

Raglan Community Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Council held on Wednesday, 10 January 2007

Present: Cllr Mrs M Chilcott (Chairman), Cllrs R Moorby, T Phillips, R Watkins, D Brown, D Watkins, A Crump, Mrs J Harry, Mrs H Williams, R Parry.
In Attendance The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr N Porter.

2. Donations for the year ahead.

A number of applications for donations from voluntary organisations were considered and the following were agreed.

Childline Wales	£50
St Anne's Hospice	£50
Monmouthshire Crossroads	£50
Alzheimers Society	£50
Monmouth CAB	£200
Raglan in Bloom	£1000
Llandenny PCC	£100
Penyclawdd PCC	£100
Llangovan PCC	£100
Raglan PCC	£100
Kingcoed Baptist	£100
Raglan Scouts	£150
Total	£2050

It was noted that during the next year it was likely that both Llandenny Village Hall and Penyclawdd Village Hall would be undergoing refurbishments and it was agreed to set aside reserves to contribute to that work.

NB Cllrs Mrs Chilcott and Phillips declared an interest in Raglan in Bloom and Cllr Mrs Williams declared an interest in the Scouts.

It was agreed to leave Raglan Festival in abeyance until it had been established whether the Council should take out a Public Entertainment Licence for the village. This might save the Festival Committee a significant sum.

3. Raglan Village Hall and Recreation Association.

The letter received asking for a grant to set up arrangements to produce a newsletter for the village was discussed. It was agreed to give £50 towards those costs.

4. Budget for the coming year.

It was agreed that with a significant reserve in hand at present the Council was well placed to support the building of a new village hall in Raglan in due course.

It was also agreed that an additional 10 light fittings for Christmas should be purchased,

together with 5 additional fittings on light standards. It was expected that this would cost about £2000 in total.

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary should be increased with inflation to £3100 per annum.

The following budget was agreed for the coming year

Clerk's salary	£3100
Office expenses	£2600
Insurance/affiliation fees	£700
Councillors expenses	£600
Donations	£2050
Allotments	£100
Raglan Village	£4000
Total	£13150

It was formally proposed that the precept for the coming year should be £13150 which is equivalent to £13.35 on the band D Council Tax.

5. Reserves

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek a suitable account to deposit £6000 to attract a good rate of interest.

6. Strong Communities Select Committee

A letter from the County Council asking for ideas about a strong communities structure was considered. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed that key attributes of a strong communities structure would be that the communities felt that the County Council was responsive and listening. The Clerk would convey this message to the Chairman of the Select Committee.

7. A letter concerning a special Area Committee meeting was noted. It was agreed that any members who could go to the meeting in Goytre on 17 January would do so.

8. Llangovan Road

The state of this road was described as absolutely disgusting . Potholes and running water made the road very treacherous. It was noted that Warrage Road had a blocked drain and there was also a flood at the bottom of Trebasket Lane and a ditch blocked in Penyparc Road.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm