

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2025.
This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre on Usk Road.
at 7:00 pm

Present

5658	Cllr Richard Moorby Cllr Penny Jones Cllr Susan Harrington	Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair) Cllr Lynne Eilertsen Cllr Hazel Leacock
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5659 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council. Two members of the public were in attendance.

5660 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr Martine Dorey

5661 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.

5662 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.

The Chair invited the residents to address those elected members in attendance. One person showed those present some photographs of the play equipment in the Play Park, and they expressed concern that young children could sustain an injury, due to the condition of some of the equipment as it stands currently. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk would contact the Parks Dept and report the concerns.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Monmouthshire County Council Parks Dept, and report the concerns.

5663 Agenda item 4:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on **11 December 2024**

Proposed: by Cllr S Harrington seconded by Cllr P Jones that the minutes are accepted.

All those present agreed

5664 Agenda item 5:- Matters to report.

There were no matters to report from the last meeting.

5665 Agenda item 6:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Finance meeting, held on 15 January 2025

Proposed: by Cllr N Ramsay seconded by Cllr P Jones that the minutes are accepted.

All those present agreed

5666 Agenda item 7:- Clerks reports verbal or written.

Update to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Attendance at Council meeting
Report: - by Raglan Community Council
Date: - 22 January 2025

This is a short report following the October meeting. Elected members will recall that a resident attended the October meeting regarding traffic concerns relating to the T junction with Chepstow Road, and Llandenny Road, off Chepstow Road.

I omitted to include the residents name in the minutes.

I can confirm that I contacted officers from Monmouthshire County Council Highways Authority on the 24 October 2024 at 10:55, relating to the resident's concerns. The Traffic & Road Safety Manager, emailed Highway Inspectors to investigate the concerns, but at the time of reporting this matter the Community Council have not received any further information.

Adrian Edwards
Clerk to Raglan Community Council

Those present noted the report.

Update to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Items provided to third parties
Report: - by Raglan Community Council
Date: - 22 January 2025

This is a short report following items provided to a local resident as a First Responder for the Welsh Ambulance Service. Essentials books, and two Oximeter PC-60B1 BK, from the suppliers PROACT medical were provided to the first responder.

I have contacted the resident / first responder asking if was he still acting as a First Responder for the Welsh Ambulance Service, but I not received a response.

Conclusion:

Going forward I would like direction from elected members as to what you would like to do to follow this up, as the books and items are assets of the Community Council.

It was concluded: The Clerk should write to the First Responder for the Welsh Ambulance Service asking for an update.

Adrian Edwards
Clerk to Raglan Community Council

Update to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Location of defibrillator.
Report: - by Raglan Community Council
Date: - 22 January 2025

This is a short report following an audit of the Community Council assets.

The Community Council purchase of a defibrillator for installing at the Fellowship Centre in Raglan. After the purchase of the defibrillator, a resident who was acting as a First Responder, requested that the defibrillator was installed around the Prince Charles area of the Community, not on the walls of the Fellowship Centre.

The First Responder informed the meeting that he would find a location either on/in a commercial area or on someone's residential property. I have contacted the person acting as the First Responder but at the time of writing this report on behalf of the Community Council, I have not received a reply.

The Community Council installed a defibrillator on the side of a property at Rhiwlas. This unit will need to be serviced shortly, which will incur a service charge plus replacement items.

Conclusion:

- Going forward I would like direction from elected members as to what you would like to do to install the defibrillator.
- Provide an updated and service plan to the unit at Rhiwlas

Adrian Edwards
Clerk to Raglan Community Council

It was concluded: The Clerk should ask the Baptist Church if the defibrillator could be installed on the Fellowship Centre.

It was also agreed that the defibrillator at Rhiwlas is serviced

Reports to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Electric Charging Points in Raglan
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - January 2025

This report is inviting elected members of Raglan Community Council to express intent on the provision of charging points in Raglan Village. Over the last number of years, we have seen a number of initiatives in the County presented by different officers from Monmouthshire County Council.

One of the first reports which was presented to members of Monmouthshire County Council and the Cabinet member, reported that Governments in Westminster and Cardiff have declared a climate emergency and have committed to delivery of Wales's target of net zero by 2050. In 2017 a report was presented to an individual Cabinet Member for consideration/decision, that Monmouthshire County

Council would support the installation of an electrical car charging point in Welsh Street Car Park, Chepstow, to be sited in the free car park area and the electrical supply to be taken from the MCC Hub building.

In March 2022 Cllr Penny Jones had been informed by officers from Monmouthshire County Council that *"colleagues are in a CCR meeting about a new phase of investment in EV charging that is available to the public. As I understand it, the project is 75% Westminster and 25% WG funded (but don't quote me on that). We have been asked to put forward a wish-list of sites. I can confirm the Raglan car park is on the list. At present we don't know how far the funding will go, so I cannot give any guarantees. A separate bit of work is being led by Deb Hill-Howells on commissioning an EV strategy for the County, looking at our fleet, property and depots as well as wider infrastructure such as on-street charging solutions for those who do not have driveways or garages". I trust this update is of assistance. There is nothing to stop RCC seeking funding for EV chargers on its own land, or we may be able to include Town and Community Council properties in a future CCR phase if it is available for public use"*

Following this information the Clerk to Raglan Community Council understood that Raglan Village carpark was going to be included in the second installation stage subject to the funding being released by Welsh Government. For elected members of Raglan Community Council, this is a list of EV charging points that have been installed around the County.

