

Raglan Community Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2025.
This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre on Usk Road
at 7:00 pm

Present

Cllr Penny Jones
Cllr Hazel Leacock
Cllr Luke Thompson

Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)
Cllr Martine Dorey
Cllr Lynne Eilertsen

5824 In attendance:

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

Cllr Jones joined the meeting at 7:20pm and Cllr Thompson joined the meeting at 7:25pm

5825 Agenda item 1:- Apologies for absence

Cllr Susan Harrington offered her apologies due to illness.

5826 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.

5827 Agenda item 3:- Discussion with Officers from Monmouthshire County Council relating to Play areas in Raglan.

The Clerk introduced Mr Mike Moran from Monmouthshire County Council.

It was explained Mr Moran was in attendance to offer some advice relating to the Welsh Government Budget 2025-26, which included £5m of capital funding for local authorities to improve the quality of play spaces, refurbish playgrounds and support the creation of accessible play spaces and opportunities for children.

It was explained; it was the Community Councils understanding that Monmouthshire County Council has been awarded £128,619 from this fund. A question was asked which parks are going to receive funding and how were those locations chosen and allocated any funding.

Mr Moran gave an explanation that the funding had been awarded to two parks in Chepstow following a report where Monmouthshire County Council had commissioned an independent play assessor to inspect all the play parks in Monmouthshire County Council area.

It was explained in 2019 the play area at Prince Charles Road was assessed as the fifth highest scoring play area in the county in terms of play value. But the play area hasn't been assessed this site since 2019. Monmouthshire County Council undertook play value assessments in 2019 on over 100 play areas in the county - most of these were county council sites (MCC currently has 109 play areas) but a few were/are owned and/or managed by other organisations, e.g. Town or Community Councils, and village hall trustees, etc. The work was undertaken by an independent play assessor to ensure impartiality.

The outcome of the 2019 assessments revealed that of all the sites assessed, three were ranked as "good", thirteen were ranked as "adequate" and the rest were assessed as "poor".

During the meeting Mr Moran explained that he would provide further information relating to inspections and a condition report on the play equipment in Raglan. He also gave some further information on section 106 funding that will become available from the development sites in Raglan. He also explained that any funding in the s106 agreement will be spent in Raglan and surrounding communities.

The Chair thanked Mr Moran for his attendance, and Mr Moran left the meeting at 19:48.

5828 Agenda item 4:- 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 Public in attendance

5829 Agenda item 5:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Allotment committee meeting, held on Wednesday 3 September 2025

Proposed: by Cllr N Ramsay seconded by Cllr M Dorey that the minutes are accepted as a true and accurate record

5830 Agenda item 6:- Matters to report.

The Clerk informed those present that letters had been sent to all allotment tenants relating to the condition of the allotments

5831 Agenda item 7:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Special meeting, held on Wednesday 3 deferred to Friday 5 September 2025

Those present agreed the minutes.

5832 Agenda item 8:- Matters to report.

No matters to report

5833 Agenda item 9:- To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on Wednesday 23 July 2025

Proposed: by Cllr R Moorby seconded by Cllr N Ramsay that the minutes are accepted as a true and accurate record

5834 Agenda item 10:- Matters to report

No matters to report

5835 Agenda item 11:- Consider any Clerks reports verbal or written

11.a Elected member representing the community of Raglan

11.b Elected members training

11.c Cross street Christmas Lights

11.d Declaration of elected members interests

11.e Remembrance Service in Raglan

11.f Discarding old paperwork under GDPR Regulations

11.g Street Cleansing

11.h Report on the replies from the Local Survey

11.i Allotments fencing replacement and improvements

11.j Dog Walk improvements

Before the Clerk presented his reports the Chair demanded that all the Clerks reports should not be considered until the council considers what is going to be done about the Christmas decorations. The Clerk explained that the decorations for the coming year are included in his reports, 11c on the agenda.

The Chair stated that he wasn't interested in any reports as he wanted the Christmas decorations sorted before the meeting moved on. At this point in the meeting the Chair started using his finger and tapped the table insisting that he wanted the decoration issues addressed.

At this point a robust discussion took place between the Chair and Clerk, where the Clerk explained that he had been trying to resolve this matter since January this year. He explained that the Chair has said he was going to speak to different businesses in the village, and he had a contact with a person from the village that was going to contribute to the cost of the power supply. But at the time of this meeting no further action had been taken. The Clerk explained if the Chair was not willing to receive the reports presented, the Clerk proposed the meeting is suspended until the Chair confirms what actions he has agreed with businesses or other people.

After further discussion it was agreed.

The Clerk's reports are presented so the business of the council could move on.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council

Subject: - Elected members representing the community of Raglan.

Report: - by the Clerk

Date: - September 2025

This report is to seek the views of the current elected members of Raglan Community Council relating to the membership and the responsibility on members for attending meetings and representing the views of the wider community.

Elected members will recall, due to the boundary changes that came into force on the 5th May 2022, the Raglan Ward is currently covered by 9 elected councillors (following the LG Election in May 2022) representing the wards of Raglan, Llandenny / Kingcoed and Gwehelog Fawr. The former council was represented by 11 elected members covering the wards of Raglan, Llandenny, and Kincoed.

It's been said on a number of occasions elected members are volunteers. The role is unpaid but Councillors are not volunteers in a legal sense. They are elected representatives and holders of a public office with statutory duties. Councillors serve for a 5-year term, unless co-opted or elected in a by-election, when they serve until the next election. Elected members comply with the Code of Member Conduct and apply the law. Councillors contribute to the work of the Council by suggesting ideas, influencing policy, engaging in constructive debate and by responding to the needs and views of the community. One of the key responsibilities, if a Councillor is elected unless co-opted agrees to attend all Council meetings (reasonably possible) that he or she is summoned to by the Clerk.

Since the election in May 2022, it has been very rare that all elected members who have been summoned have been in attendance. Since May 2022, only three meetings have been attended by all 9 elected councillors. The Community Council have had vacancies for the vast majority of the term since May 2022.

