

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2018
at Raglan School
at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Chris Butler-Donnelly
Cllr Dave Bevan
Cllr Martine Dorey
Cllr Hazel Davies
Cllr Charlotte Exton

Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Sylvia Price
Cllr Brian Willott (Chairman)
Cllr Adrian Merrett
Cllr Richard Moorby

4605 In attendance: Adrian Edwards Clerk

The chairman invited members to stand for a minute's silence, in respect for the passing of a former councillor, Mr Dilwyn Watkins. It was explained that Mr Watkins was a member of the community council for a number of decades. It was agreed that any current councillor who will be attending the funeral service should meet in the porch of the church so all members can be seated together.

4606 **Agenda 1:** - Apologies for absence.

Cllr Helen Tilley

4607 **Agenda 2:** - Declarations of interest.

No declarations made

4608 **Agenda 3:** - 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Chairman or Council questions of local interest. Any questions should be submitted to the clerk 3 working days before the meeting

No members of the public in attendance

4609 **Agenda 4:** - To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2018

- 4595 - "Cllr Butler-Donnelly made a number of comments on the proposed minutes. He asked for the minutes to be amended in line with the Clerk's previous email noting that the action from the October meeting was for Cllrs Butler-Donnelly and Merrett for to make their recommendation to Council. Cllr Butler-Donnelly explained that a recommendation was made to Council on the 14th November and it was now for the Clerk to agree a contract with the preferred company. The clerk explained that he had not yet contacted the preferred company but he would do so in the next week.

The clerk explained that the minute refers to Cllr Chris Butler-Donnelly "stating that he would make recommendations to council".

One member asked if the minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed without amendment. If so, the minutes should stand.

- 4596 - Cllr Butler-Donnelly explained that a recommendation was made to the council on the 14th November, and that it was now up to the Clerk to get the preferred company under contract.

The clerk explained that he had not contacted the preferred company as yet, but he will contact them in the next week.

- 4596 - the statement that "There was some discussion around the current and new website" should be expanded to show that Cllr's expressed their disappointment that the current website had not been kept up to date. There had been a considerable volume of criticism of Councillors because no minutes of Council meetings had been put on the website since July. The Clerk explained again that it had been suggested that there was no need to update the current website because the new website should shortly be in place. The Clerk informed members that the current website has been uploaded

The clerk explained again that it was agreed that there was no need to update the current website as Cllr Butler-Donnelly was in the stages of negotiating a new website. The clerk informed members that the current website has been uploaded.

- 4599 - The charity is Help for Heroes

It was felt that everyone knows Help for Heroes is a charity.

Councillor Butler-Donnelly asked again why the minutes could not be sent out within a week of the meeting. The Clerk repeated that his contacted hours are at present 7.5 hours per week and in the week of the meeting the hours are exceeded. There was further vigorous discussion about the Clerk's hours, the work load and the production of the minutes. There was some robust discussion about Cllr Butler-Donnelly's comments, one member felt that they were unduly negative. After further discussion it was:

Agreed: that the chairman will review the minutes and sign them at the next meeting.

Proposed: by Cllr S Price seconded by Cllr Bevan the minutes of the meeting are noted at this stage.

All Members Agreed

4610 Agenda 5: -Matters to report

Minute 4594, one member asked if any further information had been received. The clerk explained that the cabinet member and minister has called the outline Planning Application in for further consideration. The clerk explained that members will be informed of any updates relating to this Planning Application.

A number of members asked about the Planning process relating to the call-in of Planning Applications and the process relating to appeals on refusals. They was some discussion about the Planning process.

4611 Agenda 6: - Planning Applications received

No applications received before meeting

4612 **Agenda 7:** - Reports from the County Councillor.

None

4613 **Agenda 8:** - To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure.

Payments	Amount
Merlin Waste	60.00
Clerks Salary and HMRC	
Complete Business Solutions	127.28
Reimbursement to clerk	16.08

*It was: **proposed** by Cllr Exton seconded by Cllr Moorby the invoices are paid. All invoices were available for inspection*

All those present agreed

4614 **Agenda 9:** - Items of correspondence.

Welsh Government:

1. Sec 137 Expenditure limit 2019-20 £8.12
2. Planning application No. DM/2018/1050 - Residential development of up to 111 dwellings at land off Monmouth Road, Raglan, Monmouthshire

Correspondence:

3. A Message from Careers Wales
4. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

4615 **Agenda 10:** - Clerk reports.

No further reports

4616 **Agenda 11:** - Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Davies informed members that she met a number of allotment tenants following the Allotment meeting, and a number of points were raised. The main point was the build-up of material in the hedge, and it was agreed with those who attended that they would disburse the material on some of the allotment plots to make up the edging to the footpaths. It was also felt that only one path was under the minimum width. There was some discussion about one of the hedges and the property owner will be contacted in the New Year.

The chairman raised the matter of a community meeting and when is the best time to convene it. A question was asked what will the meeting be about and what will the process be. It was felt that it should be an informative meeting involving residents from the wider community.

One member explained that officers from the Village Hall committee should be involved and could give a presentation.

One member believes that speed should be a topic and residents should be allowed to propose traffic calming measures or alternative proposals. After some discussion it was:

Agreed: the chairman and clerk should consider agenda items and the publication of the notice

One member asked if there was any response regarding replacing the waste bin on Usk Road for a larger one, and what could be done about the green waste bin on the High Street. After some discussion it was:

Resolved: the clerk should contact MCC cleansing department, and ask if the waste bins can be replaced, and the community council would contribute to their replacement.

One member expressed concern over the condition of the road surface on Prince Charles Road and Price Charles Close after the construction of the new housing development. After some discussion it was:

Resolved: the clerk should contact MCC highways and ask if the resurfacing is still on the maintenance programme.

One member raised concern over the current condition of the street cleansing on Usk Road, and the High Street. There was concern that the High Street was swept in September but the road gullies are still full of silt and the water is not being disposed of. After further discussion it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Bevan seconded by Cllr Price that the clerk contacts MCC Highways.

Resolved: the clerk should contact MCC highways and ask for the roads to be swept again and the community council will make a contribution to the cost.

4617 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20.14 hrs.

The date of the next meeting 23 January 2019

Signed by _____

Chairman
Date 23 January 2019

Raglan Community Council
Action Points from meeting dated 12 December 2018

	Action	Allocated to	Date issued	Status	Comments
1	Meeting regarding Website	Clerk	28 June 2017	Ongoing	Task & Finish group with Butler-Donnelly, Merritt, Tilley & Clerk
2	Crime prevention meeting	Gwent Police	23 May	Closed	Arrange a meeting in 2019
3	Road cleaning	ClIr Davies	27 June	Ongoing	Clerk to contact MCC street cleansing
4	MUGA	Clerk & Chair	27 June	Ongoing	Waiting reply from MCC
5	Waste bins in the main village	Clerk	24 Oct	Ongoing	Clerk to contact MCC street cleansing
6	Any proposed service reduction 19/20	ClIr Jones	28 Nov	Ongoing	ClIr Penny Jones to report back
7	Remove the Wreaths		28 Nov	Ongoing	Wreaths to be removed after Christmas
8	Street cleansing on Usk Road,	Clerk	12 Dec	Ongoing	Clerk to contact MCC street cleansing
9	Community meeting	Chair & Clerk	12 Dec	Ongoing	Arrange a meeting in 2019
10	Replacing the waste bin on Usk Road & High Street	Clerk	12 Dec	Ongoing	Clerk to contact MCC street cleansing