Abergavenny has 11 units, Caldicot 2, Magor 1, Rogiet 1, Chepstow 5, Tintern 1, Monmouth 2, Usk 10, Goytre 2, Gilwern 7

Again, in August 2023 elected members of Monmouthshire County Council were presented with a report relating to proposed electric vehicle charging tariffs at Council Sites. From information on Monmouthshire County Council's website the charging tariff for points operated by Dragon Charging there is a charge of 35p per kWh; for points operated by Gwent Energy CIC there is a charge of 30p per kWh. The electric vehicle charge points are funded by Gwent Local Authorities that have been awarded grant funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to cover up to 75% of the costs to install electric vehicle charge points in car parks in residential areas. The Local Authorities are match funding the remaining 25% costs for their sites.

It's clear from the information above, Raglan as a community have been left behind again and have not been considered in any of the installation rounds despite previously being told Raglan would be included. Welsh Government has reported that they have a vision for charging points in Wales. By 2025, Welsh Government is confident that all users of electric cars and vans in Wales can access electric vehicle charging infrastructure when and where they need it.

In 2023 Welsh Government set out and published a strategy (Welsh Government Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Programme). I have attached a link for elected members to view and consider the way forward for Raglan.

<https://business.senedd.wales/documents/s144941/Welsh%20Government%20Strategic%20Outline%20Business%20Case%20SOBC%20Main%20Report.pdf>

In conclusion:

The Clerk would like some direction from the elected members on what course of action would they like to Clerk to take.

Following this report, there was some discussion and debate between those present, and it was:

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Monmouthshire County Council and ask about the current programme and where Raglan is within the programme.

Those present noted the verbal reports.

The Clerk informed those members present that the Dog Waste bins have been delivered and he is expecting to collect them the end of the week, and he asked those present to confirm the location of the new bins. After some discussion it was proposed that the bins would be located at:

- The Play Park at Price Charles Road, and Ethley Drive.
- Station Road, by the pedestrian gate into the recreation ground.
- The Dog Walk close to the entry by the old bench.

Those present agreed the locations.

5667 Agenda item 8:- Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting.

The Clerk explained that he had only received one response to the Planning Applications that had been forwarded to elected members for consideration. There were no observations made and no objections will be presented to the planning Authority.

The Clerk also informed those present that he had received a reply relating to Planning DM/2023/01019 (Land North of Monmouth Road Monmouth Road Raglan) following the request submitted by the Community Council on the 11 December 2024 following the consent the Planning Authority approved on the 2 December 2025. The Clerk explained that a copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all elected members on the 22 January 2025.

5668 Agenda item 9:- Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

The Clerk provided a list of payments he had received on behalf of the Council.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
12/12/24	HMRC		2529
12/12/24	Merlin Waste	302.40	2530
12/12/24	Fellowship Centre (hall hire)	20.00	2531
12/12/24	Clerks' salary (December)		2532
12/12/24	HMRC		2533
22/1/25	City Illuminations (reduced amount from Est)	2,280.00	2234
22/1/25	Clerks' payment for hours worked O&A contract relating to the council's response to the RLDP		2535
22/1/25	Payment to Clerk for hours worked relating a submission relating to a Planning Application		2536
22/1/25	Payment to annual ICO fee	52.00	2537
22/1/25	Merlin Waste	241.92	2538
22/1/25	Reimbursement to Clerk for travelling	11.25	2539
22/1/25	Reimbursement to Clerk for travelling	11.25	2540
22/1/25	Reimbursement to Clerk for travelling	11.25	2541
22/1/25	Clerks Salery (Jan 25)		2542
22/1/25	HMRC		2543
22/1/25	Fellowship Centre (hall hire)	60.00	2544

It was proposed: by Cllr Ramsay, seconded by Cllr Leacock to note and make payment.

All those present agreed.

5669 Agenda item 10:- Consider any correspondence received and forwarded prior to the meeting.

The correspondence that was presented to all members prior to the meeting was noted and no further action required

5670 Agenda item 11:- Reports from the County Councillor

Cllr Jones, gave a verbal report on a number of issues in the community.

It was explained that Cllr Jones had spoken to Monmouthshire County Council officers about the old plough that's been donated to the community. Cllr Jones has asked what was the difference in a plough being sited in Raglan and the two ploughs that have been sited in Usk which are on a main carriageway. A discussion took place with a range of views being expressed by members. After some debate it was:

Resolved: Cllr Jones will contact the relevant officers and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Jones made reference to the number of potholes in the community, and she had been in contact with officers from the relevant dept. This generated some discussion with a range of views being

expressed by members. It was explained that one elected member's family went for a walk and fell due to the condition of the highway and needed hospital care.

After some debate it was: proposed that Cllr Jones makes a formal complaint to the highways department about the condition and maintenance of the carriageways in the community. The Clerk is also to make a similar response from the Community Council.

During this item it was also reported that a number of vehicles had been damaged in the car park. This generated further discussion with a range of views being expressed by members, over the ownership of the car park. Resolved the Clerk would contact Monmouthshire County Council.

5671 Agenda item 12:- Raglan over the next 5 to 10 years (Cllr Harrington)

Cllr Susan Harrington explained that due to the ongoing concern and requests over the last several months, is there any reason why the community council cannot have a plan going forward for the next 5 to 10 years.

The Clerk explained that the Community Council had adopted a village plan and that plan is on the Community Council website. https://www.raglancc.org.uk/Community_Plan_24747.aspx

This generated some discussion and debate and a number of elected members explained that they didn't know that a community plan was on the website. It was explained that this was undertaken around 2014 and a local resident coordinated this work with the Rural Enterprise, Social and Community Enterprise funding. After some discussion it was;

Resolved: The Clerk would look into this and contact the local resident to see if any advice and guidance could be given.

5672 Agenda item 13:- To confirm the date of the next meeting 26 February 2025

The meeting closed at 19:59