

Notes of the Public Meeting of the Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby (Chair)

Cllrs T Phillips, R Watkins, D Watkins, N Porter, S Thomas, Mrs S Price, Mrs H Williams and R Parry.

In Attendance, The Clerk and five members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern.

Mrs Templeton sought support from the Council for an appeal that she was making against a ruling that her second daughter should go to a different school than her sister, and that she should go to Usk. Mrs Templeton explained the circumstances which had led to this situation and identified that there were other local children also being affected by this situation because the opportunity of parental choice had meant that parents of children from outside Raglan were choosing to place their children at Raglan School.

Members commiserated with Mrs Templeton and agreed that a letter should be sent to express the Council's concern that local children were being displaced from their local school and that this is not acceptable. It was established that 12 children are affected by this situation.

Mrs A Vaughan also identified a problem with special needs education at Monmouth Comprehensive School where no notice had been given of changes to the system which could leave children with special needs without adequate support. It was agreed to find out about this as well.

Cllr D Watkins raised a concern from the School Governors about the lack of progress with alterations to Chepstow Rd. He asked if the Council would also progress that as well.

It was noted that the refurbished Old School building was now back in use, but there were some odd security lights giving a bright greenish light and causing nuisance to local residents. Agreed that before the Council makes its contribution to the works an itemised bill is sought.

Cllr R Watkins expressed his concern about the ruling that prescriptions should be taken to a pharmacy rather than to the doctor's dispensary if you live more than a mile from the practice. He felt that this was a bureaucratic imposition and could not see the sense in it.

The Public Meeting ended at 8:02pm