In March 2020 the Community Council received a reply from Julie James AC/AM Minister for Housing and Local Government, following correspondence where the Community Council expressed concern over the proposed number of elected members that Monmouthshire County Council was proposing. It's clear since May 2022 the current arrangements are not working. Since the start of the consultation in 2019 to date, the expectation on Community and Town Councils has increased and elected members are expected to undertake more duties and have more responsibilities. The working group of Monmouthshire County Council recommended the number of elected councillors was to be reduced to nine from eleven.

For example:

Raglan Community Council had a total electorate of 1,585 represented by 11 Community Councillors. Following the election in May 2022 the electorate became 1,659 residents made up from 1,070 in Raglan, 220 in Llandenny, 223 in Gwehelog and 146 in Kingcoed.

The proposals made in the Boundary Commission's report, indicated that Llanarth Fawr CC would have had at that time an estimated 722 electorate made up from 232 from Llanarth, 161 from Kemeys Commander and Llancayo, 123 from Clytha and 209 from Bryngwyn, represented by ten elected councillors.

There is an expectation level to undertake the role as an elected person, and elected members personal lives can sometimes be in conflict, therefore affecting personal lives and council business. It's clear following the boundary changes, the number of elected members has not been fairly allocated, with Raglan Community Council being represented by nine elected councils representing 1,659 residents and Llanarth being represented by ten elected councillors with 937 fewer electorate.

Therefore, in conclusion

It's in the best interest of the elected councillors and the wider community, that councillors consider a way forward. It should be considered that elected members of Raglan Community Council make representations to Monmouthshire County Council's Chief Executive and the Leadership team, requesting if consideration could be given to adjusting the elected representation on the Community Council. The reason for suggesting the request to increase the number of elected councillors is based on the councils that are neighbouring the Raglan area.

The 2013 Act includes provisions relating to electoral arrangement reviews and the review of communities. The 2013 Act gives principal councils (Monmouthshire County Council in this case) the powers to review one or more communities in its area. It can do so on its own initiative or at the request of a community meeting in its area.

Section 22 of the 2013 Act places a duty on principal councils (Monmouthshire County Council) to monitor the communities in their area, and the electoral arrangements of such communities, for the purpose of considering whether it is appropriate to make or recommend changes. In doing so, principal councils must have regard to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) timetable for reviews of principal areas, and must undertake such reviews as are required, directed by the Welsh Ministers, or considered necessary, and must seek to ensure effective and convenient local government. Principal councils must publish a report setting out how it has complied with this duty and send it to the LDBCW in respect of each reporting period (a period of 10 years).

It's clear from the previous review that came into force on the 5 May 2022, Monmouthshire County Council could have got it wrong, as it's clear the number of elected councillors for Raglan Community Council compared to other councils is not beneficial to Raglan and the wider community.

Example on elected councillors;

- ❖ Raglan CC 1,659 with 9 Councillors = 184 electorate per Cllr
- ❖ Usk TC 1,957 with 12 Councillors = 163 electorate per Cllr
- ❖ Llanarth CC 722 with 10 Councillors = 72 electorate per Cllr
- ❖ Llanbadoc CC 671 with 10 Councillors = 67 electorate per Cllr

The Chair asked where did this information come from and what difference would it make. There was some robust discussion again on the way forward, one point was made that the existing vacancy is readvised. It was also agreed that Monmouthshire County Council should be contacted as consideration should be given to adjusting the elected representation on the Community Council in line with member constituent representation.

Those present agreed Monmouthshire County Council should be approached.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Elected member training
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - September 2025

This report is to update elected members relating to elected members training.

Standing Orders section 13, Code of Conduct and Dispensations (b) states;

All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall undertake training in the code of conduct within six months of the delivery of their acceptance of office form.

From the records retained there is no evidence that no elected members have attended CoC training.

The Council, as a corporate body, adopted a training plan under Section 67 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which requires the Council to publish a training plan. Since the elections in May 2022, the Community Council has adopted this plan every year since.

All elected members receive notification of training sessions provided by One Voice Wales (OVW) when they are published.

In conclusion

- Elected members need to consider a date to attend a training session.
- Elected members will need to consider a training provider.
- The current cost of the training is £42 for members of OVW or £65 per person for non-members.
- Consider a third-party provider.

It was agreed by those present that the Clerk will continue sending training course information to members. The Clerk should look for training and updating courses on members Code of Conduct training in line with the Community Council Standing Orders.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Cross street Christmas Lighting
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - September 2025

This report is to provide elected members with an update to the report relating to the cross street festive lighting over the Christmas period.

Elected members will be mindful that the Community Council has been in dialogue with officers from MCC Street Lighting Dept since 29 January 2025. The Clerk has attended several meetings in Raglan village with

officers from streetlighting and had conversations with the contractor the Community Council uses to install the festive lights.

In June 2025 officers from Monmouthshire County Council Street Lighting Dept informed Cllr Penny Jones that the "Steel Street Lighting columns must be Electrically and structurally tested before any attachments can be fitted regardless of size and weight this can be arrange through MCC Street Lighting Department"

During a meeting with the Street Lighting Dept, the Community Council was informed that the tenant or owner of the building (Tesco) will not grant consent to connect to the power supply for the coming festive season. It was also indicated that the Community Council will not be given consent to hang the cross-street lights from the building. As Clerk I have been into Tesco several times since the meeting, to see if it would be possible to speak to the manager. Each time I have been told that there wasn't anyone available to speak to me.

After a number of emails, I met with officers from Monmouthshire County Council on the 18th August 25 where all the issues relating to the festive lighting were discussed. During that meeting the Community Council was informed that the lighting columns would need to be:-

1. Structurally load tested (Documentation *that the column can take the Stress under prolonged movement*)
2. Electrically Tested (Documentation *that the socket and festoon polarity /earth loop impedance are within tolerance*)

The Community Council was informed that it would need to contact a relevant contractor to undertake the inspection and the testing. The Officers explained that Monmouthshire County Council has a dedicated contractor (Enerveo Limited) that undertakes all their work in this field. The Community Council has received an estimated cost of £675 for undertaking Electrical Test, which includes the Stress Test, and providing certification. This price is exclusive of VAT.

