

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 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

5411 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

5412 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

No apologies received

5413 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.

5414 Agenda item 3:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 22 November 2023

Proposed: by Cllr Harrington seconded by Cllr Moorby that the minutes is accepted.

All those present agreed

5415 Agenda item 4:- Matters to report

A question was asked relating to minute 5393. The Clerk explained that he had not received any further correspondence from officers from Gwent Police.

The Clerk also explained that the Community Council supplied a large Christmas tree that was situated outside the Ship Public House, but several feet were cut off the tree, even though the tree was the size requested. A discussion took place with a range of views expressed by those present and it was proposed that the Community Council will provide a Christmas tree in a central point in the village and not to a business in the future. All those present agreed.

One councillor explained that the headteacher still has concerns over the trees on the boundary between the old school and the current school. It was explained that officers from Monmouthshire County Council have been informed of the concerns expressed previously.

5416 Agenda item 5:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Finance meeting, held on 17 January 2024

Proposed: by Cllr Moorby seconded by Cllr Eilertsen that the minutes is accepted.

All those present agreed

5417 Agenda item 6:- Clerks reports verbal or written.

Following receipt of several emails from a resident and the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk explained that he must express his concern over some of the allegations that have been targeted at him. The Clerk understands that members understand that the allegations may be unfounded, but the Clerk explained that he needed to explain his case.

The Clerk read a statement that was circulated to all members present. All those present noted the Clerk's statement and agreed for the draft letter presented to be sent to the resident with some minor amendments.

5418 Agenda item 7:- Consider the options relating to the CAT of the MUGA and adjoining field.

The Clerk explained that Cllr Penny Jones had been in conversation with officers from Monmouthshire County Council and she had raised this matter in a full council meeting. Following this meeting the Clerk had received documentation relating to the Mutie Use Games Area (MUGA).

The Clerk asked those present if those members wished for a further expression of interest application to be submitted to Monmouthshire County Council again following the suggestion that the Community Council withdraw from any further applications.

Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should complete the expression of interest form and submit to all members before submission, so all members are aware of the interest proposed.

All those present agreed

5419 Agenda item 8:- Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting.

The Clerk informed elected members that all the planning applications received have been forwarded for elected members observations.

The Clerk explained that he hasn't received any objections to any Planning Applications received.

5420 Agenda item 9:- Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
22/11/23	Cancelled		2414
22/11/23	Monmouthshire County Council	1086.57	2415
22/11/23	Clerks' salary		2416
22/11/23	HMRC		2417
22/11/23	Raglan festival replacement cheque 2402	497.42	2418
22/11/23	Monmouthshire County Council Wishing Star grant	150.00	2419
22/12/23	Merlin Waste	294.00	2420
22/12/23	HMRC		2421
22/12/23	Clerks Dec salary		2422
24/01/24	Merlin Waste Replacement cheque (2414)	2423	294.00
24/01/24	Merlin Waste Replacement cheque (2411)	2424	294.00
24/01/24	Merlin Waste Replacement cheque (2410)	2425	235.20
24/01/24	SMG (Christmas Tree)	2426	150.00
24/01/24	Clerks' reimbursement (Ink)	2427	42.49
24/01/24	Clerks' salary	2428	
24/01/24	HMRC	2429	

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

All those present agreed

5421 Agenda item 10:- 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.

5422 Agenda item 11:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr P Jones explained that most of the items that were going to be reported have been discussed in other agenda items above. Cllr Jones informed those present that she had been in contact with the MP and MS relating to the ongoing safety issues on the A40 and asked both the MP and MS for her to be informed when they are meeting representatives from outside bodies relating to matters in Raglan Ward. There was some discussion over this, and those present noted the report.

5423 Agenda item 12:- Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Harrington explained that she had been to several meetings as a school governor and concern was expressed again over the overhanging trees.

5424 **Agenda item 13:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 28 February 2024

The date was agreed

5425 No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20:15 hrs.

Signed by _____

Chairman

Date 28 February 2024