

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Annual Community Meeting held on
Wednesday 23 May 2018
at Raglan School at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Chris Butler-Donnelly
Cllr Hazel Davies
Cllr Charlotte Exton
Cllr Penny Jones

Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Helen Tilley
Cllr Brian Willott (Chairman)

4452 In attendance: Adrian Edwards Clerk
13 members of the public

4453 **Agenda 1:-** Chairman's welcome remarks.

The chairman welcomed all those present, and invited the officer from Gwent Police to address the meeting

4454 **Agenda 2:-** Apologies for absence.

Cllr's Sylvia Price, Martine Dorey and Dave Bevan

4455 **Agenda 3:-** PCSO Stephen Cowles Gwent Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Stephen Cowles introduced himself and gave those present some background information relating to incidents that have occurred in the community over the last number of months. He explained that a number of incidents have been recorded where garden sheds have been broken into and he asked everyone to be vigilant and contact 101 to report any concerns. He highlighted that there have been a number of incidents with residents received bogus calls relating to banking matters.

One member explained that the Old School has been broken into 5 times over the last number of years. The PCSO explained when an incident is reported that incident will given a log number. A number of questions were asked, and PCSO Cowles thought it would be more convenient if a crime prevention meeting could be convened and Gwent Police would be able to provide further advice and information.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Cowles for attending, and he left the meeting at 19.25hrs

4456 **Agenda 4:-** Officers from Monmouthshire County Council's Estates Department, relating to the proposed development on Chepstow Road.

The Chairman introduced officers from Monmouthshire County Councils Estates Department. Officers explained that the estates dep't will be submitting an outline planning application for development. It was explained that the land was included in the Local Development Plan (LDP) which was adopted for 2011-2021 in February 2014. The planning application on the land at Chepstow Road, will be for 45 dwellings, that could be classed as highly vulnerable development due to those parts of the site that are within the designated flood zone.

The officers explained that a Public Consultation Event was held on the 30th January where 131 individuals attended the consultation. MCC then held a Pre Application Consultation from the 15 March to April 12th

The officers explained that a surface water strategy has been developed which will retain the existing connectivity of surface water runoff from the site into the watercourse. It was also explained that MCC are awaiting further consultation from Natural Resources Wales.

The officers made reference to the technical investigations that will determine the development and that will generate low traffic volumes which will have insignificant impact on the access or junctions in Raglan.

The officers made reference to the local services, in particular school provision. No current deficiencies in capacity at the Primary School have been specifically identified; however it was stated that this will be confirmed as part of Planning Application process. The officers made reference to affordable housing within the proposed development; the Planning Application proposes that 35% affordable housing is to be delivered on site (16 affordable homes).

A number of members asked question's, and after some discussion, the chairman thanked both officers for attending and they left the meeting at 19.45hrs

4457 Agenda 5:- Reports from any community group/s or organisation/s

Cllr Butler-Donnelly gave those present a verbal report regarding the junior school where he is the co-opted member from the community council. He also explained that the school governors hope the school will be more financially stable shortly.

4458 Agenda 6:- Reports from members, co-opted onto outside groups or organisations

Cllr Butler-Donnelly gave those present a verbal report regarding the Raglan Village Hall Association, following the Associations AGM. He explained that the funding application was not successful in the last round of applications. He also explained that the lead officers on the Association have stepped down from the committee, and he explained that the Association will be making a press release which will be published shortly. He explained that a trustees meeting relating to Raglan Village Hall Association will be convened in July.

A question was asked about the condition of the grounds around the former school. It was explained that would be a matter for MCC. It was suggested that Raglan in Bloom may be able to clean the grounds with consent from MCC.

A question was asked from a representative from the Scout Group about the former school, as the scout group may be interested in the building as a new headquarters. It was explained the Scout organisation have funding to provide a new headquarters.

There was some discussion relating to the former school and the Old School room on Chepstow Road.

4459 Agenda 7:- 15 minutes for members of the public who wish to raise anything with the Community Council.

One member of the public asked the chairman a number of questions and explained that he didn't wish to receive answers to the questions he was going to raise. The chairman asked if the questions could be sent to him.

4460 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs hrs.

The date of the next meeting 27 June 2018

Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 27 June 2018