

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES; C Knight

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Cowburn, C Martin (clerk)

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn presented the incident report which is reproduced at the end of the minutes. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 18 August 2008 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** JW confirmed that Clerk's new contract has been reviewed by Emma Marshall at MCC. CM checked Employee Liability status of existing insurance and the policy covers EL. Also CM checked that the clerk does not earn enough to qualify for SSP from DCC. JW will review the contract and MCC's comments and send CM a revised version for signature at next meeting.
- 3.2** Info board for Devauden. AC is awaiting information from MCC and Adventa. JW to approach hall committee for their involvement. CC Greenland investigated the possibility of Tourism grants but found that none are currently available. Defer to next meeting.
- 3.3** CM and JW are both on holiday at next meeting 27 October, so the meeting agreed to combine the October and November meetings and hold it on November 10. CM to make hall booking and issue a notice.
- 3.4** Clerk is moving house so post will have to be redirected – see finance below.
- 3.5** Speed limit alteration to 30mph. The response to the request for more information was met with a reply to state that MCC would not be going ahead. Copy passed to MP. CM to locate original highways priorities list.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 29/9/08 Current; £ 1816.92 Notice: £3759.64

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR.

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £221.454 cheque no.101123

Postal redirection £ 49.80, cheque no.101124

Donation to Hood Memorial Hall for annual fireworks. Meeting agreed £150, cheque no.101125

Itton Village Hall hire for July and August meeting, £32, cheque no.101126

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agendas 3 September and 1 October. File 2 months.
 - 5.2** Mor Hafren area Committee Agenda, 24 September. File 2 months.
 - 5.3** Wales air ambulance – certificate of thanks for donation. File
 - 5.4** Clerks and council's direct. No action.
 - 5.5** MCC footpath extinguishment at Veddww Farm. File
 - 5.6** MCC footpath diversion at Pentwyn House Devauden. File
 - 5.7** Chepstow CAB – AGM 22 September. File.
 - 5.8** Monmouthshire Local Health Board – AGM and board meeting 18 September. File.
 - 5.9** MCC – Grass cutting. Offer to cut the grass for a fee of £639+vat. Meeting agreed to accept MCC offer. CM to confirm with MCC.
 - 5.10** MCC – from Val Smith – could the Civic, Bring, Recycling and waste transfer locations within our area be improved? Responses by 14 November. No response from DCC as happy with current arrangements. Passed to CC Greenland.
 - 5.11** AONB picturesque. Distributed.
 - 5.12** MCC – the new website, request for testers. File.
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- 5.13** Monmouth Shire Hall stewards, letter of thanks for donation. File.
- 5.14** MCC – Planning training for Community Councils, Fri 21 November, 9.45am, County Hall. Passed to AC to complete form and attend.
- 5.15** MCC – review of taxi ranks. File.
- 5.16** MCC Highways questionnaire feedback. File.
- 5.17** MCC Chairman’s charity evening 30 October. No action.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 9 and 23 September. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning list for Devauden for wks 33 to 37 (2008). File 2 months.
- 6.3** Following plans approved by MCC;
- 6.3.1** DC/2008/00733 - Brynteg bungalow, Llanishen
- 6.3.2** DC/2008/0077 - The Ewings, Kilgwrrwrg
- 6.3.3** DC/2008/00798 – Victoria Cottage , Itton
- 6.4** DC/2008/00934 – Conversion and extension of barn to residential use with associated works, Barn at Rock Road, Devauden, Chepstow. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.5** DC/2008/00944 Yeovil House, The Veddww – Conversion of redundant agricultural store to residential. The following recommendation was reported to MCC by JW and KR ‘It is a relatively new storage barn that has not actually been used for storage. The access onto the road does not have good visibility despite the proposed altered accessibility. It does not, in our opinion, comply with the barn policy and should therefore be refused.’
- 6.6** MCC – August new and completed enforcement cases. File.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing specific to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Minutes of 17 July 2008. File

Minutes of AGM 18 October 2007. File

AGM 16 October – agenda and nominations for chair and vice chair. File

9) WARD REPORTS

JW – Asked if there had been a response to the letter sent about the land bank. CM confirmed that there had not been a reply. CC Greenland advised that the information about the selected sites could be obtained from the MCC website.

AD – Drain raised on pavement at junction of B4293 and village green in Devauden.

AC – B4293 between Devauden, Itton and Chepstow – are several raised drains/manhole covers which cause hazards for cyclists and motorists.

EH – 1. Tyddu Farm – large pothole; 2. Hedge of field adjacent to B4293 at the millennium garden at Itton is very overgrown and hazardous. Owned by Mr M Shinton of Milestone, Devauden. CM to write letter requesting that it is cut back; 3. Asked if there had been any progress with the stud farm. CC Greenland reported that MCC planning had written to the applicant for further information which was not yet forthcoming.

KR – pothole on B4293 outside garage at Devauden.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting 10 November 2008 at Devauden Village Hall.

Meeting dates 2008 - 22 Dec.

Devauden Police Report 19/8/08 to 29/9/08

28/8/08 - Single vehicle road accident near Chepstow Park Wood - damage only.

30/8/08 - Burglary at a house near Devauden. Forced Entry.

30/8/08 - Report of a balloon landing near Devauden.

1/9/08 - Some property from the burglary - found in Well lane.

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2/9/08 - Road accident near Devauden. Car through hedge. Injuries.
5/9/08 - Suspicious sighting of a green lorry near Devauden.
5/9/08 - Branch overhanging the road near Devauden.
6/9/08 - Malicious phone calls received at Devauden.
8/9/08 - Fire alarm at a house near Devauden - fault.
10/9/08 -Lorry causing an obstruction at Itton. Moved.
19/9/08 - Vehicle with a flat tyre causing an obstruction at Itton.
20/9/08 - Suspicious sighting of a white van near Devauden.
23/9/08 - Silent 999 from Devauden. Young child.

For information-

On 27/9/08 a red Citron Saxo was stolen from near the Village Hall in Tintern and there was a burglary at Tintern Railway Station.

Regards,

Mike Cowburn PC32

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