

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2007 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT** C Knight, J Williams (Chair), E Hall, M Powell, N Knowland, A Duffield  
CC Greenland

**APOLOGIES:** K Reece, A Cooke

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (Clerk), PC A Mason, A Octon, C Octon, A Phillips

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Mrs A Octon stated that she wanted to raise the issue of road safety at Itton and that she has written another letter to Mr Hoggins at MCC. She thanked DCC for their support in this matter and asked if there was any progress. Councillor Greenland confirmed that the road safety strategy dictates that each area prioritises the road safety improvements it wants. So in the next few weeks letters will be sent to community councils asking for their priorities. These will then be forwarded to Area committees for further prioritisation before going to MCC highways.

Mr Phillips said he was representing Mr Alan Parry at Llanvihangel tor y Mynndd with reference to plan DC/2006/0166 The Firs. Cllr Knight confirmed that DCC had recommended refusal to MCC, at the last meeting and referred Mr Phillips to the minutes of 29 January. He informed Mr Phillips that Mr Parry would next be contacted by MCC with the decision in due course.

PC Mason informed the meeting of the crime statistics for the previous month which are attached.

PC Mason and members of the public left the meeting.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 29 Jan 2007 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Allianz Cornhill Insurance – claim form for damaged notice board received. JW will provide three choices and get 3 quotes for installation. Requirements will be forwarded to the clerk by the next meeting.
- 3.2 Highways form 44849 (sent 5.2.07). File

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 18/12/06 Current; £462.89      No Notice: £ 5872.40*

4.1 Agreed for payment: signed by JW and AD.

Clerks salary and expenses £209.15 cheque no 101073

One Voice Wales Annual Membership £95, cheque no. 101074

Donation to Chepstow CAB, £100, cheque no. 101075

Donation to Itton Village Hall to support insulation and heating installations, £100, cheque no.101076

4.2 BACS remittance advice for VAT reclaim of £59.50

4.3 Annual return for year ending 31 March 2006, received from Wales Audit Office. No comments other than that the council needs to address the issues raised by the internal audit. Councillors acknowledged this, and will continue to work on the areas not already addressed – Review of Clerk's contract and register of interests. CM will post notice of conclusion of audit, on the notice board to comply with Accounts and Audit Regulations.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 7 and 14 February. File 2 months
- 5.2 Shaws – forms catalogue. No action
- 5.3 WAG – Local service boards consultation paper, closing date for views 2 April. File
- 5.4 CAB- request for support. Councillors agreed a £100 donation (see finance above) as it looks like funding from MCC is likely to cease next year and the work of the CAB is invaluable particularly for elderly and vulnerable people in the community.

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- 5.5 WAG – fire and rescue national framework (Wales) 2005. MP to review
- 5.6 MCC Chair – Schools music show case 21/3/07. No action
- 5.7 Macmillan cancer support – thanks for donation. File
- 5.8 WAG – strategy for older people in Wales. File
- 5.9 Cymuned – Homes for locals’ campaign. JW to review
- 5.10 Forestry Commission – forest design plan consultation – deadline 16/3/07. Response composed to suggest that an open meeting is held to allow local people to see the proposals. Also concern about the mess left following felling was raised. CM to send
- 5.11 MCC Landlord’s open day. No action
- 5.12 MCC UDP consultation draft supplementary planning guidance notes. Deadline 5 April. JW to review and report to next meeting.
- 5.13 Request from Itton Village Hall for DCC’s support to help finance renovation of the hall, in particular central heating and insulation (see finance above).

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 6 and 20 February. File 2 months
- 6.2 Weekly lists of planning applications (3) –6/1/06 to 9/2/07. File 2 months.
- 6.3 Refusal of Planning permission – DC/2006/01264, 18 Churchfields, Devauden. Erection of gates to driveway and replace existing back fence with similar.
- 6.4 Approval of Change of Planning permission –  
         DC2006/01120 – Ty Fedw, Devauden, Internal alteration and external fenestration changes to previous approval M12626  
         DC/2006/00201, Little Crumbland, Devauden, Dismantling of existing outbuilding and replacement with annex dwelling (amendment M11733)
- 6.5 DC/2006/01675, Garden room extension and new balcony, Beaufort Cottage, off Rock Road, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2006/01415, Extension and alteration to farm house and new steel framed ancillary part of residential curtilage, Pentwyn House, Newchurch, Chepstow. Recommend approval subject to compliance with footprint size requirements.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No specific comment above contributions already made.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

The Voice newsletter and bulletin. Distributed  
 Draw for places at Buckingham Place Garden Party 10 July. JW to complete  
 Membership fees – see finance above.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

- AD - MCC cleansing needs to be reminded that the bin needs replacing at the top of Wesley Way.
- Wesley Way play area is mossy and children are slipping. CM contact Chepstow OSS
- JW - B4293, opposite the top of Well Lane, adjacent to the wall surrounding The Dorrits, water is coming up from the base of the wall, possibly a blocked drain.

**Meeting closed 9.45pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday 26 March, Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm**

## 2007 Meetings

**Apr 30, May 21 AGM, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 20, Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17**

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