

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 7:30pm in Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr T Phillips, (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs S Price, Mrs H Williams, D Watkins, Mrs A Vaughan, R Watkins, N Porter, A Crump and S Thomas.

In attendance: The Clerk

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Moorby and R Parry.
2. Declarations of interest were received from Cllr A Crump on all Planning matters as he is a member of the County Planning Committee.
3. Requests for donations received during the year.

The Council received a number of requests for donations during the year and they were considered at this point. It was agreed to make the following donations to some of the bidders as follows:

Bobath Cymru £50

Air Ambulance £100

MacMillan Cancer Care £100

St Anne`s Hospice £100

British Heart Foundation £100

These will be added to the total list of donations made by the Council.

4. Budget for 2010/11

Members considered the Clerk`s report and discussed a number of points as follows:

The issue of keeping the village clean was raised as a concern. It was recognised that several attempts had been made to find a street cleaner in the past with no success. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the January Council meeting.

A discussion took place concerning Christmas lights. It was likely that to hire a set of lights and to have them erected and taken down every year would cost in the region of £2000. It was agreed to include this in the budget.

It was agreed to raise the Clerk`s salary by 1% from April 2010.

In addition to the donations discussed under 3 above, it was agreed to make the following donations this year:

Monmouth CAB £200

Raglan in Bloom £1000 (Cllrs Phillips, D Watkins and Mrs Vaughan declared non-pecuniary interest in this issue)

Llandenny PCC £100

Penyclawdd PCC £100

Llangovan PCC £100

Raglan PCC £100

Kingcoed Baptist £100

Raglan Scouts £150

Raglan Music Festival £1000

St David`s Foundation £100

With the donations in 3 above this makes a total of £3400.

It was then agreed to set the following budget:

Clerk`s salary £3260

Office expenses £2600

Insurance/affiliation £765
Councillors expenses £450
Donations £3400
Allotments £200
Raglan Village £6000
Total £16675

5. Precept for 2010/11

Members then considered at what level the precept should be set.

It was acknowledged that there would be some income of about £1000 during the year to offset the total expenditure, so that it was agreed to set a precept of £15,500.

This would be equivalent to a Band D Council Tax of £15.40 for the year.

The Council would precept on the County Council for £15,500.

6. Request for payment for Raglan Past and Present. The payment was agreed in principle but the payee needed to be identified and some evidence of expenditure was also needed for audit purposes. The Clerk would speak to Mr Fountain about it, and the payment would be made at the Council Meeting.

7. The following Planning Applications were considered:

DC/2009/01149 Remove steel and timber covered area and replace with additional development at 25 Caestory Avenue, Raglan – Members felt that the scale of the development was not in keeping with the surrounding properties, and although the proposal was an improvement on the untidiness of the present arrangements, it was not recommended for approval due to the size of it.

DC/2009/01153 Proposed extension and garage at Hilltop, Kingcoed, Usk – Agreed.

DC/2009/01183 Construction of single storey extension at Berllanderi, Usk Rd, Raglan – Agreed.

DC/2009/01193 Reserved matters for proposed dwelling and driveway on site of tennis court at Hill House., Monmouth Rd, Raglan – Concerns were expressed about height and overlooking of Barton Bridge Close. The application was not approved because of this.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm