

MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL

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

1) OPEN SESSION

No public present.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 24 August 2009 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 CM has written to the forestry commission about the lane at the side of Devauden Village Hall. A reply has been received to state that they have investigated and rectified the problem. File.
- 3.2 Telephone call from Ms Natasha Shallcroft, describing herself as a friend of the occupant of a property referred to in DCC minutes of 25 June 2007, requesting that the occupant's name be removed from the minutes. CM had already contacted One Voice Wales who advised that in future names should not be put in the minutes if requested. However to remove a name retrospectively from the minutes of June 2007 would require meeting agreement and a minute in the current minutes. It was agreed that CM should contact Ms Shallcroft to request that she ask the occupant to contact the Clerk to discuss how she wants to proceed. CM will also contact MCC for advice.
- 3.3 Notice board for Itton – Quotes are being awaited and the councillors approved the purchase of a noticeboard from Greenbarnes if none of the other quotes are suitable. Clerk to place order when quotes are received and confirmation received from JW.
- 3.4 Allotments – NK will look into trimming the hedges. JW will also speak to allotment holders and let them know that it will not be possible to erect a shed on the allotments or supply water.
- 3.5 BT offer to sell the red telephone boxes to the community council. Clerk contacted MCC and a letter has now been received from Mark Lloyd to explain that representations have to be made to BT via MCC. CM will confirm that DCC would like to adopt the 3 kiosks in the community.
- 3.6 Police Report sent by PC Cowburn and read out at the meeting. Copy can be found at the end of the minutes.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 25/9/09 Current; £1248.02 Notice: £5377.41

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and CK;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £228.92 cheque no.101148, includes a credit of £6 for overpayment in May.
Itton Village Hall rental for May, June, July and August £64, cheque no.101149

Councillors agreed to donate £150 to the annual Devauden fireworks – Hood Memorial Hall - £150, cheque no. 101150

4.2 Payments received;

Credit of £1667 from MCC – precept payment 1/9/09

Credit received from HM revenue and customs for VAT reclaim 1/4/08 to 31/3/09 - £153.71

4.3 NK reported that Kilgwrrwg has won the best kept village competition, hamlet category, and has received £150 payable to Devauden Community Council. CM will pay the cheque into the bank account but it will be ring fenced for use in Kilgwrrwg. NK will solicit local opinion about how it should be used.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 2nd September 2009. File 2 months.
- 5.2 Mor Hafren Area committee 16 September. File 2 months
- 5.3 Wye Valley AONB – newsletters and 2010 calendar. Distributed.
- 5.4 Monmouthshire Health Alliance – Year 1 report card for Social care and well being strategy 2008-11. Distributed
- 5.5 MCC – change to arrangements for contacting them out of hours. File.
- 5.6 Local Government boundary commission for Wales – annual report and workshops 2009. File.
- 5.7 MCC – All Wales standards conference. File.
- 5.8 Gwent best kept village competition results and Devauden feedback. JW to put on notice board.
- 5.9 WAG – Local Government partnership scheme annual report 2008-9. File.
- 5.10 Gwent NHS reform briefing number 6 (Aug 2009). File.

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5.11 Clerks and council's direct. No action.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda 8, 16 and 22 September. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning lists – 15 August to 18 September. File 2 months.
- 6.3** New enforcement cases list for August. No closed out enforcement cases in this area for August. List taken by MP.
- 6.4** The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;
 - 6.4.1** DC/2009/00708 – Agricultural storage, Coed Llifos Farm, Itton
 - 6.4.2** DC/2008/01045 – Retention of main entrance gates and feature flank walls, Parc Maes Ffynon, Itton.
 - 6.4.3** DC/2009/00561 – Conversion of barn to dwelling, Bush Farm Barn, Llansoy
- 6.5** The following plans were refused by MCC-
 - 6.5.1** DC/2009/00819 – Re roof including change of roof pitch, Church Cottage, Wolvesnewton.
 - 6.5.2** DC/2009/00732 – Proposed alterations and extension to farmhouse, Pentre Farm, Llansoy.
- 6.6** DC/2009/0808 – Proposed detached general storage building, extension for hay/straw barn, extension workshop/spares store, Home Farm, Itton. No objections recommend approval.
- 6.7** DC/2009/00805 – Extraction of approx. 400 cu.m red sandstone flag rock to be processed elsewhere, when reinstating back to field at original levels, to be completed within two years, Corn Farm, Devauden. Recommend refusal as many inconsistencies in the application and will produce a scar on the landscape.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No County Councillor present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Motions for debate in the Annual General Meeting 10 October 2009. File
Bursary for councillor training. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

NK –Howells Green has not had its second cut of the year – CM to contact MCC for another cut before winter.
CK – Rocky Road (43.9) – a RSJ gate post is projecting into the lane and could cause an obstruction.
EH – There are some local concerns about changes to rubbish collection and recycling. CM to contact CC Greenland to find out what is happening.
AD- R83 approaching Devauden – there is a proliferation of unnecessary signs that is causing an eyesore.

General – the meeting agreed that the Ferard room at Devauden Village Hall has become so uncomfortable that the next meeting will be held at Itton. MP to make the booking. CM will inform Kath Richards that DCC do not require the hall for October. CM to write a letter to be sent to JW for forwarding to hall committee outlining that the Ferard room is damp and unpleasant; it is often untidy and is not fit for public meetings. Inform them that DCC is temporarily cancelling the meetings until the room has improved.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next Meeting: 26 October at Itton Village Hall

Meeting dates 2009 30 Nov, 21 Dec – Devauden

PC Cowburn's Police Report

Devauden & Itton incidents 23rd August to 23rd September

23/8 3 dogs running loose near Devauden.
25/8 Concern about dogs chasing sheep near Devauden.
26/8 Concern about a property in Devauden.
1/9 Burglary - barn door forced. Chainsaw and strimmer stolen near Devauden.
16/9 Insecure garage entered. chainsaw and strimmer stolen at Devauden.
22/9 Suspicious male near Devauden. Person checked by Police -
PC32 - Well meaning report but no offences.

Few incidents, although there were 2 burglaries of outbuildings. Please be mindful of security and continue to report anything suspicious.

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