During this time the Chair and the Clerk arranged a meeting with the management of the Ship public house to see if it would be possible to arrange an electrical connection for the cross-street lights. This meeting was very positive and it was agreed that the Community Council could use the supply from the Ship. This will mean that a contractor would need to undertake works to provide a supply and connection box to plug the lights into. This will be a cost the Community Council would need to cover, which has not been included in any budget costings for 2025/26 financial year.

In conclusion

1. Elected members agree to pay and cover the cost of the Structural load tests.

2. Agree to covering the cost of the electrical supply at the Ship.
3. To consider extending the cross-street lighting to the Beaufort Hotel
4. What arrangements can be made to fill the space between Extons outfitters and the Pharmacy.
5. Any other consideration elected members may have relating to this matter.

There was some discussion over the cross-street lighting and the lighting column testing. A question was asked if all councils in Monmouthshire have been requested to undertake or have undertaken stress testing for lighting festoons. The Clerk explained he was only aware that one other Town Council has undertaken this testing process.

It was resolved the council engage Enerveo Limited to undertake the testing.

Cllr Leacock will contact all the business in the village relating to the cross-street decorations.

The Clerk to speak to an electrical contractor relating to the supply of power points for the decorations and Xmas tree.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council

Subject: - Declaration of elected member's interest

Report: - by the Clerk

Date: - September 2025

Under the Community Council's Code of Conduct (CoC) elected members must act in conformity with the Seven Principles of Public Life. "Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership", are the principle of integrity.

To comply with this, it is a requirement that all elected members complete a "Register of Members Interests". At every Annual General Meeting (AGM) all elected members are provided with a form to complete to return to the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Community Council. Elected members will recall Audit Wales has identified that the Community Council has not published members register of interests. The Community Council has not been able to publish any interests as only councillor has returned a declaration form.

Elected members are holders of public office; elected members must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. Elected members must declare and resolve any interests and relationships. If an elected member has a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not recorded in the register and which relates to any business that is or will be considered at a meeting where an elected member is present, an elected member must disclose this to the meeting and tell the monitoring officer about it, if you have not already done so, so that it can be added to the register. An elected member must tell the monitoring officer within 28 days of disclosing the interest. For this purpose, a meeting includes any meeting of the council or

authority, of its executive or any committee of the executive, and of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the authority.

I have attached several documents for members information.

1. Declaring Interest Flowchart
2. Register of Members Interests
3. Illustrative text for code dealing with the conduct expected of members

In conclusion

- Elected members must be mindful, that a Register of Members Interests form must be completed and returned to the Proper Officer (Clerk)
- An elected member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if an elected member, or an elected member's spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest listed in the national rules.

The Clerk provided further documents to be completed and returned. Those members present noted the flowchart and the other requirements.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Remembrance Service in Raglan
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - Sept 2025

This report is to update elected members relating to the report that was presented in November 2024 regarding the Remembrance Service in Raglan. It was Resolved that Cllr's would undertake the relevant training to support the Remembrance Service 2025, following the notice received from officers from Gwent Police, relating to Counter Terrorism Policing Winter Campaign which encourages people to stay alert and help keep each other safe. Members have expressed many views relating to this, as Raglan's Service of Remembrance is only a small community service.

If Raglan Community Council presents an application for a temporary road closure, the Community Council will need to comply and follow the published guidance. It was reported in November 2024 that the person who submits an application for the temporary road closure the following:

- ❖ Complete a road closure application along with a Traffic Management (TM) plan.
- ❖ Trained persons (Chapter 8 Trained etc) to assist with Traffic Management arrangements.
- ❖ Event marshals will be required. Gwent Police are no longer involved in any traffic management on Service of Remembrance days

- ❖ Personnel would also need to attend Terrorism training.

It was explained, going forward for 2025, the Community Council will need to consider all of the above and also identify which councillors will undertake the above. Members would also need to undertake training

In conclusion

1. What actions would the Community Council need to take.
2. Engage the services of the Road Traffic Management consultant to set up and manage the event.
3. Members attend a Chapter 8 training course
4. Members to attend a Terrorism training course

After some discussion, it was agreed:

That the council should engage the services of a traffic management company to control traffic and other needs for the Remembrance Day service

Report to: - Raglan Community Council

Subject: - Discarding old paperwork under General Data Protection Regulations

Report: - by the Clerk

Date: - Sept 2025

This report is to update elected members relating to paperwork and documents that have been stored for over 14 years. This report is to inform elected members that paperwork that has been held, that is no longer relevant and can be decarded. The Community Council has a policy relating to retaining Important Documents.

Elected members must be mindful that some Council documents must be retained for an adequate period of time.

If documents are destroyed prematurely the Council and individual officers concerned could face prosecution for not complying with legislation and it could cause operational difficulties, reputational damage and difficulty in defending any claim brought against the Council.

In contrast to the above, the Council will not retain documents longer than is necessary. The timely disposal will be undertaken to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations so that personal information is not retained longer than necessary.

Documents shall only be disposed of if reviewed in accordance with the following:

- I. Is retention required to fulfil statutory or other regulatory requirements?

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- II. Is retention required to meet the operational needs of the service?
- III. Is retention required to evidence events in the case of dispute?
- IV. Is retention required because the document or record is of historic interest or intrinsic value?

Documents can be disposed of by any of the following methods;

- non-confidential records can be placed in waste paper bin for disposal
- Confidential records or records providing personal information must be shredded, buried or incinerated.
- Computer records can be deleted
- Transfer records to an external body such as the County Archives Office

In conclusion:

1. Discard documents that are no longer relevant
2. Discard some documents
3. Retain all documents
4. If documents are to be retained the council will need to find a safe storage facility

After some discussion it was agreed:

That points above are undertaken and all remaining documents should be stored safely and securely.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Street Cleansing
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - September 2025

This report is to provide elected members with an update to the report that was presented in January, and other verbal reports since the start of the financial year relating to street cleansing in the village and surrounding communities. Over the last several months meetings have been convened with officers from Monmouthshire County Council relating to the draft Service Level Agreements (SLA). The SLA will relate to street cleansing in Raglan and surrounding communities. This would be undertaken by a team of two operatives with transport provided.

During a meeting it was explained that the SLA would be in partnership with Usk Town Council (UTC), as UTC was looking to extend their current agreement with Monmouthshire County Council for an SLA for a three day a week service. Currently it would appear UTC are not in a position to agree the SLA; therefore, it's been put on hold.

