

**Raglan Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2026.**  
**This meeting was convened at the Fellowship Centre on Usk Road**  
**at 7:00 pm**

**Present**

**5946** Cllr Nick Ramsay (Chair)  
Cllr Richard Moorby  
Cllr Penny Jones  
Cllr Susan Harrington

**5947 In attendance:**

Adrian Edwards, Clerk to the Council.

**5948 Agenda item 1:-** Apologies for absence

Cllr's Eilertsen, Leacock, Dorey and Thompson

**5949 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.

**5950 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.

No public in attendance

**5951 Agenda item 4:-** To receive and adopt the minutes from the Ordinary meeting, held on 28 January 2026

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

**Those present agreed the minutes.**

**5952 Agenda item 5:-** Clerks report's verbal or written.

**Report to: - Raglan Community Council**

**Subject: - Christmas Illuminations**

**Report: - by the Clerk**

**Date: - February 2026**

The purpose of this report is to ask members to consider the cost of electricity supply for the Christmas Illuminations over the 2025 Festive season.

It was agreed last year that the Community Council would make a contribution to the power supply for the cross-street illuminations following the debacle the previous year (2024)

**Conclusion:**

It is for elected members to consider making a contribution to the Ship Public House for the use of the electricity. The estimated cost, for example, based on the usage, would be around 400 watt per hour:

$$\begin{aligned} &400W= \\ &9,600W - P/day \\ = &9.6Kw = £2.688P/day \\ &X 21 days = £56.45 \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion:**

The maximum would be no more than £56.45, therefore its for elected members to agree an amount as a contribution.

It was concluded the Community Council should make a payment towards to power supply over the festive session.

**All those present agreed**

**Report to: - Raglan Community Council**

**Subject: - Fencing and allotment clearance, hedges around the allotment sites**

**Report: - by the Clerk**

**Date: - February 2026**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information relating to the current status of the replacement of the rotten fencing around the allotment site.

The fencing has been completed as per the agreement in the minutes Sept 2025; the estimated cost was £4,856.00. Currently the estimated cost includes an increase in material costs since the estimate was presented to the Council for agreement.

**In conclusion,** for this section of this report, are members content for the application for the grant funding from Welsh Government (WG has confirmed there is an allocation of funding available towards the establishment or improvement of allotment plots via the Allotment Support Grant) to be made. The funding is released in arrears and is



conditional upon sufficient evidence that the works have been completed, and has met the objectives of the funding award (i.e. created new plots or brought derelict plots back into use, improve accessibility or site

security/services, biodiversity/pollinators) and the provision of robust evidence of completion the works (invoices, photographs, descriptions of the works, etc.).

It is recommended members agree to the above,



During the last several months, the hedge to the top allotment site has deteriorated and the hedging has been taken over by bracken. Over the winter months unknown individuals and livestock has broken through the hedge. The length of the hedge is estimated to be around 13 meters long, and the

existing green growth will require removing and replacing with timber posts and rails with pig wire fencing.



The estimated total cost will be around £1,050.00

### **Conclusion:**

It is for members agree the above.

After some discussion it was agreed that the work should be undertaken.

**Report to: - Raglan Community Council**

**Subject: - Grant Application from Llandenny Area Community Trust**

**Report: - by the Clerk**

**Date: - February 2026**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information relating to a grant application submitted by "Llandenny Area Community Trust"

Llandenny Area Community Trust submitted a grant application for tarmac works, to *"to cover the cost of repairing the driving and walking access to the village hall as the current access is in a very bad state of repair due to vehicle traffic and deterioration caused by the weather conditions"*.

Llandenny Area Community Trust submitted a technical report from a tarmac contractor "Jordans Surfacing Ltd". From the application it's difficult to understand if the works are for the carparking area within the curtilage of the Village Hall or the land that provides access to the Village Hall.

The Clerk to Raglan Community Council contacted Monmouthshire County Council Highways to confirm if the access lane was adopted under the current regulations. Monmouthshire County Council records show that the first 153m of the access lane opposite the old Raglan Arms to the Village Hall is adopted (under road number C41.5).



**Therefore, in Conclusion:**

At this stage before committing to awarding any funding under the Grant Scheme Raglan Community Council operates, more information would be required, and indicate the areas which are to be resurfaced. If the resurfacing is outside the curtilage of the Village Hall, the Community Council would not be a position to award a grant for resurfacing a public highway.

