

**Minutes of the Finance Meeting of Raglan Community Council held on 11 January 2011 at Raglan School at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllr S Thomas (Chairman)

Cllrs R Moorby, Mrs H Williams, Mrs A Vaughan, R Parry, N Porter, R Watkins, D Watkins and T Phillips.

In attendance: The Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Crump and Mrs S Price.

2. Declarations of interest would be made as needed during the meeting.

3. The following requests for donations were considered:

SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association) No

St Anne`s Hospice. £100

Wales Air Ambulance No

Victim Support No

Bobath Cymru £50

National Eisteddfod No

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod No

British Heart Foundation £100

Noah`s Ark Appeal £100

Tenovus Cancer Charity No

NSPCC No

Shelter Cymru No

St Davids Hospice Foundation £100

Abergavenny Eisteddfod No

4. In addition, the following donations were approved:

Monmouth CAB £200

Raglan in Bloom £1000 (Cllrs Phillips and D Watkins declared an interest)

Llandenny PCC £100

Penyclawdd PCC £100

Llangovan PCC £100

Raglan PCC £100

Kingcoed Baptist £100

Raglan Scouts £150 (Cllrs S Thomas and Mrs H Williams declared an interest)

MacMillan Cancer Care £100

5. The following grant request forms were considered:

a) Raglan Music Festival

The request for £2000 was discussed. It was decided that in view of the relatively healthy state of the organisation`s finances and the fact that the Council would need to contain its expenditure this year that £1000 be granted as in previous years.

b) Raglan Twinning Association.

This request was also discussed in some detail. As it is a relatively new organisation it was agreed to grant £500 this coming year, as requested.

This makes the total of grants and donations £3900 for 2011/12

6. Speed control signs.

It was agreed to make a provision in the budget for £1500 towards speed control equipment for the village, to be progressed during the year.

7. Summer Playscheme.

It was agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of this scheme for 2011/12.

8. It was agreed that the budget for 2011/12 should be:

|                       | Budget 11/12 |
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| Clerk`s Salary        | £3260        |
| Office Expenses       | £2600        |
| Insurance/affiliation | £850         |
| Councillors expenses  | £400         |
| Donations             | £3900        |
| Allotments            | £250         |
| Raglan Village        | £8600        |
| Total                 | £19860       |

It was then discussed how this should be funded. As the Council has an estimated £13300 in the bank at the end of March 2011, it was decided that the Band D Council Tax should be raised by £1 from £15.40 to £16.40, so that a precept of £16736 would be requested. The remaining £3124 would be taken from balances. This was justified as the Council was supplying Dog Waste Bins and new Christmas lights as well as traffic speed control equipment in the coming year. It was further agreed that an additional two lengths of icicle lights would be ordered for next year to fill in the gap. The Clerk would get an estimate of the cost of electricity for the new lights.

9. Payments. It was agreed to make the following payments:

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| Abergavenny Town Council for 5 dog bins | £992.88                     |
| Ricoh (photocopying)                    | £98.53                      |
| One Voice Wales                         | £75.00 (replacement cheque) |

10. Planning matters.

The following applications were considered:

DC/2010/01111 Outline Planning Permission for a three bedroomed dwelling and integral garage on land at Moatenwell, Kingcoed. This application was recommended for refusal on the grounds that this is not a designated area for infill development and there are local precedents for refusal of such development.

DC/2010/01136 Single storey extension to replace existing conservatory at Elston Cottage, Elms Rd, Raglan. Recommend approval.

11. Other business.

a) Cllr Phillips would speak to County about a spare rubbish bin to be placed at the Caestory end of the lane to the Post Office.

b) Cllr Moorby reported that he had requested a grit bin near Trebasket and Cllr R Watkins noted that a bin was needed at the Cuckoo Club pitch.

c) The Clerk noted that Nick Ramsay AM was due to attend the February Council Meeting to talk about additional powers for the Assembly.

**The meeting ended at 8:25pm**