The SLA between Raglan Community Council and Monmouthshire County Council will be for street cleansing; for example, cleaning road side silt, removing weeds and moss on the footways and other general duties. It

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will also include cutting grass on land the Community Council is responsible for. Elected members must be mindful, this process does not include servicing road gullies; this service will remain with Monmouthshire County Council Highways.

Following receipt of the draft document, a number of amendments were highlighted and resubmitted to Monmouthshire County Council for their consideration. Cllr Ramsay and the Clerk attended a meeting with officers from Monmouthshire County Council on the 22 August to discuss when the SLA would commence. It would appear that it is unlikely that the SLA will be contractable before the start of next financial year (2026). During the discussion it was suggested Raglan Community Council and Monmouthshire County Council could consider entering into a Management Agreement that can be done on a monthly basis, but the costs would be more than the projected figures in the SLA. This could address the concerns the Community Council and residents have relating to the condition of the roads and footpaths in the Community.

In conclusion;

1. It's for elected members to consider the current condition and maintenance of the roads and footways in the community.
2. Retain the current situation where no works are undertaken until an SLA has been agreed
3. Enter into a management agreement where the Community Council will issue a works order of maintenance on a weekly or monthly basis and the Community Council will be invoiced on a monthly basis
4. Consider the number of days to be agreed on a monthly basis (once or twice a week
5. Or any other agreement/suggestion elected members would like to propose?

After some discussion it was agreed:

That the service level agreement should commence in April 2026. In the meantime, the Community Council enter into an agreement on a weekly or monthly basis with Monmouthshire County Council DSO Dept to service the roads and footpaths in the village and wider communities.

All those present agreed

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Report on the replies from the Local Survey
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - Sept 2025

This report is to provide elected members with the results of the local survey. This report will need to be reviewed and to enable members to consider the way forward to be able to provide local services and amenities for local residents.

The local survey was open for public participation for 35 days and the survey received 59 respondents. The average time taken to complete the survey was 9 minutes 27 seconds. The survey was made up of 21 questions which are set out in this report, together with the responses from those respondents.

Registered electors in communities that make up the electoral ward of Raglan United Community Council are: Gwehelog 276, Kingcoed 131, Llandenny 238, and Raglan 1,051 totals 1,696 residents and the survey saw 59 respondents engage with the survey.

Please note the responses have been copied from the survey without any amendments.

Question	Response
1. Do you reside in:	52 respondents said they were from Raglan 3 respondents said they were from Llandenny 4 respondents said they were from Gwehelog
2. How would you rate the existing community facilities in Raglan and surrounding areas?	6 respondents said Good = 10% 30 respondents said Poor = 51% 22 respondents said Average = 37% 1 respondent said Other = 1%

3. If other, please provide more detail.

Raglan do not have a village hall, only the Fellowship Centre that is too small for larger gatherings. There is only the small play park on Prince Charles Rd that needs updating and refreshing. The MUGA is in a very poor state of repair.

Good facilities, the high street in Raglan is a nightmare. would be best made a one way from N. James to the church.

Needs a community/sport centre

Houses continue to be built but the infrastructure cannot cope. The local school is full as is the doctors, residents still experiencing frequent issues with blocked sewage pipes and incident of Welsh water being called out have increased in frequency

None existent

Since the change of buses to and from Bryngwyn it has been impossible to get to Raglan except by car. I could pop to the shops before and get the return bus from Monmouth now there is a long wait and nothing to do.

What do you mean by existing community facilities? What are they?

4. Would you like to see a new Community Centre?

45 respondents said Yes = 76%
3 respondents said No = 5%
11 respondents said Maybe = 19%

5. Would you like to see redevelopment of the historic Old Church School in Raglan?

37 respondents said Yes = 63%
8 respondents said No = 14%
14 respondents said Maybe = 24%

What would you like to see happen to the old derelict junior school building?

7 respondents said Demolish = 12%
18 respondents said Refurbish for community use 31%
21 respondents said Replace with a Community facility = 36%
9 respondents said Affordable housing = 15%
4 respondents said Other = 7%

6. If other, please explain

Don't not build more houses without address of issues first!

A combination of the above - why does it have to be exclusively one thing or another

Car park

It comes down to potential funds and volunteer participation. A core "use" needs to be established and other needs revolve around this core

Community gym

We need a decent public toilets when attending the old school the only place is the portacabin it's supposed to be disabled. How could someone climb the steps and the door then opens outwards The bus shelter is a mess and the parking is awful

7. How important do you think a recreation space is to support residents of all ages with social and emotional wellbeing?

42 respondents said Extremely important
10 respondents said Somewhat important
7 respondents said Neutral
1 respondent said Somewhat not important

8. Are there any specific age groups overlooked currently relating to community facilities and play areas? Select as many as you want to

20 respondents said 1-5 years = 13%
20 respondents said 6-11 years = 13%
32 respondents said 12-14 years = 20%
39 respondents said 15-17 years = 25%
47 respondents said 18 years and over = 30%

9. What type of activities do you think should be

41 respondents said Sports = 27%
51 respondents said Clubs or Societies = 34%

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encouraged in Raglan and surrounding areas? 43 respondents said Walks = 29%

Select as many as you want to.

15 respondents said Other = 10%

10. If other, please explain.

14 respondents said:

Activities for kids and families

Craft workshops, exercise classes

Indoor communiity area for children of all ages to meet safely, play and learn new skills/ hobbies.

Learning hub - library, work space, internet, coffee shop - for all ages - why specifically just for one?
Any intergenerational activity would be awesome

Community events. Classes. Charity events.

Car boots indoor mthly markets

Facilities for scouts/cubs/beavers/guides etc. outdoor learning area.

Too many options to list.

Whatever people are prepared to volunteer to run / organise

Community library, archive area displaying photos chronicling the life of the village to foster community and pride.

More access to baby groups (under 1s) and activities in the evening and weekends for young adults and families.

Somewhere to meet socially, to hire for parties, weddings etc. - with up to date kitchen and toilet facilities. Somewhere to hold classes eg language, photography, crafts. Somewhere to find local information for residents and visitors.

