

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday**  
**2 March 2022, this meeting was conducted electronically**  
**at 7:00 pm**

**Present**

Cllr Charlotte Exton  
Cllr Lynne Eilertson  
Cllr Adrian Merrett (Chair)  
Cllr Hazel Leacock

Cllr Richard Moorby  
Cllr Penny Jones  
Cllr Sylvia Price  
Cllr Helen Tilley  
Cllr Brian Willott

**5053 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council

The Chair asked members if he could address the meeting before starting on the agenda about the ongoing war in Ukraine. The Chair explained about collections for the displaced people from this part of the world. A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed about the best ways to collect items to send. Members were informed that the Beaufort Hotel has kindly agreed to allow the Ball Room to be used to store items. It was agreed by those present that notices will be placed in the village informing residents about the collection.

The Chair also thanked members for deferring the meeting from February to the 2 March

The meeting started at 7:14 hrs.

**5054 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence**

None

**5055 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.

**5056 Agenda item 3:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Finance meeting, held on 26 January 2022**

**Proposed:** by Cllr Price seconded by Cllr Willott that the minutes are accepted.

**All those present agreed**

**5057 Agenda item 4:-** Matters to report.

Cllr Moorby asked about the budget figures that One Voice Wales sent to the Clerk and the Clerk forwarded to all members. The Chair informed the meeting he has received an email regarding a meeting with OVW on the 7<sup>th</sup> March

**5058 Agenda item 5:-** To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 26 January 2022

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

**All those present agreed**

**5059 Agenda item 6:-** Matters to report.

No matters to raise

**5060 Agenda item 7:-** To consider the following

6a) Meetings with Gwehelog and Llanarth councils.

The Chair informed members that he has attended meeting with the other Community Councils. Cllr Willott asked about taking advice from a company locally. The Chair explained that OVW is going to convene meetings.

Cllr Jones said that everyone should be consulted.

6b) A meeting with Mitchell Troy Community Council relating to the hand over and expected transfer of finances.

The Chair informed the meeting that a meeting should take place following the meeting with OVW. One member said that Mitchell Troy Community Council is expecting a windfall from Raglan Community Council budget. A discussion took place with a several views being expressed by members.

6c) Public consultation to consider the 45 dwellings on Chepstow Road Raglan.

The Chair invited the Clerk to explain this as there was some confusion over the consultation relating to the Planning application that's been submitted. It was explained that the development had received outline

planning permission but this application if for conditions. A discussion took place with several views being expressed by members. After some debate it was resolved to offer no further comment.

6d) Meeting with Monmouthshire County Council about the MUGA.

The Chair made comment about this process and the time it has taken. The Clerk explained that the dates that the officer from Monmouthshire County Council proposed have now passed. It was recommended that dates are arranged following the forthcoming elections. A discussion took place with several views being expressed as this has been ongoing since 2012.

6e) Arrange a meeting with a legal representative to consider any CAT or leases with Monmouthshire County Council

The Chair asked the Clerk what is meant by this item. The Clerk explained that the Community Council should take legal advice on the CAT before accepting the CAT for the MUGA and adjoining field. It was explained that a number of concerns were raised in 2018 when the Clerk and Cllr Willott attended a meeting with Monmouthshire County Council and a legal representative who the Community Council engaged. The points raised are still unanswered. It was agreed to defer this until after the elections.

6f) To consider meetings with Raglan Festival committee.

The Clerk explained that funding had been set aside in the budget to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. A discussion took place with a number of views being expressed. It was stated the Community Council have a number of members who sit on the committee. It was said that those members should not take part in this meeting under the members Code of Conduct. A discussion took place with a number of views being expressed, Cllrs Exton and Eilertson with the Clerk to attend a meeting with the Raglan Festival committee. It was noted that £5k funding from the S151 Officer Payments be set aside at this stage.

6g) 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and celebration items to the school pupils

The Clerk informed members that the headteacher has asked if the Community Council will be presenting the school pupils with a small token to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. The Clerk explained the Community Council has always presented something to the pupils on events like the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. After some discussion it was:

**Resolved:** that Community Council purchase a commemorative medal to present to the pupils with a budget capped at £2k,

6h) To consider the matter of planting the flower beds in Raglan, with the possibility of Raglan in Bloom folding.

The Chair asked that Clerk to explain this heading. The Clerk explained that this year more than ever the bedding boxes in the village need to be planted. He explained that he has been informed the committee that has been successfully running Raglan in Bloom for decades has diminished in membership and volunteers and there doesn't seem to be the numbers required to do the day-to-day work. There was a wide and varied discussion with a range of views being expressed. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** to ask the current Chair of Raglan in Bloom for an update and the Clerk obtain some estimated costs from companies and nurseries to plant and maintain over the growing session.

It was also explained that Llandenny also has a community group and the members from Llandenny will report back to the next meeting.

6i) Tackle loneliness and isolation / building thriving communities with RVHA

The clerk explained that this grant funding has closed. He explained all members were sent the information. He attended a meeting with RVHA to discuss this, and to consider making a joint submission but only he and the Chair of RVHA logged into the meeting convened by RVHA

6j) Consider the response regarding the A40 Junction by the Minister

The Clerk gave a verbal report to members asking what if anything the Community Council would like to do following the reply from the Minister from WG saying a traffic management survey will be done in the next financial year. A wide and varied discussion took place with some members asking what can be done. After some debate it was:

**Resolved:** the Clerk should write to Monmouthshire County Council Highways asking for a speed restriction placed on this section of the Highway as a precedent has been set on the A465

towards Hereford from Abergavenny.

**5061 Agenda item 8:-** Clerks reports verbal or written

No further reports

**5062 Agenda item 9:-** To note all correspondence sent to members electronically since the last meeting

Members noted the correspondence that the Clerk had sent to members.

**5063 Agenda item 10:-** Consider playground quotations for Llandenny Village

The Clerk presented members with estimated costs to provide play equipment in Llandenny following the Clerk asking for quotations. After considering the quotation it was:

**Resolved:** The Community Council would support one of the two options estimated for, and the Clerk to ask the local group to confirm the option they prefer

**5064 Agenda item 11:-** To agree all payments made by the council.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
	Payments from 26 January to 23 February 2022	Amount	
23/2/22	Cymru Hearts (Dif unit)	2,887.20	<b>2238</b>
	One Voice Wales training	30.00	<b>2239</b>
23/2/22	Merlin Environmental Services Ltd	210.00	<b>2240</b>
23/2/22	Gallagher insurance	441.66	<b>2241</b>
23/2/22	One Voice Wales	326.00	<b>2242</b>
23/2/22	Clerks (Feb Salary)		<b>2243</b>
23/2/22	Merlin Environmental Services Ltd	262.50	<b>2244</b>

Members noted all the payments as appropriate during remote working conditions since the last meeting. made on the list provided.

Proposed by Cllr Leacock seconded by Cllr Exton

**5065 Agenda item 12:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones gave members a verbal report on the following:

5G telephone connection will be shortly installed at the Castle

Work is due to start on the bridges over the A449 in the community

Cllr Jones explained that she has been invited to look at a planning application at Trecastle Farm PenYClwadd

**5066**      **Agenda item 13:-** Reports from members on outside bodies

No reports made

**5067**      **Agenda item 14:-** To consider any dates for meetings regarding the transfer of council's duties

This item was deferred

**5068**      **Agenda item 15:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 23 March 2022

**5069**      No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 21:32 hrs.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date 23 March 2022

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.