

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2007 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT** A Cooke, N Knowland, J Williams (Chair), K Reece, M Powell, A Duffield, CC Bob Greenland    **APOLOGIES:** E Hall, C Knight    **IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (Clerk) PC A Mason

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Mason delivered the crime report for the period which is attached.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 24 September 2007 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1** MCC – reply from MCC stating that the DCC should nominate a representative for the Governing body of Shirenewton School. JW has contacted MCC and is still waiting for them to return the call. Defer to the next meeting.
- 3.2** Brochures for benches passed to JW to review and report back. Defer to next meeting
- 3.3** MCC – grass cutting of Howells Green. Quoted £90 per annum for 8 cuts per year. CM contacted MCC to accept the offer and confirmation has been received. File correspondence.
- 3.4** At the last meeting CM presented a revised draft of her contract. JW to liaise with NK before next meeting.
- 3.5** Clerk announced that she is moving house and the councillors agreed to cover the cost of redirecting the Community Council's post – see finance below. To avoid additional travel expenses CM will email notices to JW who will put up on the Devauden notice board. JW will pass a copy to MP for the Itton notice board. A new telephone number is not yet available but from 9 November CM can be contacted on 07973 387022.
- 3.6** MCC Highways form – response received for form sent 14/9/07. NK noted that as detailed in the form the verges at Prospect House Kilgwrrwg had been repaired but rubble and hardcore was required as heavy vehicles have already swept away the soil.
- 3.7** Annual fireworks display was discussed and agreed that a donation of £150 should be made – see finance below.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 28/10/07 Current; £ 649.22*

*No Notice: £ 5584.87*

**4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and NK

Clerks salary and expenses £214.20 cheque no 101095

Mazars LLP Invoice for annual audit £141, cheque no. 101096

Royal Mail group – redirection of post £47.90, cheque no 101097

F Richards for materials and labour to fix bin and Devauden notice board £94.44, cheque no 101098

Hood Memorial Hall – donation for fireworks event £150, cheque no 101099

**4.2** Letter of thanks for donation for grass cutting at Wolvesnewton church. File

**4.3** Annual return received back from Mazars LLP. The actions were noted and progress is being made as follows;

- The Clerks contract is being reviewed and it will be a contract of employment
- The internal auditors suggestions are being progressed as recorded in minutes of 20 August
- Assets such as the bus shelters will be given a minimum value of £1 rather than £0.

JW is reducing the size of the annual return for the next meeting and CM will prepare the notice of conclusion of audit for display after the next meeting.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agenda 3 October. File 2 months
- 5.2** MCC – review of polling districts, places and stations – representations by 23 November. File
- 5.3** SEWTA – business plan 2007/8. File
- 5.4** MCC – emergency contact directory. CM to update and email response
- 5.5** GAVO newsletter. Passed to JW.
- 5.6** Gwent police – opportunities to co fund recruitment of further PCSOs. File.
- 5.7** WAG – fire and rescue framework for Wales – performance indicators consultation by 20 December. NK to review and report to next meeting.

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- 5.8** Play for Wales newsletter. No action
- 5.9** Shopmobility Newport request for funding. File.
- 5.10** MCC – consultation on the future of waste and recycling services in Monmouthshire. JW to review and respond.
- 5.11** MCC – diversion of public path no 137, Fedw Farm. CM replied via email as instructed by JW, on 19/10/07. File.
- 5.12** Wye Valley AONB calendars. Distributed.
- 5.13** Woodland Trust – Cefn Lla – tree planting 10 November at Llanbadoc, Usk. No action.
- 5.14** MCC – draft rights of way improvement plan consultation report. File.
- 5.15** Chepstow Town council – talk and planting demonstration, 15 November. No action.

## **6) PLANNING**

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 16 and 30 October. File 2 months
- 6.2** Planning list for Devauden for 15/9/07(38) to 19/10/07 (42). File 2 months.
- 6.3** Following decisions by MCC all approved;  
DC/2007/00928 Proposed 2 storey extension and first floor extension to provide additional accommodation. The Old Shop, Llansoy  
DC/2007/01654 conversion of barn to provide one dwelling, Pentre Farm, Main Rd, Llansoy, Usk
- 6.4** DC/2007/01160 – Extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide 2 beds, bathroom, porch and living space, Beech cottage, Devauden, Chepstow – amendment – the volume of the proposed extension has been reduced. File
- 6.5** DC/2007/01343 – Single storey extension to provide boot room, wc and shower room. Triple garage with office/studio above, Ty Hir, Wolvesnewton, Devauden. Cllr Reece proposed no objections, recommend approval. Seconded by Cllr Powell. Four voted in favour and one against. Recommend approval.
- 6.6** DC/2006/01437 – erection of stable buildings and associated worker to form new stud far. Site at Llanvihangel Court, Devauden – traffic management statement. JW read out a written statement from CK (attached to plans) which stated that ‘The only way that any traffic recommendations can be considered is when they are prepared by an independent qualified traffic consultant appointed by the County council’. JW proposed the plan be refused on the grounds that 1) DCC is still waiting for a full independent environmental assessment as requested on 29 January in response to this plan, when it was originally sent to us 2) There are still anomalies and omissions in the plan e.g. no mention of accommodation for workers. 3) The only way that any traffic recommendations can be considered is when they are prepared by an independent qualified traffic consultant appointed by the County Council. Seconded by AD. All voted in favour. Recommend refusal.
- 6.7** DC/2007/01115 – Erection of ground and 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension to improve accommodation, garden cottage, Itton, amendment – previously approved garden room removed from the plans. File

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nothing specific to report.

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

The Voice newsletter. File.

Shared Community Consultation – OVW suggest we review the ‘model charter’. DCC finds communication with MCC relatively easy so the meeting decided not to respond. File.

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

JW – Reported that Hood memorial Hall was very pleased with the new notice board but thought it was too small and would like another one. JW agreed to inform the hall committee of prices and will discuss the possibility of a donation towards an additional notice board at the next meeting.

MP – received correspondence from Mr Mayo re; the deer larder at Itton. He is still unhappy about potential pollution and is in correspondence with the environment agency. He also reported that the electricity supply to the equipment seems to be interfering with radio and television reception. Agreed that CM will write to the forestry commission reporting the problem with the power and copy this letter to the MCC planning department and MP.

**Meeting closed 9.45pm**

**Next Meeting Nov 26, Devauden Village Hall 7.30pm**

**2007 Meetings - Dec 17**

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