** Replacement dwelling. @ Blue Door Cottage, Primrose Green, Raglan, NP15 2DS

*After some debate it was proposed by Cllr Compton seconded by Cllr Price to offer no objection, with a proviso that no further development is undertaken on the site.*

**4246      Agenda 7:-** To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure

Payments in March & April	Amount
Clerks salary & HMRC March and April	£
Came & Co Tax on insurance	£26.32
Clerk's Office allowance	£62.50
Mr Des Hughes reimbursement for Cabinet	£340.00
Merlin Waste 6 & 20 March	£40.68
SET Office supplies	£122.00
Raglan Baptist Church	£15.00
Friends Llangovan Church yard	100.00

*It was: proposed by Cllr Sylvia Price seconded by Cllr Richard Moorby the invoices are paid*

**All those present agreed**

*All invoices were available for members to inspect*

**4247 Agenda 8:-** Motion:

The Standing Orders should be amended to say: all elected members should attend the relevant training relating to the Community Councils Code of Conduct within 12 weeks, following the signing of the member's declaration. (Cllr Helen Williams)

Cllr H Williams explained that she felt that all councillors should attend training due to the changes that all members will be facing in the next couple of years. There was some discussion over the training and attendance of councillors who attend any training course. The clerk explained, included in the draft papers and the White Paper "Reforming Local Government" it includes plans to develop member training and all councils should have a training budget as this may become part of the external audit process. After some debate it was:

**Proposed:** *by Cllr H Williams seconded by Cllr Trevor Phillips the motion should be included in the council Standing Orders*

**All those present agreed.**

**4248 Agenda 9:-** Members concerns on highway issues.

- Concern was expressed by a number of councillors about the amount of gravel on the link roads off the A40 roundabout.

**Action point:** *Clerk to write to MCC Highways and SWTRA*

- Concern was expressed about the number of potholes and gravel and other material on the roads in the area around Mardy Farm, at Llangoven. The road number was identified as 43.4 R75

**Action point:** *Clerk to write to MCC Highways*

- Cllr Brown expressed concern over the street cleansing of the side roads and the roads within the housing estates in Raglan. Cllr Brown expressed concern over the amount of weeds and grass that has been growing on the kerb edge for a number of years.

**Action point:** *Clerk to write to MCC Highways*

- Cllr Phillips asked about the disused drainage ditch between the west side allotment site and the by-pass road. He explained that MCC officers agreed some time ago to fill the ditch in and grass the area over which would make it easier to cut and maintain. After

some discussion it was:

**Agreed:** the Clerk would write to MCC Highways

- Cllr P Williams expressed concern over the number of lighting columns that are not working in the village. He explained that a number of columns are out in Fairfax View, Chepstow Road, and the access into the car park area.

**Action point:** Clerk to write to MCC Highways lighting

- Cllr R Parry asked if the road gullies and the grips could be cleaned to allow the surface water to run away off the highway. He explained that some of the roads in the Pen-y-clawdd, and Kingcoed areas are under water following heavy rain fall. It was agreed to ask for this work to be undertaken on the next programme round.

**Action point:** Clerk to write to MCC Highways

**4249      Agenda 10:-** Items of correspondence.

**Welsh Government:**

1. Small Scale renewable energy proposals
2. Transport network management division

**Monmouthshire County Council:**

3. MCC Chairman invitation
4. Ground maintenance 2017/18

**Other Correspondence:**

5. None

**Emails**

6. Reply from WG regarding the complaint
7. Email to Came & Co regarding the council insurance
8. Reply from Ken Skates AM
9. Press Release – Council publishes list of candidates for May 4th elections
10. Become a Local Council Charter Branch
11. Welsh Water will impact on our customers for generations to come.
12. Email from MCC relating to members Code of Conduct training
13. Email from Came & Co re insurance
14. Email to Came & Co relating to insurance claims on allotments
15. Email to the Ombudsman relating to Mrs X complaint
16. Email from Clerk to newly prospective elected members
17. OVW Motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting
18. GWENT Police Report for Raglan Ward area for the month of March 2017
19. Reply from MCC legal team relating to the MUGA
20. Letter from Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General
21. Motions for 2017 Annual General Meeting
22. Reply from PSOfW
23. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY TEMPLATE

24. Reply from OVW relating to vacant seats
25. OVW reply White Paper Reforming Local Government-Resilient & Renewed
26. Insurance tax on councils insurance

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

**4250      Agenda 11:-** Clerk reports.

The clerk gave a verbal report relating to the parking issues in Raglan Village. After some discussion it was agreed that this would be for the new council to consider following the elections and when MCC publish the findings from the feedback forms.

**All those present agreed**

**4251      Agenda 12:-** Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Price asked about the raised area for the users of the public transport in the village as the bus stop on Usk Road, doesn't seem to have one and a large proportion of residents are finding it difficult to access the public transport. After some discussion it was:

***Agreed:*** the Clerk would write to MCC Highways

Cllr Price asked about the current notice board opposite the Crown Public House. Cllr Price stated that no new information has been published on the notice board for a number of months. After some discussion it was:

***Agreed:*** that an estimate is provided to renew the notice board in keeping with the location.

One member informed the meeting that Channel 4 is looking for a venue to film an outside broadcast. Further information will be provided for the next meeting.

**4252      Agenda 13:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones thanked all the members for their support over the last five years, and she wished everyone all the best in the forthcoming elections

**4253**      The Chairman thanked all the members for their support over the last twelve months and thanked those members who have decided to retire at the forthcoming election. The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 21.05 hrs.

The date of the next meeting 17 May 2017

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman  
Date 17 May 2017

**Raglan Community Council  
Action Points from meeting dated. 26 April 2017**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Allocated to</b>	<b>Date issued</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Traffic issues on the A40	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	SWTRA Waiting Planned programmed works
2	Lighting column at Caestory Avenue	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Waiting MCC
3	Benches on the dog walk.	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Benches delivered awaiting installation
4	Notice board	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Waiting on Joinery
5	Keep Wales Tidy litter picking on A40	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Waiting Planned programmed works
6	Findings from the feedback forms	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Waiting MCC
7	Potholes and gravel Etc on the roads	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Reported to MCC
8	Road gullies and the Grips	Clerk	26 April	Ongoing	Reported to MCC
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