It was concluded that the Clerk should contact the Llandenny Area Community Trust to confirm the area.

**All those present agreed.**

**Report to: - Raglan Community Council**

**Subject: - MUGA**

**Report: - by the Clerk**

**Date: - February 2026**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the current situation of the "CAT" for the MUGA and adjacent field.

The Clerk has spoken to the relevant officers from Monmouthshire County Council about the electricity supply for the lights.

**Conclusion:**

1. The situation remains the same, the fuse will be reinstalled at the consumer unit in the school and an inline meter will be installed to enable the school to bill the Community Council for any power used.  
Or
2. A new supply will be installed and the Community Council will be issued a bill in the usual manner on a quality basis.
3. The cost of a new supply is an unknowing fact at this stage as this stage. But the estimated cost is going to be between £7k and £10k
4. Monmouthshire County Council have been in contact with the relevant person from the Doctors Practise that will be taking the lead on the replacement fence, and there have agreed in principle the cost would be split 50/50 with the Community Council. If the Doctors Practise are meanable to this, Monmouthshire County Council will work in partnership with Community Council to replace the fence.

**Note relating to the Old Church School building and the former Junior School building:**

5. Monmouthshire County Council have been in contact with the relevant officers from the Monmouth Diocesan Trust following the relevant paperwork relating to the Old Church School, the former Junior School and the car park for the village and school. Officers have said that officers from Monmouth Diocesan Trust are not responding to any correspondence relating to the conclusion of the transfer of land and buildings.

**Recommendation:**

Members of Raglan Community Council agree for the Clerk to formally write to the Monmouth Diocesan Trust asking for a further face to face meeting to discuss the findings or the last meeting and what going to done to tackle the issues of vermin and other environmental issues and concerns on this site.

After some discussion it was agreed to accept the recommendation.

**All those present agreed.**

**Report to: - Raglan Community Council**

**Subject: - Waste Bins in Raglan Village**

**Report: - by the Clerk**

**Date: - February 2026**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information relating to the current waste bins in Raglan and the replacement of several bins by Monmouthshire County Council. Elected members will recall correspondence was circulated to all members about the replacement of bins under a grant Monmouthshire County Council received from Welsh Government.

Monmouthshire County Council are hoping to replace the 2 bins by the Church, and the War Memorial as the highest priorities. Monmouthshire County Council will also be requesting the replacement of bins

outside the chip shop, along with the bin by the bus stop/footpath to Sunnyvale. Both these bins will be classed a medium priority.

Monmouthshire County Council will also be replacing the bin that was removed from the bus shelter on Usk Road, and replace it with a smaller bin by the bench on Usk Road. Monmouthshire County Council has indicated that they should be replacing the high priority bins by the end of this financial year 25/26.

Members will be aware there are eleven bins in the village and Monmouthshire County Council have indicated that they won't be able to replace all the bins in the village due the budget and resources on the cleansing department.

1. There are 2 Bins at the Memorial; these bins will be replaced by Monmouthshire County Council
2. The bin by the bus shelter on Usk Road will be replaced by Monmouthshire County Council
3. The bin on the footpath towards Sunny Vale will be replaced by Monmouthshire County Council
4. The bin by the Chip Shop will be replaced by Monmouthshire County Council

The following bins will remain, but some of the bins need replacing. Therefore, it is recommended that members consider the following:

1. Replace the two bins at Crown Square with one new bin.
2. Replace the bin located at London House.
3. The bin on the footpath between Orchard Close and Caestory Av does not need replacing.
4. Replace the two bins at Castle Street with one new bin.
5. Replace the bin by the Bus shelter in the village, with a new bin.

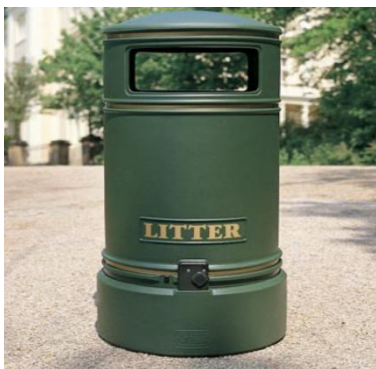
Currently there are two bins, one by the Chemist and one by the laundrette, which are assets of Raglan Community Council. At this stage there is no need to replace these bins as they are a different type of waste bin and Monmouthshire County Council service these bins. Bins located at Chepstow Road, and the Doctors Surgery should be considered for replacing in the budget for 26/27.

