

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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

**5443 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

**5444 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence**

Cllr M Dorey

**5445 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.

A resident informed the Chair that he would like the opportunity to address the council relating to the archiving of the historic history documents he has in his possession. The Chair invited Dr Brinley Morgan to address the council.

Dr Morgan asked if the Community Council had heard anything from Gwent Archive as, he has been in contact with the archivist and they have sent him application forms to be completed and returned. Dr Morgan asked what the best way would be going forward and would the submission to Gwent Archive be in the name of the Community Council or some other body.

There was some discussion with a range of views expressed by those present, and it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the submission forms in the name of the Community Council as the Community Council are a constant as a corporate body set out in legislation.

This was agreed by all those present and Dr Morgan will forward the forms to the Clerk.

Dr Morgan left the meeting at 19:25hrs

**5446 Agenda item 3:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 28 February 2024**

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

**5447 Agenda item 4:-** Matters to report

A member from Raglan AFC Junior team joined the meeting and asked if it would be possible to address the Community Council about the issues relating to the Multi Use Games Area (MAGA). It was explained that Raglan AFC has grown over the last several years, and it now has several team/s from the senior team, and several age group teams. There has been an increase in membership of boys and girls, and they are looking for the usage of the MUGA.

There was some discussion with a range of views expressed by those present, and those members in attendance offered support to the organisation and will contact Monmouthshire County Council's Legal Dept to follow up on the transfer of the MUGA.

**5448 Agenda item 5:-** To consider any Police reports from Gwent Police

No reports received other than the monthly correspondence.

**5449 Agenda item 6:-** Clerks reports verbal or written.

The Clerk explained that he has contacted numerous departments of Monmouthshire County Council and it is evident that many officers from several depts have had no intention in responding to the Community Council. The Clerk explained that elected members request that he has correspondence with Monmouthshire County Council as the Principal Authority but it's very rare that he gets a formal response. He believes that it may be time to contact the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales (PSOfW) as the lack of communication could be considered as maladministration.

There was some discussion relating to this, and a range of views expressed by those present. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the PSOfW

**5450 Agenda item 7:-** Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting. All applications that were received were forwarded to members before the meeting for any observations.

The Clerk presented several applications that needed to be considered so a formal response could be made.

**DM/2024/00352**, Cefn Coed Farm Nannys Lane Kingcoed Monmouthshire NP15 1DS,  
Discharge of condition 3 (Method Statement, Bat Ecology) for planning decision DC/2015/00698.

**No Objection offered**

**DM/2024/00354**, Fleur De Lys Llandenny Road Llandenny Monmouthshire NP15 1DN

Removal on condition 1 (Agricultural Tie) for planning decision DC/2009/00746.

This application received further detailed discussion with a range of views expressed some Councillors. Following some debate it was resolved to object to this Planning Application.

**DM/2024/00345** Land Off Usk Road (To Rear of High Street) Raglan

The erection of three dwellings (two single-storey) and associated work.

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed. Following some debate it was resolved not to object in principle to this Planning Application subject to Suds reports and conservation area observations.

**DM/2024/00337** Parc Lodge Station Road Raglan NP15 2ER

New building required for the storage of golf course and green keeping equipment.

This application received some discussion with a range of views expressed. It was resolved that Councillors will review this application online and make any observations to the Clerk to respond.

**DM/2024/00328** New House Farm, Overpass with A449 To New House Farm, Treworgan Common, Llandenny, Monmouthshire NP15 1DN

The barns at New House Farm were granted permission in 2005 to be changed to residential dwellings. The project commenced in 2009 to install the treatment plant. Conditions 5 + 7 were discharged and an inspection was carried out and approved by Monmouthshire County Council Building Control. I contacted Philip Thomas in February 2024 regarding this planning permission who recommended we apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness so we could obtain certainty that a lawful start had been made.

It was resolved that Councillors will review this application online and make any observations to the Clerk to respond

**DM/2024/00297** Parc Lodge Station Road Raglan Monmouthshire NP15 2ER

Variation of Condition 2 (Amendments to approved plans) For planning decision DM/2021/00590

This application received some discussion with a range of views expressed. It was resolved that Councillors will review this application online and make any observations to the Clerk to respond.

