

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2024.
This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre on Usk Road.
at 7:00 pm

Present

Cllr Richard Moorby
Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Susan Harrington

Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Cllr Hazel Leacock
Cllr Lynne Eilertsen

5552 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

5553 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr Martian Dorey Due to another dairy commitments

5554 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.

5555 Agenda item 3:-15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Chairman or the Council questions of local interest. Any questions should be relevant to the agenda and submitted to the clerk 3 working days before the meeting.

No members of the public in attendance

5556 Agenda item 4:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 26 June 2024

Proposed: by Cllr N Ramsay seconded by Cllr Lynne Eilertsen that the minutes are accepted.

All those present agreed

5557 Agenda item 5:- Matters to report.

No matters to report

5558 Agenda item 6:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the reconvened meetings, held on 28 June & July 2024

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

All those present agreed

5559 Agenda item 7:- To consider any Police reports from Gwent Police

5560 Agenda item 8:- Safe crossing in Raglan High Street (update)

Cllr P Jones explained that she had no response from Monmouthshire County Council at this moment.

It was explained that there has been an increase in the traffic in the village, and parking in the Highstreet. A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed by members. Cllr Jones will provide further information at the next meeting.

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

All those present agreed

5561 Agenda item 9:- Clerks reports verbal or written.

The Clerk gave a verbal report relating to donation of a ole plough and the siting on grass verge on Chepstow Road. The Highways authority as declined the request.

There was some discussion over the development of the village. It was agreed to arrange a meeting following the council recess.

No matters reported

5562 Agenda item 10:- To invite "Catherine Fookes" the new MP to a meeting relating to A40 junction

A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed by members. After some debate it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the newly elected MP for Monmouthshire along with officers from Welsh Government.

5563 Agenda item 11:- Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting.

No reports received other than the monthly correspondence.

5564 Agenda item 12:- To consider purchasing further Dog Waste bins. (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that he had contacted members some months ago relating to purchasing new waste bins over and above the existing dog waste bins.

It was agreed that the new bins should be located on Chepstow Road, Price Charles Road, and Old Monmouth Road.

5565 Agenda item 13:- To consider Monmouthshire County Council RLDP. (Clerk)

The Clerk invited members to consider the ongoing Revised Local Development Plan (RLDP) There was some discussion over the development of the village relating to the proposed RLDP. The Clerk explained that the proposed candidate sites that the land owners may not wish to develop the site. The Clerk explained the land will remain on the register if the land is included in the adopted LDP. If this is the case, it would be difficult to make any objection to any Planning applications submitted, if the land is included in the LDP.

5566 Agenda item 14:- To consider repairs to the Memorial (Clerk)

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the repairs to the Memorial in the Village. He explained that it's been difficult to find the ownership of the Memorial. This generated some discussion with a wide range of discussion. It was proposed by Cllr Leacock seconded by Cllr Eilertsen that the Community Council should undertake the repairs.

Considerations should be given to any Land Register certificate or contact Monmouthshire County Council Estate Dept.

All those present agreed.

5567 Agenda item 15:- Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
24/7/24	Merlin Waste (Collection)	302.40	
24/7/24	HMRC		
24/7/24	Adrian Edwards (July salary)		
24/7/24	Reimbursement payment for new laptop	749.00	
24/7/24	Reimbursement for Microsoft 360 package	119.99	
24/7/24	Traveling (Clerk) for council business taking and receiving internal audit accounts, and meeting relating to RDLP.	104.00 + 18.00 = 122.00	
24/7/24	Lyn Llewellyn (internal Audit)	325.00	
24/7/24	Raglan Junior FC (Grant)	1874.41	
Ratified payments made in June without confirmed amounts.			
26/6/24	Raglan festival grant.	3,500.00	2482
26/6/24	Raglan in Bloom	750.00	2483
26/6/24	Raglan Sports Association	0:00	
26/6/24	Marie Curie Hospice	250.00	2484
26/6/24	Kids Cancer	250.00	2485

This was proposed by Cllr P Jones seconded by Cllr Moorby that the above are agreed.

5568 Agenda item 16:- Consider any correspondence received and forwarded prior to the meeting..

No reports received other than the monthly correspondence.

5569 Agenda item 17:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr P Jones, gave a verbal report on the following:

Cllr Jones raised the matter of the proposal of green ways initiative that is being considered by officers from Monmouthshire County Council. There was some discussion relating to this and it was explained that the current dog walk is used by local dog walkers and others. There was no further discussion and there was no resolution.

5570 Agenda item 18:- Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Susan Harrington gave an update relating to the Old School. Those present noted the update.

5571 Agenda item 19:- To consider any other business during the meeting. (Clerk)

The Clerk gave a report.

Subject: Re: Questions not on the agenda

The following is to provide elected members to Raglan Community Council with a response relating to adding or asking questions that are not on the agenda.

The orders indicate the following:

Its poor practice along with 'Urgent Matters' and any other non-specific agenda item.

To quote from the NALC - Good Councillor Guide -

'Councils must also publish meeting agendas which are as full and informative as possible'

Agenda Items should be written as proposals so that everyone is aware and clear on the agenda item.

The whole point of transparency is to be clear and open on the business that is to be debated. How can a member of the public decide to join a meeting that says AOB. Standing Orders do not allow any decisions or discussion to be taken on any item that is not on the agenda.

There are a couple of options:

- Do not include AOB as an agenda item at all; or
- If you do include AOB on the agenda, you agree that it will only be as a way of raising issues for discussion at a future meeting, or elsewhere.

Every member must be aware, that a decision can only be approved or a resolution made if that item is an agenda item.

The person presiding over the meeting must give members of the public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations about **any business to be discussed at the meeting**, unless doing so is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting.

Any such request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.
(Voting at any Raglan Community Council meeting, the councillor must be present at the meeting)

Those present noted the report.

5572 Agenda item 20:- To give delegated powers to the Clerk with consultation with the Chair during the summer recess

Proposed: that the Community Council delegated powers to the Clerk

5573 Agenda item 21:- To confirm the date of the next meeting 25 Sept 2024

No further comments were made relating to Planning Applications that have been forwarded prior to the meeting.

The date was agreed

5574 Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 25 Sept 2024