The bins which Monmouthshire County Council will be replacing, are Litter Bins made from glass fibre composite, guaranteeing a rust-free litter bin. The bin will be a rectangular unit and it is 112-litre in size with four large apertures to make waste disposal easy.

Currently the cost of a signal bin is around £449.99; the style of the bin would be the same as the image attached. The lead in time for delivery is 4 weeks.

It would be expected there could be some reduction for purchasing more than one bin, and it may be feasible if Monmouthshire County Council purchased the bins as there may be a larger discount.





The bin to the left could be an alternative for members to consider; this bin is a little smaller and the cost is £365.03; this bin can also be found in black and the bin volume 100 litres

**Conclusion:**

- a) Leave the bins that are not going to be replaced by Monmouthshire County Council.
- b) Reduce the numbers as indicated above.
- c) Consider replacing only certain bins, (that would be for members to agree)
- d) Replace all the remaining bins as indicated above.

After some discussion it was agreed to accept to replace the bins, and contact the relevant dept from Monmouthshire County Council.

**All those present agreed**

**5953 Agenda Item 6:-** Consider the reply from Monmouthshire County Council relating to a Planning Application in Raglan. (Clerk)

The Clerk gave a verbal report following the ongoing concerns over the request for information from Monmouthshire County Council relating to the application submitted relating to the Suds application submitted to the SuDS Approving Body (SAB). The Clerk informed those present that the request under the FoI request has been rejected. After some discussion it was agreed that a formal complaint should be made.

**All those present agreed**

**5954 Agenda item 7:-** Consider any Planning Applications received before the meeting and circulated to all members.

Those present noted the applications received before the meeting and made no further observations.

**5955 Agenda item 8:-** Consider convening an open meeting relating to housing need. (Clerk)

The Clerk gave a report about convening an open meeting with the Rural Housing Officer. It was explained that there will be two meeting one in the late afternoon and one early evening to allow anyone with an interest be able to attend.

**This was noted by those present.**

**5956 Agenda item 9:-** Consider the receipt of invoices and payments made.

25/01/26	Cllr Susan Harrington (Cancelled)	156.00	2659
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25/01/26	Clerks Travelling from Jan 26		2662
25/01/26	Cheque Cancelled		2663
25/01/26	Richard Moorby	156.00	2664
18/02/26	Holdes Trees (Christmas tree)	180.00	2665
25/02/26	Raglan Primary School (PTFA)	500.00	2666
25/02/26	The office of the ICO	52.00	2667
25/02/26	Clerks (Feb salary)		2668
25/02/26	Payment to HMRC		2669
25/02/26	Merlin Waste	352.80	2670
Members will note, there was an administrative error on the last months schedule which has been corrected this month.			

**Those present noted and agreed the above payments and Cllr Ramsay proposed and Cllr Moorby seconded**

The Clerk gave members a report on the audit report received from Audit Wales for the year 2024/25. Members noted the report, and the annual return will be published on the website.

**It was resolved the annual report is noted by all those present.**

**5957 Agenda item 10:-** Consider flooding locally in Raglan (Cllr Leacock)

Item deferred

**5958 Agenda item 11:-** 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

**5959 Agenda item 12:-** Consider reports from the County Cllr Penny Jones.

Cllr Jones gave a verbal report relating to flooding concerns in the community.

Cllr Jones also made reference to the number of potholes in the community and the number of complaints that she has received.

Cllr Jones asked if the Clerk would be able to send her two grant forms were she had received a requested from local groups.

Cllr Jones also gave a number of other updates form Monmouthshire County Council.

**5960 Agenda item 13:-** To consider any reports relating to Street Cleansing in the Community. (standard agenda item)

The Clerk asked those present if there could provide any works that required inclusion in the monthly reports he submits to Monmouthshire County Council.

**5961    Agenda item 14:-** Items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting. (standard agenda item)

No items requested by those present.

**5962    Agenda item 15:-** To confirm the date of the next meeting 25 March 2026

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 25 March 2026

Meeting closed at 20:15hrs