Mental health groups

11. What do you think could be done to ensure residents of all different ages are able to interact with each using community facilities?

Music group, singing group, WEA etc. I was told there was a History Society but that faded away.
39 respondents said:
More places to meet

Needs forceful youth workers to control rowdy elements

The provision of a Community Hall, - would enable all age groups to meet in clubs and all that goes with that. Raglan is one of the villages that doesn't have a Community Hall

a decent community hall where evening events can be easily held.

Would be good to have a gym that all age groups can use. The sports facilities in Monmouth and Abergavenny are too far away

A village hall that is purpose built to ensure that it is a size that can accommodate all activities, not just small groups.

More village activities which include all age groups.

More pubs

Community space for computers either for quiet space to work and bring there own or to hire a computer and printer.

Advertising on social media, access to evening/weekend classes for residents who work.
<https://ehcraftcentre.org.uk/> Is a great example of this

Provide the community hub that was previously provided. Improve current facilities such as the old school.

Start a Hub centre somewhere people can go to ask for advice re activities and services in the area.
Not all residents are online!

Help each other across the generations with learning life skills, eg cooking, crafts and the younger generations helping the older with new technology.

See above answers

build a new community centre

Host community evenings, films, bingo etc

By having a community hub and cafe facilities all ages and genders can congregate and socialise and have a safe place to meet and share knowledge and hobbies etc.

Sports clubs in the village rather than just for kids.

Add Better transport. Make it more affordable and to accommodate surrounding areas of Raglan

Provide a community building with diverse facilities- various room sizes, plenty of storage, kitchen, parking, outside amenity. Give control/management to the village. Provide general public toilets.

More information

Encourage clubs for all ages to mix. Involve school with community clubs/societies.

Activities that potentially span age classes

Build a community centre

Management committee and easy communication channels

Social events/Walks

Modern updated facilities. Notifications, accessibility welcoming atmosphere

Having a centre where intergenerational groups could meet for different activities

Intergenerational activities: shared meals, skill swaps (crafts, gardening, tech), gentle exercise (walking, yoga), and creative groups (choirs, drama, storytelling) to bring all ages together.

Don't know.

A proper Community Plan produced by the Community Council with the view of enhancing existing facilities / organisations and setting an overall strategy for how gaps are closed and everything works together.

Different classes and workshops like Usk adult learning etc.

All current venues are either a church, school or business. A refurbished old church school with toilets, kitchen, STORAGE and other amenities would provide a multi-use space that could be hired to run family and community events affordably.

Run things at the evening and weekends. Speak to younger residents.

Careful planning and refurbishment of the Old Church School and former junior school buildings

Make the facility disabled friendly so anyone with mobility or other issues can access all areas. Parking nearby.

Better advertising of events.

Force the community council to publicize facilities and clubs. Force the community council members to interact with residents. Get the community council to employ an effective clerk.

12. What specific areas, if any, should be considered that are often overlooked when

30 respondents said:
Control of antisocial behaviour and vandalism , guarding against drug use and trafficking.

Control of teenagers' misuse and dealing of drugs .

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creating recreation grounds?

Any open area or building should be clean and accessible to all. Any building should be a place for activity, a place to meet with other residents in a quiet place. Seating should be included in any open space & should be maintained and clean

the village hall and its facilities.

The Muga should be re developed and used more appropriately. It should be maintained well and used as a community asset.

Craft fares/ farmers market

Maintenance of current grounds, the local basketball court and surrounding area is becoming an eyesore

The old school site would be perfect, it's walkable for most in the area. The site historically worked well for the community but I believe is now beyond repair.
Ongoing management and upkeep.

By asking the residents

To maintain them so look attractive and well kept. Are kept secure and are easily accessible. Also having easy access toilet facilities.

Spaces to relax rather than for recreation/sports

Wet lands/riverside

Biodiversity and tree cover

Ability for residents to have a community garden that they can grow fruit and veg for the community and to grow the flowers that are used to decorate the village. A sensory garden as well as play facilities for children

The need to support wife age groups mad needs.

Keeping them tidy such as cutting the grass areas, emptying bins and sufficient waste bins good lighting for winter times

N/A

Accessibility (paths, benches, signage), intergenerational use (gardens, gyms, picnic areas), safety (lighting, toilets, shelter), transport (walkways, bike racks), environment (planting, drainage), social space, easy maintenance.

Good parking

An explanation why the Community Council is asking about recreation space out of the blue. Proper face to face consultation giving multiple chances for residents to feed in to the initial survey. Posts on Facebook with links that don't work is bad

Play areas for children. Community gardens

Sheltered accessible seating for more vulnerable people. Paths for wheelchair users to access all areas.

Benches for spectators, changing room facilities

Safe space for all ages to enjoy

Paddle tennis

MUGA

Seating areas unconnected with physical activity.

	Clean toilets and showers where required
13. How would you see any recreation area fitting into the wider community spaces?	60 respondents said: don't know Needs to complement and augment other local facilities Combined with new community hall Any area should be open to all, the area should be clean & maintained. Any open space should have seating. The access should be safe for everyone to visit. better use and investment into the local community areas/buildings would be a far greater starting point. NA As above. N/A With the population being elderly I think a play for the to have rehabilitation would help a lot Not sure maybe lots of activities planned to use the space and raise the money Reuse building not in use rather than building on green space Recreation areas are fine so long as they are properly maintained It already has fitted in. As part of wider community resources

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Something more than the existing playground and muga. Maybe safe cycle track for small children to learn to ride.

Inclusive access

Sports facilities for the older person simple not to energetic ie walking football badminton etc

N/A

it would bring the community together sadly lacking now

Becoming a community space

A central community centre / village hall would really benefit the community. The old junior school site is perfect as it is central, near a large car park and close to facilities like the doctors and school.

Links between castle, village shops and church to make area more hollistic - improved shops

Muga area brought into better use. Nature left to thrive in hedges etc.

It needs to be a centre that provides access and availability to all age ranges within the village.

Accessibility is key. Walkable on pavements not having to walk down the 60mph road!

If you are going to create more recreation areas then you will need better parking. We need better parking that can accommodate the elderly especially around Tesco. Traffic is also a nightmare it needs to be changed. One way road system could help

Na

It would help protect open spaces around the village

Good links between community spaces. Good information online on what is available.

