

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday
22 February 2023. This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre,
Usk Road, Raglan
at 7:00 pm

Present

5253 Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair) Cllr Martine Dorey
Cllr Penny Jones Cllr Pennie Walker
Cllr Richard Moorby Cllr Hazel Leacock
Cllr Lynne Eilertsen

5254 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council and Mr Colwyn Knight from Raglan Festival

5255 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr Susan Harrington

5256 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.

5257 Agenda item 3:- To implement Section 1 (2) Admission of public to meetings of local authorities and other bodies for agenda items 7 and 8 below. A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting where a meeting is open to the public, a body may, by resolution exclude the public from the meeting, (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies

Proposed: by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr Pennie Walker that the press and public should be excluded at that point.

All those present agreed

5258 Agenda item 4:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Finance meeting, held on 25 January 2023

Proposed: by Cllr M Dorey seconded by Cllr H Leacock that the minutes are accepted.

All those present agreed

5259 Agenda item 5:- Matters to report.

Cllr R Moorby raised a point on the report from the legal advisor that item 29 was incorrect it should have read R3 not R1. No further matters were raised.

All those present agreed

5260 Agenda item 6:- To receive and adopt minutes from the special meeting convened on the 14 February 2023

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

All those present agreed

5261 Agenda item 7:- Consider matters relating to Personnel issues.

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5262 Agenda item 8:- Clerks reports verbal or written

The Clerk gave a verbal statement relating to the disbandment of the Raglan Village Hall Association (RVHA). The Clerk explained that the RVHA convened a Special Meeting on the 18 January 2023 and the minutes from that meeting will need to be formally accepted and the content noted.

This will need to be agreed so the formal hand back of the assets can take place, until a new management committee can be formed, and new Management Trustees are signed up to the Charity. This would need to be agreed to safeguard the assets and to conform with the conveyance document. A discussion took place with a range of views expressed by those present and it was:

Proposed: by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Penny Jones that the funds and any assets are handed back until such time a new management committee can be formed and new Management trustees are signed up to the Charity.

All those present agreed

5263 Agenda item 9:- To consider any events relating to the Kings Coronation and the Bank Holiday on the 8th of May 2023.

This item was moved to the start of the meeting to allow the Raglan Festival representative to leave the meeting following this discussion.

The Clerk explained that elected members agreed in principle to hold an event to celebrate the King's Coronation in May. The Chair invited the Raglan Festival representative to present some of the thoughts which officers from Raglan Festival may have. There was some detailed discussion and a range of views expressed by those present.

For example:

- Where should the event take place?
- Should the event be free or chargeable on entry?
- Should there be food?
- Should there be live entertainment?

There was some discussion about other communities in the Raglan Ward boundaries and if they were intending to hold events. Events, if possible, shouldn't clash with dates.

Following some discussion, it was concluded:

- Work in partnership with Raglan Festival.
- A street party wouldn't be possible due to the timeline to apply for road closures.
- To hold an event like this on the recreation ground may have its own difficulties that time of year.
- To see if the event could be held at "Raglan Country Estate". This will be led by Raglan Festival.
- To contact Gwehelog Village Hall committee to see if Gwehelog will be organising an event.
- To contact Llandenny Village Hall committee to see if Llandenny will be organising an event.
- The event will be free but with ticket entry
- The Community Council to set aside a working budget of £5k

Following a discussion, it was:

Proposed: by Cllr M Dorey seconded by Cllr R Moorby that the Community Council work in partnership with Raglan Festival and the Clerk liaises with all third parties.

All those present agreed

5264 Agenda item 10:- Consider the options relating to the CAT of the MUGA and adjoining field

The Clerk gave elected members a verbal report following a meeting with officers from Monmouthshire County Council relating to the Community Asset Transfer (CAT). He explained that he's not received any further information from Monmouthshire County Council Legal Dept, or Monmouthshire County Council Estates Dept.

