

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28th February 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 Lynne Eilertsen
Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Cllr Hazel Leacock

5426 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

5427 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr M Dorey

5428 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.

5429 Agenda item 3:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 24 January 2024

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

All those present agreed

5430 Agenda item 4:- Matters to report

The Clerk gave a verbal update following the submission of a further expression of interest relating to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Those present were informed that Monmouthshire County Council hasn't acknowledge receipt of the expression of interest which has been submitted.

The Clerk informed those present that he had been informed of a building partly constructed at the Kingcoed, which would appear not to have received Planning Consent. There was some discussion relating to this, and one member asked why the Community Council are concerned over Planning if someone builds without consent. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Planning Dept.

5431 Agenda item 5:- To consider any Police reports from Gwent Police

No reports received other than the monthly correspondence.

5432 Agenda item 6:- Clerks reports verbal or written.

No reports to be considered

5433 Agenda item 7:- Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting.

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

5434 Agenda item 8:- Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
28/02/24	RBL Wreath from Nov 2023 service of remembrance	117.00	2432
28/02/24	Complete Business Sol (Inks & Paper)	258.05	2433
28/02/24	K Davies Hedge cutting Allotments	390.00	2434
28/02/24	Merlin Waste	294.00	2435
28/02/24	Council insurance renewal	551.00	2436
28/02/24	City Illuminations (2023) street decorations	4,680.00	2347
28/02/24	Gwehelog Website Hosting. (No invoice received)		
28/02/24	HMRC		2348
28/02/24	Adrian Edwards Feb salary		2349

The above payments were noted and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Leacock.

All those present agreed

A discussion took place relating to dog fouling and the use of the waste bins provided by the Community Council. After some debate it was agreed to enquire about purchasing further bins to be located at Fayre Oaks, Station Road and Old Monmouth Road.

All those present agreed

The Clerk asked those present if the Community Council were going to consider any arrangements for the Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing on 6th June this year. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk contacts the Church to see if the Community Council could work in partnership with them.

All those present agreed

5435 Agenda item 9:- Consider any correspondence received and forwarded prior to the meeting.

All those present acknowledged the correspondence forwarded by the Clerk and offered no further observations.

5436 Agenda item 10:- To consider agreeing a date for members update relating to the members Code of Conduct.

The Clerk explained to those present that members should consider undertaking a refresher course relating to the members Code of Conduct. The Clerk explained that members need to consider the Code of Conduct and members agreed that there are certain core areas such as Code of Conduct, Finance and Planning, which all Community Councillors should be trained in, to enable them to discharge their roles effectively. Following some discussion, it was agreed that this refresher training should be done via Zoom. The Clerk will provide members with some dates.

All those present agreed

5437 Agenda item 11:- The Community Council Social Media platform

The Clerk informed those present that he had received an email from the former Chair relating to the Community Council Facebook Platform. The Clerk explained that the former Chair had informed him that the Community Councils Facebook Page was still showing up as one of his business pages within his portfolio. The Clerk explained that he didn't realise that the platform had been set up on an individual's platform. Following some discussion, it was proposed if these passwords cannot be found or the platform transferred, the Facebook page should be closed, and a new platform set up.

All those present agreed

5438 Agenda item 12:- To consider opening an account to hold the funds held by the trustees of RVHA

The Clerk informed those present that opening another account to transfer the funds currently held by the Raglan Village Hall Association (RVHA) needs to be done electronically. This is proving difficult with the current banking arrangements, being a requirement for two out four signatures, with no internet banking facilities. It was agreed that the Clerk should explore other avenues and report back to the next meeting.

All those present agreed

5439 Agenda item 13:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Penny Jones gave a verbal report on several items.

- Cllr Jones explained that she has received several concerns relating to flooding in the community.
- She has also received several concerns relating to the new 20mph speed limit and some of the signs that were installed have been removed by Monmouthshire County Council.

- Cllr Jones informed those present that she has had meetings relating to the Old School with officers from Monmouthshire County Council and will provide further information as and when she receives it.
- Cllr Jones raised the matter should the Community Council purchase a portrait of the King. There was some discussion relating to this as to where a portrait could be hung. Suggestions included the School or the Church as the Community Council doesn't have a home or a meeting place.

Following further discussion, the Clerk will contact the Church in the first instance.

5440 Agenda item 14:- Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Harrington gave those present a verbal update on matters relating to the School Governors and the issues relating to the ownership of the former school building. Cllr Harrington explained that she has drafted a letter to be sent to third parties relating to the ownership and the concerns over the overhanging trees. It was explained if Cllr Harrington was going to write to third parties that should be done as Cllr Harrington being a Governor of the school not as a Councillor of Raglan Community Council. All correspondence from the Council should be from the Clerk of the Council. Those present supported Cllr Harrington writing to the third parties in her Governor role.

5441 Agenda item 15:- To confirm the date of the next meeting 27 March 2024

The date was agreed

5442 No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.

Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 27 March 2024