

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

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT** A Cooke, C Knight, J Williams (Chair), K Reece, M Powell,

**APOLOGIES:** E Hall, N Knowland, A Duffield, CC Bob Greenland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (Clerk) PC A Mason, Jane Thompson (Itton) and Paul Williams (Itton)

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Mr Williams stated that he was here to discuss the proposed equestrian centre development (stud farm) at Llanvihangel. He stated 2 concerns 1) The MCC website does not appear to show all the objections sent to the council so is misleading. 2) Following the submission of the traffic report by Johnsey Estates it has proved impossible to find out whether MCC traffic department will be commissioning its own survey as requested by DCC. Further it is difficult to contact MCC planning department and get any kind of response to queries. Ms Thomas commented that on the web its states that a highways report has been received but not that it was commissioned by the applicants themselves, not MCC. Cllr Williams replied that she had spoken to CC Greenland earlier who stated that the main application will not be considered by the planning committee until the highways department report/decision has been received by planning. Mr Williams requested that DCC express their concerns to MCC about progress with determining the outcome for the planning applications related to the stud farm. The community council instructed the clerk to write to David Swanson and copy Colin Berg, making the following points

1. Is an independent traffic survey to be carried out and if so when?
2. When are highways department likely to report to planning?
3. Why has all the correspondence sent by residents objecting to the development not appeared on the website log?
4. Ask that objections made about the original plan (the one including the substantial house) are forwarded to subsequent plans as they are still relevant.
5. Request that Cllr Knight would like to make a representation at the planning committee when the application is discussed.

The members of the public left the meeting. PC Mason delivered the crime report for the period which is attached. He then informed the meeting that he will be moving to a new job at Monmouth police station and that PC 32 Mike Coburn will be taking over. CM to write to PC Mason to thank him for his work for the community.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Brochures for benches passed to JW to review and report back. JW reported that the following bench was required – Earth Anchors, Evergreen seat with arms and rootfast system at cost of £605 plus VAT and delivery. JW will inform CM of where to deliver. Expenditure approved by the meeting.
- 3.2 At the September meeting CM presented a revised draft of her contract. JW to liaise with NK before next meeting.
- 3.3 Reply from Forestry commission re deer larder interference with TV. Forestry Commission report that they have investigated the problem and concluded that the refrigeration unit does not interfere. CM to forward copy of letter to MP for residents.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 268/110/07 Current; £ 475.62                      No Notice: £ 4584.87*

**4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AC.**

Clerks salary and expenses £320.73, cheque no 101100

- 4.2 New salary rates for 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008, received from One Voice Wales. Authorisation of increase of clerk's pay to £9.579p per hour and mileage rate to 55.8p per mile up to 8500 mile per annum. Authorised by JW and AC.
- 4.3 Reconciliation for period up to 25/10/07. Signed off by CM, JW and AC.
- 4.4 Conclusion of audit – JW to put the notices on the Devauden notice board giving a two week period for inspection starting 1 December 2007.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agenda 7 November. File 2 months
- 5.2** Mor Hafren Area Committee 14 November. File 2 months.
- 5.3** Itton B4293 temporary road closure from 2 January. Documentation taken by MP to put on Itton notice board.
- 5.4** Monmouthshire Local Health Board annual report – available online. File
- 5.5** Monmouthshire Local Health Board – GP out of hours service, evaluation of the reduction of primary care centres from 6 to 3. JW taken to review for next meeting.
- 5.6** MCC – change of address of The Lodge, Llangwm to Coed Ceirw, Llangwm, NP15 1HD. File.
- 5.7** Monmouthshire Health Alliance strategy draft summary – full report available online. File
- 5.8** MCC Youth service – interaction project. File.

## **6) PLANNING**

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 27 November. File 2 months
- 6.2** Planning list for Devauden for 20/10 to 16/11 (wk 43- 44). File 2 months.
- 6.3** Following decisions refused by MCC;  
DC/2006/01394 Barn Conversion, Rock Road, Devauden.  
DC/2007/01115 Ground floor extension, Garden Cottage, Itton
- 6.4** Following plans approved by MCC;  
DC2007/01160 – Extension, Beech Cottage Devauden.
- 6.5** DC2007/01148 – Internal Alterations and 2 storey extension, Sunny bank Farm, Devauden. Notification of amendment to reduce glazing to proposed gable end and porch design changed on front elevation. No objections, recommend approval
- 6.6** DC/2007/01462 – Proposed garden room, St Deniols Cottage Itton (revision of DC/2007/00400). No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.7** DC/2007/01515 – Listed building consent, alteration of interior, Oriel House, Itton Court, Itton. No objections recommend approval.
- 6.8** DC/2007/01399 – Erection of bedroom extension, The Bothy, Devauden. No objections recommend approval.

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County councillor not present.

## **8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)**

Notification of changes to clerks salary – see above.  
2007 Conference papers. File

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

**KR** – Write to MCC to request white lines on the entirety of the Devauden to Raglan road from the B4293, as there have been several near misses.

JW – requested that CM contact MCC again to request bins on Devauden Green and at Wesley Way. She also reported that a resident had suggested historical name plates on entry to the village.  
Further to discussions about an illustrative board for Devauden Green JW requested councillors considered what information it should include. CM to investigate how the boards are commissioned and produced.

**Meeting closed 9.15pm**

**Next Meeting Dec 17, Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm**

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