After some discussion where a wide range of views were expressed by those present, it was agreed, the Clerk should formally write to the CEO of Monmouthshire County Council expressing concern how long this has taken (summer 2012)

All those present agreed

5265 Agenda item 11:- Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting.

Members noted all the Planning Applications that have been sent by the Clerk since the last meeting.

Cllr Penny Jones referred to a Planning Application at Gwehelog Fawr where the planning approval is being challenged via an Enforcement Notice for not complying with the consent granted.

The Clerk informed elected members about the pre-planning consultation for land on Monmouth Road Raglan.

5266 Agenda item 12:- Consider any correspondence that's been circulated prior to the meeting.

Elected members noted the miscellaneous correspondence which had been emailed direct to elected members as appropriate.

All those present noted the correspondence

5267 Agenda item 13:- Mitchel Troy Budget request

The Clerk present all members with a copy of a letter received from the Clerk at Mitchel Troy Community Council explaining that Raglan Community Council should transfer residual funds following the transfer of dwellings from Raglan Community Council ward to the Mitchel Troy ward following the Monmouthshire County Council boundary changes in May 2022.

Following a detailed discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Eilertsen and seconded by Cllr Leacock the Clerk should formally reply explaining that there are no residual funds to transfer.

All those present agreed

5268 Agenda item 14:- Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
25 Jan 23	HMRC		2337
3 Feb 23	Thomas Bingham's Chambers (Barrister fees)	4'200.00	2338
3 Feb 23	ICO annual fee renewal	40.00	2339
22 Feb 23	Clerks' office allowance	520.00	2340
22 Feb 23	Merlin Waste	273.00	2341
22 Feb 23	Vision website additions	300.00	2342
22 Feb 23	Raglan Baptist Church (Hall Hire)	50.00	2343
22 Feb 23	Karl Davies Allotment hedges	360.00	2344
22 Feb 23	Adrian Edwards salary		2345
22 Feb 23	HMRC		2346
22 Feb 23	Clerks' reimbursement for items purchased	5.00	2347
22 Feb 23	Clerks' reimbursement for items purchased	80.98	2348

Members noted all the payments as appropriate on the list provided.

Proposed by Cllr Pennie Walker seconded by Cllr R Moorby

It was further resolved to make a grant payment to Ty-Hafan appeal of £100.00.

This was agreed by those present.

The Clerk explained that he had received further information relating to a grant application received from the Baptist Church. There was some detailed discussion relating to this application for grant funding. After some debate it was:

Proposed by Cllr Eilertsen seconded by Cllr Moorby that a grant should be awarded for £2,000.00.

This was agreed by those present.

Cllr Penny Jones presented a grant application that she had been sent from Raglan Afternoon Teas.

After some debate it was:

Proposed by Cllr P Jones seconded by Cllr Leacock that a grant should be awarded for £500.00.

This was agreed by those present

5269 Agenda item 15:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Penny Jones gave a verbal report on several local issues. Cllr Jones explained that the 20 MPH zones are going to be implemented and there was some discussion over the relevance of the speed limits on Monmouth Road. There was also some discussion over the Vis sign on the Highstreet. The Clerk will contact the streetlighting officer to ask Monmouthshire County Council streetlighting contractor to change the speed limit.

5270 Agenda item 16:- Reports from members on outside bodies

The chair gave a verbal report relating to the school governors, and the training that governors are expected to undertake.

5271 Agenda item 17:- To confirm the date of the next meeting 22 March 2023.

5272 The Clerk asked the chair if he could raise the outstanding vacancy on the Community Council.

The Clerk reminded members that there is still a seat vacancy to represent Kingcoed ward. The Clerk explained he has received one expression of interest some time ago, and following the vacancy being readvertised he has received a further expression of interest.

The Clerk read out the expressions of interest. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Dorey seconded by Cllr Eilertsen that Mr Mike James is invited to represent the Kingcoed ward on the Community Council.

All those present agreed.

5273 No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20:41 hrs.

Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 22 March 2023

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.