**DM/2024/00229** Fair View Cottage Usk Road Raglan Monmouthshire NP15 2HJ

Construction of a timber garage Please see plans for dimensions and location.

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed. Following some debate it was resolved not to object in principle to this Planning Application subject to the garage being used for domestic use only and the access is not objected to following previous applications.

**DM/2024/00199** Ty Bryn, Bank Road, Gwehelog NP15 1RT

Two storey rear extension to existing dormer bungalow.

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed. Following some debate it was resolved not to object in principle to this Planning Application

**DM/2024/00174** Oakridge, Twyn-y-sherriff Road, Twyn Y Sheriff Raglan, Monmouthshire NP15 2HT

Installation of a Midea Cascade Air Source Heat Pump System (retrospective)

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed. Following some debate it was resolved not to object in principle to this Planning Application

**DM/2023/00863** Chapel Cottage, Nannys Lane, Kingcoed, Monmouthshire NP15 1DS

Construction of a new barn for storage.

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed. Following some debate it was resolved to express concern and to ask for further information relating to this amended application following the original observations made previously.

**DM/2019/01286** Land Adj to High Street, Raglan, Usk Monmouthshire NP15 2EA

Construction of terrace of three dwellings with associated external works and landscaping

This application received detailed discussion with a range of views expressed by those who were present. Following some robust debate, it was resolved to object to this Planning Application on a number of road safety and drainage issues.

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

**5451** **Agenda item 8:-** Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
27/3/24	Merlin Env Waste	235.20	2440
27/3/24	Merlin Env Waste	235.20	2441
27/3/24	Merlin Env Waste	235.20	2442
27/3/24	Merlin Env Waste	235.20	2443
27/3/24	Merlin Env Waste	235.20	2444
27/3/24	Raglan Baptist Church (Hall Hire)	30.00	2445
27/3/24	Audit Wales	428.00	2446
27/3/24	Vision ICT (Email Hosting)	64.80	2447
27/3/24	Gallagher (Ins) balance on payment	40.00	2448
27/3/24	HMRC		2449
27/3/24	Adrian Edwards (Salary)		2450
27/3/24	Clerk's office annual allowance (23/24)		2451
27/3/24	Reimbursement to the Clerk (recorded postage)	2.60	2452

The Clerk explained that some of the payments made to Merlin Env Waste were for services not invoiced previously. The above payments were noted and agreed.

This was proposed by Cllr Eilertsen seconded by Cllr Leacock.

**All those present agreed**

**5452 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.

**5453 Agenda item 10:-** Consider Grants to Ty Hafan (Cllr R Moorby)

Cllr R Mooby asked if the Community Council could make a grant payment to this organisation. He explained the Community Council have made a grant payment/s previously. Following some discussion a range of views were expressed by those present, and it was proposed by Cllr Moorby, seconded by Cllr Jones to award a grant of £200.00

**All those present agreed**

**5454 Agenda item 11:-** To consider the review of the A40 in Raglan

The Clerk informed members that the Community Council had received a copy of the A40 & A449 TRUNK ROADS (RAGLAN BYPASS, MONMOUTHSHIRE) (TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024. The Clerk informed members that a copy of the order had been forwarded.

Further detailed discussion took place with a range of views expressed by Councillors and concern was expressed when the risk assessment had been undertaken. Concern was still expressed over the junction crossing the dual carriageway.

It was agreed that the Community Council request a copy of the risk assessment.

**5455      Agenda item 12:-** Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones gave a verbal report on several items.

- A40, discussed as above.
- Cllr Jones asked if a grant application form could be forwarded to her for some local groups.
- Cllr Jones informed those present that the Baptist Church was considering a Community Day and wished to apply for a grant.

Cllr Jones explained that other issues had been discussed during the meeting.

**5456      Agenda item 13:-** Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Harrington gave a verbal report following meetings with the school Governors. Cllr Harrington also explained that she had a reply regarding the former junior school. Cllr Harrington explained that Monmouthshire County Council and the Diocesan had entered into a formal lease agreement in 2000. Cllr Harrington informed those present that she has written to Diocesan Secretary, Monmouth Diocesan Trust.

Those present noted Cllr Harringtons observations.

**5457      Agenda item 14:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 24 April 2024

The date was agreed

**5459**      No other business was discussed, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 20:20 hrs.

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

Chairman

Date 24 April 2024