Need a clearer question sorry!

Not known

N/a

Meeting facilities and space for exercise classes. Cinema and quiz nights and community cafe for everyone with book swap and food bank

Not sure

Should be part of a wider need

It wont

Don't understand this question

Children of all ages need space to enjoy so giving a good breadth of option for use in different weather is important. A band stand would be good for use during summer picnics and village festivals.

Not sure

N/A

A recreation area can link with a village hall, green, and allotments, hosting sports, plays, events, and markets. Shared paths, seating, and planting create a hub where all ages meet, blending leisure, nature, and community life.

How are you consulting with the older residents who are not on social media

Not sure

The village is growing. It needs a nice village hall.

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Would be used by all ages

Somewhere everyone could access with a wide range of events and with baby changing facilities

Any community area that can be available for multi-generational use would be good

To be close to residential areas, well lit and maintained. To be welcoming and accessible to all.

Not sure

Groups to help physical and mental health

Not sure

As I do not understand what you mean I cannot give an opinion.

Better utilisation of the football field area. Repair and re surface the tennis courts

Make more green space available

14. Green spaces and nature are important to have in recreation areas. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

52 respondents said Agree = 87%
2 respondents said Disagree = 3%
6 respondents said Neither agree or disagree = 10%

15. What facilities or features would make any space enjoyable for adults?

39 respondents said:
more benches and seats

Absence of rude antisocial teenagers

Seating

A mix of creative, physical, & social events & playing games groups or enjoying outdoor activities. A place for personal wellbeing An area for Raglan Festival

a bar, with profits used to facilitate community events.

Benches, room to walk, undertake activities.

Better maintained foot paths for walkers and pets

Evening or weekend classes, accessible routes to public footpaths

Ensure access is maintained to the outlying green areas, stop building housed, Raglan is a village not a town!

A peaceful garden, with plants, water features, in one area for picnics and tranquility. The larger end of the site for a playground/sports play area for children

Toilets and seating

Pleasant surroundings easily accessible and good seating.

Seating, refreshments, attractive

up grade the MUGA

Places to sit and talk; covered areas for inclement weather; surfaced paths (avoiding mud etc)

Maybe some outdoor gym equipment benches and garden areas.

Quiet areas with picnic benches maybe outdoor sports equipment

Leisure Centre, accessible walks, sport playing grounds

Benches, trees, ball game area,

Regular entertainment and events not just crafts

Tea/Coffee making facilities

Dog bins. Benches.

A library, A coffee shop, Workshops that interest Men.

Why just adults?

Improve the pavements, so people can easily & safely walk around the village.

Table tennis, chess tables, rain coverage would also help.

One with robust out fitness machines

comfy seating, shaded spots, walking trails, fitness stations, gardens, BBQ/picnic areas, café or kiosk, event space, Wi-Fi, and safe lighting. Social, relaxing, and active options make the space welcoming.

Greenery

Spaces with a kitchen, toilet facility perhaps a licensed bar for evening use or private events.

Kitchen. Smart clean toilets. Disabled access. Comfortable seating. Good sound system. Blackout/curtains. STORAGE.

Community gym

Covered benches, bbq stations

Swimming pool or Gym

Easily accessible, thoughtful planting with native species that would attract wildlife. Places to sit, outdoor gym equipment.

Nice Park and gardens in the centre of the village

Keep fit area outdoors gym

Access unhampered by waist high weeds and grass

Bowling green, Boule court, tennis court, Padel court (adjacent to tennis court)

16. Are there sufficient community facilities in Raglan and surrounding areas?

3 respondents said Yes = 5%
49 respondents said No = 82%
8 respondents said Maybe = 13%

17. What are the most important things recreation/community facilities could provide for the wellbeing of residents?

39 responded - Safe space for children to play
51 responded - Space for Social Interaction
26 responded - Places to provide education
22 responded - Walking Groups
40 responded - Spaces to promote well being
45 responded - Places for groups/clubs to meet
40 responded - A meeting place for larger groups and events
40responded – other

18. If other, please explain.

Space for fitness/wellbeing classes
Gym, swimming pool
Function venue
Walking groups should be accessible to everyone! Babies, toddlers, mobility issues etc

19. What would you like to see in the community that would make it special or unique?
- 28 respondents said:
- A well supported community centre
 - Age separated areas see
 - The community should be clean & any area or building should be open & inviting to all, the streets need to be maintained and free from weeds like any proposed building or space.
 - a redevelopment of the village hall/old school to create a space in the village where decent numbers can meet and use good facilities.
 - A village hall / community centre.
 - Craft fayres, farmers markets, Events such as film night music night
 - A new community hub and removal of the derelict old school.
 - What I've already tried to describe. We've lost our community spirit.
 - Facilities run by the community for the community with an annual programme of event - a bit like a church year but without the religion
 - New community center
 - All as above caring for the village and the residents. Also areas for our four legged friends.
 - A Community centre that meets the needs of a growing, thriving village with a wide age range to be catered for
 - No need to be unique just useable
 - Listen to what the people are asking for

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Eco-friendly buildings, surroundings, practices,

More community celebrations better Xmas lights

Community woodland, orchard and garden

Library

It doesn't need to be special or unique but it meet the community's needs.

Not sure

A community orchard, wildflower meadows, art trails with local crafts; outdoor cinema nights, shared gardens, and a hub café run by volunteers. Blending nature, culture, and togetherness would make our village truly unique and special

More people prepared to volunteer to support existing and new activities

Offering of classes for hobbies and exercise

Mental health walks Social use of pubs pool games etc Litter picking groups

More information as to what is going on in the village, and better advance notice given for events.

Our rates should be used to employ a person to keep the entire village tidier. The community council are supposed to spend this money wisely and not on a park bench which remained in the clerk's garage for 3 years !

20. If you would like to receive information as a 20 respondents said;

result of this survey, please enter your email They would like to receive correspondence

address below.

