

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2008 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT J Williams (Chair), M Powell, C Knight, A Cooke, A Duffield,

APOLOGIES; E Hall, K Reece, N Knowland, CC Bob Greenland

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Cowburn, C Martin (clerk)

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn presented the incident report which is attached to the file copy of the minutes. PC Cowburn also reminded the meeting that there would be a PACT meeting in Devauden on 19 November. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 29 September 2008 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** Highways enquiries form returned from 30 September. File.
- 3.2** CM confirmed that she has informed MCC that DCC will require them to undertake the grass cutting of the greens in the community.
- 3.3** MCC – Local development plan candidate sites – reply to letter sent by CM on 8 September. Also general letter from MCC regarding the LDP candidate sites. Letters taken by JW.
- 3.4** JW will review the contract and MCC's comments and send CM a revised version for signature at next meeting.
- 3.5** Info board for Devauden. AC is awaiting information from MCC and Adventa. JW to approach hall committee for their involvement. Defer to next meeting.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 1/11/08 Current; £ 1788.23 Notice: £3259.64

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and CK .

MCC – 2008 election fees, £212.00, cheque no. 101127

Clerk's salary (October and November) and expenses, C Martin, £433.90, cheque no.101128

Hood Memorial Hall- donation for OAP Christmas lunch, £75, cheque no 101129

4.2 Mazars LLP – the auditors have been in telephone contact with the clerk asking for further information to confirm that the actions from the 2006/7 internal audit have been completed. CM has provided as much information as was available.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agenda 5 November. File 2 months.
- 5.2** Mor Hafren area Committee Agenda 12 November. File 2 months.
- 5.3** WAG – guidance for community and town councils. File.
- 5.4** Consumer Focus Wales – notification of new statutory consumer champion. File.
- 5.5** GAVO – network newsletter. No action.
- 5.6** Monmouthshire Local Health Board – clinical futures meeting, Usk. File. Also programme bulletin. File.
- 5.7** MCC – requests for copies of electoral roll. Councillors present completed the forms and CM to return to MCC. Remaining councillors to complete at future meetings.
- 5.8** Swansea Building society – introducing savings account. No action.
- 5.9** Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales – 1. Review of community council elections 2008. 2. Workshops 2008, 1 December in Abergavenny. File both.
- 5.10** Wye Valley AONB – management plan 2009, consultation and seminar – 28 November, Chase Hotel, Ross-on-Wye, 9.30-2pm. Information taken by AC and AD.
- 5.11** Clerks and councils direct. No action.

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6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agendas 7 and 21 October and 4 November. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists are not available for the period as clerk unable to download files from MCC website. Planning lists can be viewed on MCC website.
- 6.3 DC/2008/01045 – Retention of main entrance gates and walls at Parc Maes ffynnon, Itton. JW proposed that DCC recommends refusal on the same grounds as when the original plan (M12441) was presented. Seconded by AC. Three in favour and 2 abstained. Recommend refusal. CM to reiterate reasons from M12441 - 1. The 2nd pillar from the left encroaches on the highway and is dangerous and narrows an already narrow lane. 2. The material used is inappropriate and detrimental to the area.
- 6.4 DC/2008/01134 – conversion of redundant loose boxes into 1. Garage, Holm Leigh and 2. Holiday accommodation. 1. Agreed to recommend approval of the conversion to a garage. 2. Holiday accommodation - No objections in principle provided it complies with planning guidance on barn conversions.
- 6.5 DC/2008/01051 – Two storey self contained annexed extension, 23 Wesley Way, Chepstow. Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2008/01027 – log cabin for residency of agricultural worker and family – CK proposed approve on the basis that it is agriculturally tied to main farm and cannot be sold separately. Seconded by MP. 2 agreed, 2 against, 1 abstained. JW made counter proposal – Object on the grounds that would create a precedent and represents sporadic development. Seconded by AD. 2 for, 2 against and 1 abstained. The proposal was agreed by the chair's casting vote.
- 6.7 DC/2007/01515 – interior alterations, oriel house Itton – Appeal against refusal E6840/E08/2086938. File.
- 6.8 MCC – September new and completed enforcement cases. File.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Information on presentation given by Wales Audit Office. Also request for any objections to MCC requesting payment for grass cutting next year. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

JW – Reported on Hood Memorial Hall Meeting;

1. Thanks to CM and DCC for the letter supporting the application for grants.
2. Grateful thanks for the recent donation towards the firework event.
3. Request for donation towards the annual OAP Christmas lunch. £75 agreed (see section 4 finance).
4. Request for DCC's permission to put a Christmas tree on Devauden Green. Permission agreed and JW will communicate to hall committee.
5. Request for permission to have vintage tractors on the village green at the summer fete. DCC agreed to give permission as long as any damage is made good. JW to communicate to hall committee.

AD – Benches by the OAP bungalows in a very poor state and were supposed to be replaced. CM to make enquiries with the OSS. The drainage in the courtyard/garden of the OAP bungalows communal area is very poor and needs attention. CM contact OSS and refer them to AD for more information.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting 22 December 2008 at Devauden Village Hall.

Meeting dates 2009 - Jan 26, 23 Feb, 23 Mar, 27 Apr – All Devauden Village Hall
18 May (AGM), 29 Jun, 27 Jul, 24 Aug – All Itton Village Hall
Further dates to be agreed at next meeting.

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