

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2008 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (Clerk) PC Cowburn, J Bowen, J B Jones, G D Jones, D R Lucas.

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Mr Lucas stated that he and the other members of the public were at the meeting to discuss the proposed stud farm at Llanvihangel Court. He made the following points about the planning applications 1) The highways department have reported to the planning department and they appear not to see any problem with the increased traffic although previous reviews by highways seemed to suggest that the increase in traffic would be too much for this narrow lane and access. 2) Planning department is very difficult to get hold of and are not returning calls – they appear to think that there are no issues. 3) There still appears to be a question over the existing buildings and what they will be developed into. Planning consent has been given for a dwelling but this would have to change if they were to be used in some other way related to stud farm.

Cllr Williams stated that at the November meeting DCC wrote to the Head of Planning requesting clarification and further information about the relevant applications. Clerk confirmed that no response had been received to date. CC Greenland said that the planning officer had not yet written up the report on the development as are awaiting a bat report. The report from the highways department requires improvements to the junction and passing places along the lane before the development starts. In this case a condition would be put on the planning permission and if the owners of the land were not prepared for it to be used to improve access then the development could not proceed. CC Greenland confirmed that he will go to the relevant planning committee and will ask that the committee come to view the site to see if it is acceptable for the volume of traffic. Cllr Knight said he would also be going to planning committee when the date was known. CC Greenland suggested that it is now unlikely that DCC would get any further information or feedback from MCC planning.

Mr Bowen asked if highways were happy with the increase of traffic on the Llansoy road let alone Church Lane. In light of the highways department report and apparent acceptance of the applicants report CC Greenland suggested that the residents proceed with their own report as quickly as possible. Cllr Williams said there was little more DCC could do at this stage and would leave the matter to be progressed by CC Greenland at the relevant planning committee. She thanked the members of the public who left the meeting.

PC Cowburn introduced himself and said that he would aim to attend at least half of our meetings as he now had an area that was bigger than PC Mason's area, so had 9 community council meetings per month. He presented the incidents for 23 Dec – 23 Jan (attached to file copy). PC Cowburn left the meeting.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 17 December 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. JW to liaise with NK before next meeting and report back in the New Year. As NK gave apologies will discuss at next meeting.
- 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. DCC will also have to arrange installation at its own cost. Defer to next meeting.
- 3.3 Info board for Devauden. CM to contact Chili pepper signs in Monmouth but has yet to speak to anyone. JW has spoken to John Davies about this and will contact him again as he may be able to help.
- 3.4 MCC Highways Workshops – CM wrote to Nigel Burgess requesting highways staff attend a DCC meeting. No reply but have received a letter detailing workshops to be held 19 February at County Hall Cwmbran. CC Greenland explained that this meeting was not to discuss cases but to introduce changes to the way highways will work. File correspondence.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances 25/1/08 Current; £1283.26 No Notice: £ 4626.16*

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR.

Clerks salary and expenses £220.11, cheque no 101103

Earth anchors – invoice for bench for Devauden, £686.44, cheque 101104

4.2 Bank reconciliation at 25/12/07, approved by JW. File.

4.3 Financial report and budget projection at 31/12/07. Approved by JW

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4.4 Letter to HSBC requesting change of clerks address signed by all community councillors present  
4.5 MCC – 2008/9 precept request. CM presented budget options and option 3 was approved by the meeting. Precept request of £5000 was agreed, based on increased costs and grass cutting costs moving from MCC to DCC. CM to action.

## 5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC cabinet agenda 2 January. File 2 months
- 5.2 Mor Hafren area Committee agenda 9 January. File 2 months.
- 5.3 MCC Special meetings of area committee to discuss budgets. Mor Hafren 5 February, 10am Mathern Village Hall. No action.
- 5.4 Electoral register issued. CM to pursue request for remaining councillors.
- 5.5 MCC 2008/9 budget consultation 5 February, Portskewett. File.
- 5.6 Sewta – annual report 2006/7. File
- 5.7 Rural Housing enabler – introduction of new Enabler, David James. File
- 5.8 MCC – Community and economic development scheme 2008/9. Request for applications by 15 February. File
- 5.9 MCC – older people's strategy funding opportunities 2008/9. AD to pass to relevant organisations.
- 5.10 MCC – Local development plan delivery agreement. JW to review.
- 5.11 Royal Mail – network changes. CM to respond expressing extreme concern at loss of Devauden P.O.
- 5.12 MCC – changes to Traffic and Network management section. File.
- 5.13 MCC – notification of outdoor recreation and public open space survey. File
- 5.14 MCC – development plan – invitation to submit candidate sites. File

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 8 and 22 January. File 2 months
- 6.2 Planning list for Devauden for wks 50 – 3 (2008). File 2 months.
- 6.3 Enforcement lists for December 2007. File
- 6.4 Following plans approved by MCC;
  - 6.4.1 DC/2007/01129 Yew Tree Cottage, Star /Hill, Devauden.
  - 6.4.2 DC/2007/01443 Rosemont, Gaer Fawr, Usk.
  - 6.4.3 DC/2007/01399 – The Bothy Devauden.
  - 6.4.4 DC/2007/01462 – St Deniol's Cottage, Itton
  - 6.4.5 DC/2007/00975 – Great Panta Barn, Panta Farm, Devauden.
  - 6.4.6 DC/2007/01560 – Bluebell Barn, Usk Rd, Shirenewton.
  - 6.4.7 DC/2007/00902 – Deer Larder, Forestry commission, Itton.
  - 6.4.8 DC/2007/01546 – Forester's lodge Itton.
  - 6.4.9 DC/2007/01371/ Glen View Farm, Llansoy.
- 6.5 DC/2007/01560 – Change of Use and alteration to agricultural animal building to form residential dog training facility, Bluebell Barn, Shirenewton. Already approved by MCC, no further action.
- 6.6 Appeal – DC/2007/01115 – Erection of extension, Garden Cottage, Itton. Appeal no E6840/A07/2062025/WF. File

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County council reported that he had succeeded in getting deer signs. JW took away maps to copy and mark where signs are required. Also an unsuitable for HGVs sign will be put on road to The Fedw.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Agenda for meeting 17 January 2008. Minutes of meeting 18 October 2008. Complaints handling seminar – 21 February, Llantrisant. **File all**

## 9) WARD REPORTS

**EH** – Ty ddu Road, Itton – has been tarmaced but has been washed away and is now heavily pot holed.  
**AC** - Kilgwrrwg cross roads – water is standing and flowing down past Corner Cottage. Also issue of excessive parking charges at local community hospital. Had to pay £1.50 for 3 hours when only wanted 30 minutes at Chepstow Community Hospital. Could graduated charges be implemented?

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**Meeting dates 2008** 25 Feb, 1 April (note is a Tuesday evening), 28 April, 19 May (AGM), 30 June, 28 July (Itton), 18 Aug, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec.

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