In conclusion:

1. Members to consider setting up a sub-committee.
2. Identify common themes,
3. Consider quick wins,
4. Consider long term plans, and where responsibility lies,
5. Consider community engagement with open public meetings
6. Consider a Raglan plan over the next 5 to 10 years as per (minute 5671) and consider updating the current community plan,
7. Anything else members to include

Resolved:

Those members present noted the report and its content, and agreed to have an item on one of the following meeting agendas.

Report to: - Raglan Community Council
Subject: - Allotments fencing replacement and improvements
Report: - by the Clerk
Date: - Sept 2025

This report is to update elected members relating to the current condition of the boundary fences at both allotment sites in Raglan. During the committee meeting on the 3 September, the condition of the boundary fences and the possibility of grant funding from Welsh Government managed by Monmouthshire County Council was discussed.

During the site meeting on the 3 September, at the larger site, it was suggested replacing the existing timer post and rail fence with a composite fence panel is considered. Members will note further in this report there is a breakdown of costs for elected members consideration. The proposal is to replace the existing post and rail fence, one pedestrian gate and one larger access gate with hanging and receiving posts.

The proposal at the second site, west of Usk Road, would be to replace the post and rail fence to the allotment site, the proposal at this location is to replace the post and rails, one pedestrian gate and one larger access gate with hanging and receiving posts.

The Community Council has received an application form from Monmouthshire County Council and it is partially completed with some preliminary estimated costs. The maximum amount that can be awarded is £3k. The grant is subject to individual draw down so in effect there is no guarantee, but in approving the work planner, Welsh Government are well aware of the proposals so are in principle supporting the award. Monmouthshire County Council are not aware of any circumstance where the claim for the pre-determined amount has been refused – so Raglan Community Council can have a good level of confidence the £3,000 will be awarded

Material Timber fence	Est cost £	Material timber posts and Composite	Est cost £
Remove existing timber fence and dispose of at an appropriate licenced recycling site.	300.00	Remove existing timber fence and dispose of at an appropriate licenced recycling site.	300.00
75x150 Timber posts and 100 x 50 rails	1,120.00	75 x 150 Timber posts and 100 x 25 Composite rails	3,010.00

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3No 900mm 6 rail pedestrian gates and timber posts	297.00	3No 900mm Pedestrian gates and timber posts	297.00
2No 3meter 6 rail field gates timber posts	320.00	2No 3meter Field gates timber posts	320.00
Galvanised field gate ironwork	147.00	Galvanised field gate ironwork	147.00
Accessories, materials for erecting the posts and fixing rails	428.00	Accessories, materials for erecting the posts and fixing rails	583.00
Postcrete hooks and bolts & fixings		Postcrete hooks and bolts & fixings	
Labour costs	1,660.00	Labour costs	2,560.00
Skip & Plant hire	584.00	Skip & Plant hire	584.00
Total estimated cost	4,856.00	Total estimated cost	7,801.00

In conclusion:

1. The above estimates are based on two different fencing materials to replace the existing timber boundary fences around the allotments.
2. The above are current estimated prices for timber post and rail fencing and timber and composite rails.
3. The above estimate is cost price and is subject to any material price increase.
4. On behalf of the Community Council, I have applied and received an application form for grant aid from Welsh Government that is managed by Monmouthshire County Council. The grant funding allocation would be limited to £3,000 for 2025/26 and any works would need to be completed and a claim submitted by early March 2026 at the latest. The works need to be completed before an application for funding can be made.

There was some discussion relating to this report. Those present noted the costs and after some discussion it was agreed that the fences should be replaced with timber, "like for like" and the works should be undertaken to improve and make the allotments secure, and the works undertaken in house.

All those present agreed

There was also some discussion over the condition of some of the allotment plots. Some of the plots have been vacated and they need a lot of remedial work to clear the overgrowth and weeds. It was noted by those members during the allotment and dog walk committee site meeting, that some plots need some remedial work. One member asked how many allotments are available for letting and how many people are on the waiting list. The Clerk explained



that there are two allotments on the larger allotment site, and one on the smaller site available. He explained that two allotments are relatively clear and could be let, the other allotment will need a substantial amount of work which the Clerk indicated in the image above. The Clerk explained that there are three people on the waiting list, and correspondence has been sent to them asking if they are still interested in one of the plots. The Clerk explained that he has been one of the names on the list for many years, but never taken one of the plots over local residents. After some discussion it was agreed, the plots should be let and the remedial works on the plot in the image above should be cleared in house and the Clerk take on the worst plot after all the plots have been cleared.

All those present agreed

Report to: - Raglan Community Council

Subject: - Dog Walk improvements

Report: - by the Clerk

Date: - Sept 2025

Elected member will recall in June 2025 a report was presented about the current condition and maintenance of the Dog Walk on Usk Rd.

It was suggested at the meeting in June 25 that a ground work contractor should be invited to inspect the location and have the opportunity to submit an estimate. The Clerk was provided with the contact details and a meeting with the contractor was convened on the 9th August. The contractor was shown the extent of the work required and he explained that he would submit an estimate for the works. At the time of writing this report no estimate has been received.

In October 2024, it was discussed under minute 5616, and it was agreed that the work could be undertaken in house. Elected members will recall that the attendance of officers from Monmouthshire County Council at a Community Council meeting on 25 September 2024, relating to the "Green Infrastructure", the Dog Walk and green spaces, the planting of trees and hedging whips, along with the installation of a bench to replace the current bench that was put in place in memory of a resident

were discussed. The Green Infrastructure project has been completed apart from the ground being maintained and the laying of the footpath surface.

During the meeting in September 2025 under minute 5579, it was proposed that the Community Council should undertake to do the other works required in partnership with these proposals. These works relate to the remedial works to the current footpath surface and cutting the grass and trees.

In conclusion;

1. It is for members to confirm if these works are undertaken in-house before the winter
2. The land and footpath remain in the current condition

There was some discussion relating to this report. It was agreed the works are undertaken in house.

All those present agreed

5836 Agenda item 12:- To implement Section 1 (2). The Council may consider excluding members of the press and public from a meeting of a council during an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during that item, confidential information would be disclosed to them in breach of the obligation of confidence. (Agenda item 13 and 22)

This was proposed by Cllr Dorey seconded by Cllr Thompson

5837 Agenda item 13:- To consider the draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) and update following the meeting with officers from a meeting on 22 August.

