

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
28 July 2021, this meeting was conducted electronically
at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Martine Dorey
Cllr Charlotte Exton
Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Penny Jones

Cllr Adrian Merrett (Chairman)
Cllr Helen Tilley
Cllr Brian Willott

4961 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council

4962 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr's Dave Bevan & Hazel Leacock due to family commitments

4963 Agenda item 2:- Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were submitted, but members will make a declaration when and identified under the relevant minute.

4964 Agenda item 3:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 23 June 2021;

Proposed: by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Moorby that the minutes are accepted.

All those present agreed

4965 Agenda item 4:- Matters to report.

The Chair informed members that the proprietor of The Beaufort Hotel has confirmed residents or visitors can use the conveniences. There was some discussion over signs directing people to the conveniences. The Clerk raised concern over the use of the dog waste bins and someone wedging large bags of waste into the red waste bins. He explained that the contractor is starting to express concern, and this will incur extra costs.

4966 Agenda item 5:- Consider the notes from the Task & Finish Group meeting 6th July 2021;

There was detailed discussion about some of the fitness equipment and the location. It was:

Resolved: The Clerk would contact the head teacher as it has been identified the school is the landowner.

All those present accepted the notes

4967 **Agenda item 6:-** Consider the notes from the Task & Finish Group meeting 8th July 2021;

Several Councillors asked about the outcome of the task & finish group meeting. Cllr Willott gave members a verbal briefing, and the Clerk explained that the notes have been sent to the residents and officers at Monmouthshire County Council Highways. Further detailed discussion took place about the speed signs and road markings. A range of views were expressed by Councillors. Cllr Jones will follow this matter up with Highways officers.

All those present accepted the notes

4968 **Agenda item 7:-** Consider any reports from the Clerk;

No reports were presented by the Clerk

4969 **Agenda item 8:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones gave members a verbal report on several items. Cllr Jones explained that she has written expressing concern over the change of name of Raglan by the LBCW to identify Raglan as Rhaglan from May 2022. A detailed discussion took place with a range of views expressed by Councillors about this renaming, without consultation.

Cllr Jones explained that several other day-to-day matters have been dealt with.

4970 **Agenda item 9:-** Consideration for planting a tree to celebrate the Queens 70th year;

The Clerk presented a verbal report relating to this and explained that a resident had contacted him to ask what the Community Council was going to do to celebrate the Queens 70th year. The Clerk explained he has forwarded information about the green canopy initiative and planting a tree or trees. A discussion took place with a range of views expressed by Councillors, and it was suggested that a tree could be planted in the carpark, which would also be behind the Church.

One Cllr said the community could collect plastic waste and make a recyclable tree. It was:

Resolved: to revisit this at another meeting

4971 **Agenda item 10:-** To note all correspondence sent to members electronically since the last meeting

Members noted all the correspondence sent electronically.

4972 **Agenda item 11:-** To agree all payments made by the council;

Members noted all the payments made on the list provided.

4973 **Agenda item 12:-** Reports from members on outside bodies;

No reports made.

Discussion:

It was reported that Cllr Dorey wished to remain on the School Governing body. It was suggested that the new Head Teacher be invited to one of the next Council meetings.

The Chair raised the matter of the MUGA in the last One Voice Wales meeting with the leader of Monmouthshire County Council. There was a detailed discussion with a range of views expressed by Councillors. A huge amount of time and effort has been put into this over the years and Monmouthshire County Council have done nothing. MCC then withdraw the MUGA and the old School project from RVHA.

There was some discussion about the books that have been left in the bus stops. Members believed this is a good innovative way to get children and adults reading, but concern was expressed about the books just strewn across the floor.

One member was going to visit the bus shelter over the school holidays and stack the books.

The Clerk asked members about the adoption of bus shelters. He sent members an email from Monmouthshire County Council, relating to the Community Council adopting bus shelters. One member asked does the Community Council know the number of bus shelters in the community and what the cost would be. It was estimated that are 5 five shelters, plus any that are in Gwenhelog.

Members noted this

4974 **Agenda item 13:-** To delegate powers to the Clerk in consultation of the Chair and Vice Chair during the summer recess

It was resolved that the Clerk is given delegated powers with consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

Proposed by: Cllr Exton seconded by Cllr Moorby

All those present agreed:

4975 **Agenda item 14:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 22 September 2021

4976 No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20:23 hrs.

Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 22 September 2021

Please note: these minutes are a summary of the above meeting, and a record of the decisions or resolutions moved. These minutes are not to be taken as a verbatim record of the meeting.