

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2008 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

1) OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

PC Cowburn presented his crime report which is attached. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 28 January 2007 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 At the September meeting CM presented a revised draft of her contract. NK and JW's view is that this needs to be looked at by a legal representative. JW to contact MCC monitoring officer.
- 3.2 CM contacted MCC cleansing department by phone to request bins at Wesley Way and the Green. Our request is on the waiting list but they are doubtful that we will get them. If we want to purchase them the council will empty them if they are the standard type which are approximately £350 each plus delivery. Unanimously agreed to fund and install the bins. JW will contact CM to give delivery address. CM to purchase and contact MCC.
- 3.3 Info board for Devauden. JW to pursue. CM to continue to try to contact Chili pepper signs.
- 3.4 Highways form response for that sent 23 Dec. File
- 3.5 Email from Post Office re closure of Devauden Post Office. CC Greenland said that he had also written to the P.O, WAG, and Westminster expressing concerns about the closure in Monmouthshire. He said he had requested a meeting in this area which the public could attend. CC Greenland said he would keep DCC informed and clerk will contact P.O again in support of CC Greenland's letter and request for a meeting.
- 3.6 JW marked preferred sites for deer signs on map which CC Greenland will pass to MCC for action.

4) FINANCE

Balances 24/2/08 Current; £ 526.71 No Notice: £ 4476.16

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and NK

Clerks salary and expenses £219.38 cheque no 101105

One Voice Wales annual subscription £98 cheque no 101106

4.2 Clerk presented PAYE coding notice dated 13 January 2008, indicating that DCC earnings have been declared. Also included section of annual tax return for year ending 5 April 2007 declaring DCC earnings of £2450.

4.2 Received payment of £350 from Allianz Cornhill in settlement of the vandalism claim for the notice board at Devauden. CM to bank cheque.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC cabinet agenda 6 and 13 February. File 2 months
- 5.2 Mor Hafren area Committee agenda 5 February. File 2 months.
- 5.3 MCC – street naming, barns at Trevella Farm, Llangwm, Usk. File
- 5.4 WAG – borrowing by community and town councils. File
- 5.5 WAG – appropriate sums for S137 payments - £5.86 per elector. File
- 5.6 MCC – acknowledgement that precept request received. File
- 5.7 MCC – Schools music showcase 19 March. No action.
- 5.8 MCC – community strategy for Monmouthshire 2008-11. JW to respond.
- 5.9 Llangwm Community council – request that DCC takes up problems with road between Gaer Fawr and Gaer Llwyd. CM to action on regular highways form.
- 5.10 MCC – notification of temporary road closure B4235 to junction of A466. JW to put on notice board.
- 5.11 MCC – improvement matters newsletter. No action.
- 5.12 WAG – Local Government member code of conduct. CM to copy form and bring to next meeting.
- 5.13 Monmouthshire's Children and Young People's Partnership – statutory consultation on Plan 2008 – 2011. JW taken to respond.
- 5.14 MCC – summer holidays activities. File.

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- 5.15** Monmouthshire's inter generational awards. File
- 5.16** MCC – change of name of Pentwyn House to Pentwyn Farm, NP16 6DD. File
- 5.17** MCC draft rights of way improvement plan. Taken by MP and JW.
- 5.18** Monmouthshire Local Development Plan request for information. CM to respond to MCC.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 5 and 19 Feb. File 2 months
- 6.2** Planning list for Devauden for wks 4-7 (2008). File 2 months.
- 6.3** Enforcement lists for January 2008. File
- 6.4** DC/2008/00071 – Conversion of barn to residential use with associated works, The Barn, Rock Road, Devauden. Not in DCC area. CM to contact MCC planning department to inform them that property is in Trellech United.
- 6.5** DC/2008/00159 – Proposed extension and alteration and garage, Plantation Farm House, Kilgwrrwg Common. NK proposed object on grounds that does not comply with the UDP and the extension is more than 50% of the existing footprint. The same concerns about the access and dangers to the SSSI relating to the previous application DC/2006/01303 still apply. Seconded by EH. Unanimously agreed to recommend refusal.
- 6.6** Following plans approved by MCC;
- 6.6.1** DC/2007/00935 Cledd y tan farm, Kilgwrrwg.
- 6.6.2** Dc/2007/01616 – Corner cottage, common road, Devauden.
- 6.6.3** DC/2007/01612 – The Oaks, Itton
- 6.6.4** DC/2007/01416 – Barn at New House Farm, Gaer Llwyd, Llangwm

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland gave an update on the road works at the Green Devauden - the installed kerbs have been removed to enable additional parking at the hall when functions are taking place.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence other than annual subscription detailed in 4, above.

9) WARD REPORTS

EH – stated wanted to thank MCC for the new road between Itton and Chepstow. CC Greenland commented that there is a new structure in highways department and the operations section which maintains the roads will be finding and opening up gullies to reduce standing water that is responsible for erosion.

CK – raised the issue of additional help for the churchyard maintenance in the community, especially for Llanvihangel Tor Y Myndd/Wolvesnewton which received no support for green grass cutting as has no open public spaces. CC Greenland said that the community council's contribution to grass cutting would not be collected this year even though we had agreed to pay it. The payments will not start until next year. MP suggested that the donation of £25 per church should be raised to £50 per year. Unanimously agreed to pay £50 per church per annum upon request by individual church council.

JW – reported attendance at '1st response' meeting. It is early days but there will be more work to see if it is viable to have a defibrillator and trained volunteers in the community. The health authority would provide half the capital cost and supply all the training, but the community would have to raise about £700.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 1ST APRIL AT DEVAUDEN

Meeting dates 2008 28 April, 19 May (AGM), 30 June, 28 July (Itton), 18 Aug, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec.

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Police report 25/1/08 to 25/2/08

Miscellaneous incidents:

27/1/08 - Road accident - deer knocked over

3/02/08 - Off road bikes Fedw Wood

5/2/08 - Lost golden retriever, Devauden

7/2/08 - Suspicious vehicle Well Lane - 4 youths in black VW Polo

9/2/08 - Vehicle collided with garden wall and made off

9/2/08 - Cars parked on Itton Green - Rally

12/2/08 - Suspicious male Devauden - Missing boy located.

15/2/08 - Trespassers in woods - possible badger baiters

17/2/08 - Transit Van hit a tree - star Pitch, Devauden.

19/02/08 - Suspicious vehicle Cobblers Plain - 4 Youths in vehicle.

21/02/08 - Garage fire in Devauden.

22/02/08 - Car crashed off road near Devauden.

23/2/08 - Driver drove recklessly towards horse and rider in lane.

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Crime report

2/2/08 - Theft of Mobile phone from a house - late report from December.

Miscellaneous thefts in the Tintern area - scrap and other items.

Theft of diesel from Trellech United area.

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A PACT Meeting will be arranged in due course in April / May.

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Mike Cowburn. PC32 at Chepstow.

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