

RAGLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 7:30pm in Raglan Junior School.

Present: Cllr R Moorby, Chairman.

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

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Crump.

2. Declarations of interest would be made where appropriate during the meeting.

3. Requests for donations.

Members considered a list of requests for donations received during the year and resolved to support the following organisations:

Monmouth CAB £200

Raglan in Bloom £1000 (Cllrs Phillips, D Watkins and Mrs Chilcott declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion).

Llandenny PCC £100

Penyclawdd PCC £100

Llangovan PCC £100

Raglan PCC £100

Kingcoed Baptist £100

Raglan Scouts £150 (Cllr S Thomas declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion)

Raglan Music Festival £1000

MacMillan Cancer Care £50

Noah`s Ark Appeal £50

St David`s Foundation £50

British Red Cross £100

St Annes Hospice £50

Wales Air Ambulance £100

Childline £50

Raglan Football Club £1000 (This is a one-off donation to assist with recovery after the fire)

Millennium Chimes £200

Total £4,500

4. Budget for 2009/10

Members considered the sums necessary for the coming year.

The following decisions were made:

Clerk`s salary to increase by 2.45% to £3227

Office expenses to remain the same at £3000

Insurance and Affiliation fees to remain the same at £650

Councillor Expenses to remain the same at £450

Donations, as agreed above to be £4500

Allotments to remain at £100

Raglan Village to increase to £4500 to allow for replacement of three litter bins and to allow for works needed at The Cross.

The total needed for next year is £16,427.

5. Precept for next year.

It was agreed that as the Council had reserves of £12,400 estimated at 31 March 2009, it would be appropriate to keep the precept effect the same as last year. This would give a precept of £14225. The remaining budget amount of £2202 would be taken from reserves.

It was agreed to precept for £14225, which would give a Band D Council Tax of £14.27, the same as last year.

6. Cattle Market Planning Application.

This had been deferred from the last meeting for consideration at this meeting. It was noted that the application site is not in the Raglan Community area, and the only significant issue for the Council is the effect of market traffic on the Community. It was agreed to write to point out that slow heavy vehicles joining the A40 roundabout at Raglan would be a hazard to traffic coming from the Abergavenny direction unless the bank on the left of the dual carriageway as you approach the roundabout from Abergavenny is removed to improve visibility.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Thomas told members that a group in the village were working on developing twinning links with a French Community of equivalent size. They proposed to hold a public meeting shortly to assess the interest in the village and wished to print some leaflets to put through the door of each household. It was agreed that the Council would support this up to a value of £100. The group should pass the bill to the Council for payment.

The meeting ended at 8:25pm