

# MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.45pm, Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden

## Councilor's Present:

J Williams  
A Kitson Smith  
H Turner  
M Powell  
A Williams  
P Kennington

**In Attendance:** J McLagan (Clerk to the Council),

**1. Apologies:** Rachel Buckler Ward, Cllr Jane Lucas,

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None declared

**3. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.** Minutes- confirmed and signed

**4. Public participation 15 minutes – None**

**5. Police Report - None received**

## 6. Matters Arising

- i. **Website** – Logo, pictures, trial website active, clerk to add documents and confirm back office management, support and fees,
- ii. **Devauden Hall committee – Play committee – update from Cllr J Williams**, Next meeting in June to decide on quotes, still looking at DCC non financial involvement. As per previous minutes.
- iii. **Wesley Statue** – DCC response submitted, no update
- iv. **Play Equipment** – Cllr P K made a suggestion for Cllr JW to put forward to the next Action group meeting, a possible plan for future funding of replacement play equipment.
- v. **Meetings attended** – None other than those mentioned.
- vi. **Zurich insurance** – additional items added and quote reviewed. Approved in AGM 2024 minutes 9
- vii. **Itton gateway sign consultation - See appendix 1A item to be delivered locally for consultation**
- viii. **Tree works** - booked for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
- ix. **Community Orchard-** not further updates
- x. **Land at Allotments** – Clerk and Chair to meet and arrange meeting with Solicitor, after Audit.
- xi. **Orange bags** – Email form Keep Wales Tidy dated 14/05/24 proposing several options - Chair to forward email to local walkers for feedback. Suggestion of purchasing pickers at low cost and placing with bags in phone box. Clerk to establish mechanism for orange bag collection.

## 7. Clerks Report

- (a) **Precept** – received £8592.00
- (b) **Grounds Maintenance**, - new quote discussed, Considered, noted and approved pending full invoice.
- (c) **Contacted MHA –REF** playground grant, ongoing – Cllrs to look at archived minutes.
- (d) **Orange Bags** – see above
- (e) **Asset register** – Considered, noted and approved during AGM.
- (f) **Allotments update** – (Invoices paid x 2) 1 outstanding, this years invoices ready to send .
- (g) **Extra hours** – 21.5 hours on accounts and audit preparation to date. Considered, noted and approved, ongoing
- (h) **Policies** – Clerk creating policy Remuneration policy for debate.
- (i) **Phone box** – no recommendations received, Cllr A Kitson Smith to speak to local metal worker

- (j) **Mobile Phone** – Mobile phone updated .
- (k) **Tree Cutting:** as confirmed above
- (l) **Defibrillators:** awaiting siting information.
- (m) **Bank Transfers** – it was resolved to move 7000 into the savings account.
- (n) **Portrait of HRH King Charles** – Can be sited in Itton Hall.

(o) **Audit and Accounts** – The auditor has stated that the accounts are ready for collection and no problems were identified. The council agreed that the RFO and Chair would meet to sign them off once they had been collected.

(p) Transfer of funds from Current account to Savings account. Considered, noted and approved to move £7, 000

## 8. Finance

Approved finances as per schedule below

PAYEE	REASON FOR EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT £	VAT £	TOTAL £	PAYMENT METHOD
Clerk	Salary (awaiting payslip) approved in advance	527.28		527.28	BACS
Clerk Expenses	April	38.30		38.30	BACS
A Williams	Microsoft	44.10	8.82	52.92	BACS
Zurich Insurance	Annual insurance	328.01		328.01	BACS
Amazon	Inks 50%	12.00	3.00	15.00	BACs
MCC	Grass cutting ( New quote )	1217.19		1217.19	Agreed/confirmed awaiting invoice.
Transfer	Current to Savings account			7000	TRSF
HSBC	Bank charges 26/03/24-25/04/24	5.00	0	5.00	HSBC

**Balances** Current account At **£12,385.11** & saving account **£ 14,934.65**

## 9. Correspondence:

**Emails:** Please see appendix A!

**10. Planning:** The following notices were considered by Councillors.

**Consultee Letter Pre-Order Consultation** - Path Diversion Ty Du Farm. - No objections

**11. County Councilor's Report** - Unable to attend

**12. My Mon APP Outstanding Reports:** No reports,

**13. One Voice Wales** – nothing to report

## 14. Ward Reports

**Cllr P Kenington** – No issues to report

**Cllr M Powell** – Nothing new to report, awaiting works on phone box

**Cllr A Kitson-Smith** – Local residents expressed they would prefer not to receive a Cherry tree as they are non native.

**Cllr A Williams** – Discussed consultation form for Itton Sign, see Appendix A2 his will be hand delivered to local Itton residents and put in community venues.

Cllr A Williams also flagged up the 20mph review process, local Cllrs received a copy of a petition from Itton strongly supporting the 20mph limit on the B4293 through the village.

Points raised are:

- ✓ I'm in favour of asking *residents* how fast cars ought to be allowed to drive along *their* street.
- ✗ It's not a great idea to ask *drivers* how fast they ought to be allowed to drive down *someone else's* street.

**Cllr A Williams** also raised concerns about the online review process launched by MCC.

1. Firstly, it looks like petitioners are going to have to submit their views online (If they haven't already) to make their feelings known.
2. The form definitely asks drivers to comment on speed limits that aren't in their neighbourhoods.  
'I'd like to understand the weighting that MCC will give to communities, versus the people just passing through those communities. Plus I want to make sure that all Itton views are registered online and represented in person.'

**Cllr H Turner** – No issues to report

**Cllr J Williams** – A general discussion took place regarding items on the green, in relation to insurance.

These items include 6 flag poles with festoon lighting, bunting and a Guitar advertising the Music Festival (also with lighting). Clerk to check insurance situation.

## 15. Items and date for next meeting

Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> 7.15 pm

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**