It was agreed that this agenda item is deferred until the New Year and the budget meeting.

5838 Agenda item 14:- Consider an update relating to Festive lighting in December.

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

5839 Agenda item 15:- Consider Planning Applications received before the meeting; all applications received have been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting for consideration.

- a. DM/2025/00888 Moatenwell Elms Road Kingcoed Monmouthshire NP15 1DS*
- b. DM/2025/00950 Ty Hafod Bank Road Gwehelog Monmouthshire*

Those present noted the applications and made no further observations. No further applications have had been received.

5840 **Agenda item 16:-** Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

Date	Payment to	Amount	Cheque
23/7/25	Cancelled check		2607
24/8/25	HMRC		2608
24/8/25	HMRC		2609
24/8/25	HMRC		2610
24/8/25	Clerks' salary (Aug)		2611
24/8/25	Merlin Waste (Cancelled)	0.00	2612
24/8/25	Merlin Waste	352.80	2613
24/8/25	Raglan Baptist Church	188.00	2614
24/8/25	Vision ICT	24.00	2615
24/9/25	Clerks travelling	77.40	2616
24/9/25	Merlin Waste	441.00	2617
24/9/25	Clerk reimbursement (Ink)	55.49	2618
24/9/25	Clerks Saary (Sept)		2619
24/9/25	HMRC		2620

It was proposed: by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Thompson to note and make payments.

All those present agreed

5841 **Agenda item 17:-** 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

5842 **Agenda item 18:-** Raglan High Street (Cllr Penny Jones)

Cllr Jones gave a brief report on the condition of the High Street. The comment was noted by those present.

5843 **Agenda item 19:-** To accept notice of Cllr's Register of Members Interests forms (attached)

The Clerk issued further forms for members to complete. Most members completed and returned them to the Clerk after the meeting.

Cllr's Moorby, Ramsay, Leacock, Eilertsen, and Thomson returned the Register of Members Interests forms

5844 **Agenda item 20:-** To accept and return the acceptance of members remuneration for 2025/26 form.

The Clerk issued forms for members to complete.

Most members completed and returned them to the Clerk after the meeting. It was agreed the Council will adopt the recommendations of the remuneration panel.

Cllr's Ramsay, Moorby, Eilertsen, Dorey, Thompson, returned the form accepting the remuneration.

5845 Agenda item 21:- Reports from the County Councillor.

Cllr Jones made a number of verbal reports on Monmouthshire County Council business.

5846 Agenda item 22:- To consider the Clerks contract of employment.

The Clerk explained this item has been included following comments in the Annual return from Audit Wales. The Clerk had an employment review in 2018/19 and OVW undertook the review and made recommendations. The administration at that time didn't accept the recommendations in full and the former Chair made a number of other recommendations relating to the clerk's hours.

The former Chair wasn't willing to sign the agreement, and that's what Audit Wales have commented on.

The Clerk also explained that members will also be aware following the boundary changes the Clerk who was to be TUPE'd over from another council was on top of the pay scale; at that time several points above the current clerks pay scale.

Therefore, the council will need to revisit the contract of employment and the current pay scales.

After some discussion it was agreed:

That Clerk should contact a person with HR skills to undertake a review and arrange a meeting between the HR person and the Council.

All those present agreed

5847 Agenda item 23:- Reports from members on outside bodies.

Cllr Thompson gave a verbal report following the Governor's meeting he attended in replacement of Cllr Harrington due to her unavailability.

It was reported that a vehicle had driven along the footpath from the School Car Park towards back entrance gates. It was explained this was a risk to all those who use the footpath, and it was also reported this wasn't the first time this had occurred.

It was resolved the Clerk should report this to Monmouthshire County Council Highways.

There was also a discussion relating to the co-opted member availability in attending the Governor meetings. The Clerk explained that he had received an email from the Headteacher asking if a reserve member would be able to attend in Cllr Harringtons place.

After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk should contact Cllr Harrington and suggest Cllr Thompson attends as a replacement co-opted member until the Councils AGM in May 2026, where the co-option can then be revisited.

This was agreed by all present.

5848 Agenda item 24:- To consider any reports relating to Street Cleansing in the Community.

No further action at this stage.

5849 Agenda item 25:- Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

No requests were made.

5850 25.1 Convene a special meeting to discuss the complaint (Audit Wales) before the next meeting.

It was proposed by the Clerk that a special meeting should be convened to consider a report from AW.

It was agreed this meeting should be convened on the 30 Sept via zoom. The Clerk provided a copy of the report to all those present.

5851 Agenda item 26:- To receive any reports on any delegated powers to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair during the summer recess.

As Clerk and Chair had delegated powers agreed in the July meeting. The Chair and the Clerk attended a meeting with officers from Monmouthshire County Council relating to the SLA which has been discussed in this meeting.

The Clerk received a copy of correspondence from the ward member relating to a planning application in Gwehelog where a meeting was convened with planning officers from Monmouthshire County Council and a number of residents. The Planning Officers have been in contact with the applicant about works that have commenced.

The ward member copied the Clerk into correspondence she had received from a resident following an incident on the Usk Rd stating that there was a significant defect in the road. There were also observations

made relating to the Wilcae Bridge bus stop where it was reported that it is too dangerous for bus users to get to and wait at due to the overgrown verges. This has been reported to Monmouthshire County Council.

It was suggested that this road would be a prime candidate to make safer, especially “given that the A449 is only a 1-minute detour for road users who would like to get from Raglan to Usk at high speed”. Again, this was reported to the Highways team at Monmouthshire County Council.

It was also reported that the resident lived by the Nant-Y-Wilcae. They were prepared for the winter storms by extending their river banks and yet, when the storms hit, they were flooded due to the drains being blocked and flooding the road, which then flooded their home. Again, this was reported to the Highways team at Monmouthshire County Council.

The resident explained that “we don’t feel like our voices have been listened to or heard by the council (Monmouthshire County Council).” Cllr Jones responded to the correspondence and the concerns have been reported to the relevant authorities.

5852 Agenda item 27:- To confirm the date of the next meeting 22 October 2025

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting closed at 21.20

Date 22 October 2025

Signed by _____

Chairman