

MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held Monday 26th February 2024 at Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden

Councilor's Present: J Williams (Chair)
L Hazell-Smart
P Kenington
J Lucas
M Powell

In Attendance:

J McLagan (Clerk to the Council)
Rachel Buckler Ward Cllr

1. Apologies A. Williams, A Kitson-Smith, Andrew Jones

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

One declaration by chair regarding Ward report and issues around Well Lane.

3. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 29th January 2024 were approved.

4. Public participation 15 minutes - None

5. Police Report – Andrew Jones

Thankfully no relative crime (crime that would affect the wider community) has been reported.

6. Matters Arising

- I) **Defibrillators:** Awaiting response from St Arvans Clerk for formal offer regarding Cabinet and Defibrillator.
Application for new free Defibrillator made with BHF. Quotes supplied. Appendix B
- II) **Tree Cutting at the Allotment:** Quotes received, it was agreed to seek more quotes. And Chase Sculpture quotes. **Clerk to action**
- III) **Donations and gifts:** Clerk updated the council that Gifts and Donations are allowed.
- IV) **Mobile phone Clerk:** Clerk is unable to use current phone due to signal strength it was resolved to purchase another more modern phone for under 200.00 **Clerk to Action**
- V) **Land by allotment –** Response handed to Chair to consider.
- VI) **Asset register –** Visual check of remaining items to confirm condition. **Chair to action**
- VII) **AGM** confirmed for 20th May 2024

7. Clerks Report

Hood Hall – Acknowledgement – thanking DCC for contribution of £150 to the senior citizens' Christmas lunch held last December. There were 22 attendees, and it was organised by Bonnie Carpenter and Peter Gardiner. They are intending to run it again in December this year.

Allotments – Invoices to be sent out.

Online training attending by Clerk on the 13th Feb for website – legislative information was extremely useful.

Clerk Training - During an Audit, the auditors look at the website to ensure its compliant, **Clerk to action quotes for web hosting**. Those not wanting to claim office costs can choose to do so at present.

Audit 3 year. - extra hours may be required it was agreed that the Clerk could put forward additional hours for this.

Grounds maintenance 2024 : Quote is inaccurate, councillors have confirmed cuts to be re submitted. **Clerk to action.**

SLCC Membership : it was agreed a 50/50 split to pay for Clerk membership.

8. Finance

Approved finances as per schedule below

PAYEE	REASON FOR EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT £	VAT £	TOTAL £	PAYMENT METHOD
Clerk	Salary	479.88		479.88	BACS
Clerk Expenses	Feb	67.20		67.20	BACS
A Williams	Microsoft	44.10	8.82	52.92	BACS
A Williams	Microsoft (sept)	44.10	8.82	52.92	BACS
Clerk	Inks for Printer	35.41	7.16	42.57	BACS
SLCC	50% membership	100		100	Approved
HSBC	Bank charges 26/01/24-25/02/24	5.00	0	5.00	HSBC

Balances Current account 26th Feb. £18,557.74 & saving account £5,906.08

9. Correspondence:

Emails: Please see attached Appendix A. No other correspondence was received.

10. Planning:

3 notices

DM/2023/01734 Retrospective application for permission to remove the existing 17.5m monopole supporting 3 no. antennas, 1 no. cabinet and associated ancillary equipment. The installation of a 20m monopole supporting 6 no. antennas, 2 no. cabinets and associated ancillary equipment including a 2.1m high palisade fence B4293 Nex Common To Cobblers Hill . (Objection)

DM/2023/01118 Modification of condition 3 relating to planning A34959 (occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed). Removal of condition (the property is no longer required for agricultural purposes and a CLEUD has been granted for its occupation which has been in breach of condition for a period in excess of 10 years). Devauden Community Council do not support this application.

DM/2022/01379 - Location: Cross Farm Ravens nest Wood Road Tintern Chepstow

Monmouthshire NP16 6TP Sustainable oriented glamping . All structures and infrastructure would be temporary and removed when off season so as to not impact the land and wildlife. This would include 6 bell tents situated on decking structures, 2 self contained compost toilets and 1 small self contained shower block. no objection

DM/2024/00158 FAST TRACK - Location: High Ridge Lane From B4293 Itton Road To Park House Itton Common Monmouthshire NP16 6BZ Extend and Alter existing dwelling. Garage conversion. Replace flat roof with pitch roof / rear dormer (enlarge bedroom accommodation). Front stair dormer. New Rear Extension, part 1-? and part single storey. Extended terraces. No objection

11. County Councilor's Report Cllr Buckler reported

- I) MCC Council Tax to increase by 7.8%
- II) A tour of the Area is planned with a member of MCC at the end of the month to look at speed sign locations and signage.

12. My Mon APP Outstanding Reports:

Clerk confirmed that 2 road sign issues have been uploaded to Mon App. **Clerk to update at next meeting.**

13. One Voice Wales – no Update

14. Ward Reports

Cllr J Williams – A local resident reported seeing a car crashing into hedge, near the allotments, awaiting police report.

Bad Potholes reported opposite Y Fedw- Devauden Road, Clerk to report on Mon app once accurate location received.

Evidence that an individual has tried to steal the 'new gate' from the land next to allotments.

Area by bus stop still needs maintenance as it is too narrow for pedestrians.

8 Well lane residents upset at receiving a letter regarding Well lane and the issues of it not being acknowledged by MCC as a road name of longstanding.

Cllr P Kenington – Update on Hood Hall Draft CIO Constitution response, *“Peter has responded, in a personal capacity, to [HMH's] reply to the Clerk, expressing his own concerns and those of the concerns of the villagers who have approached him. The Chair will respond formally on behalf of the DCC and those villagers who have approached the DCC as a body and its members, as individual councillors.”* (amendments in italics)

Cllr J Lucas – Reported 2 pot holes needing attention. Clerk to report once accurate location received.

Cllr M Powell – Nothing new to report

Cllr L Hazell Smart – Sadly Cllr Hazell Smart has resigned from his position, the council is very sad to see him go, but wish him well. No other reports.

15. Items and date for next meeting

Monday 25 March 2024

Monday 29 April 2024

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