

MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2009 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair and acting clerk), N Knowland, M Powell, A Cooke, K Reece
APOLOGIES; E Hall, A Duffield
IN ATTENDANCE: PC Cowburn, Andy Jones Community Support Officer

1) **OPEN SESSION** - No members of the public present.

PC Cowburn presented his report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

2) **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 28 September 2009 were agreed and signed by JW.

MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Notice board for Itton – An order will be placed with Greenbarnes by the Clerk. The total cost will be approximately £1340 as the council has decided to add 'Itton Ward' to the header which will slightly increase the cost. See end of minutes for analysis of other quotes. MP reminded that the old board is to be passed to NK.
- 3.2 BT offer to sell the red telephone boxes to the community council. Clerk contacted MCC to say that DCC would like to adopt the 3 kiosks in the community. A letter received from MCC outlining some of the costs associated with ownership.
- 3.3 An email received from PC Cowburn to confirm that he was aware of the break in at Country style hairdressers but that this is in the Llangwm & Llansoy area not DCC.
- 3.4 JW has spoken to Mr Richards regarding the height of the hedges around the allotments. Clerk to write to all allotments holders asking what height they would like the hedge to be. It currently provides protection against the wind and reducing the height will reduce protection. NK will speak to Dave Maddocks regarding the hedges adjacent to his field.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 15/10/09 Current; £ 618.90 Notice: £ 5377.41

- 4.1 No cheques signed.
- 4.2 Bill for hire of Itton Village Hall received. Pass to Clerk.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Cabinet agenda 7 October 2009. File 2 months.
- 5.2 SLCC – Letter promoting membership. - File
- 5.3 Wye Valley AONB additional calendar. - NK
- 5.4 MCC – older people's strategy - File
- 5.5 Monmouthshire local health board – annual report - File
- 5.6 GAVO – thank you for entering the best kept village competition. - File
- 5.7 Victim Support Cymru – request for support - File
- 5.8 MCC – countryside volunteer newsletter JW/AC/NK
- 5.9 Hood Memorial Hall, thank you for the Bonfire Night Donation (via email) – File
- 5.10 Hood Memorial Hall, acknowledgement of letter expressing our concerns and cancellation of Ferard Room - File

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 The following plans were refused by MCC-
- 6.1.1 DC/2009/00550 – Agricultural workers dwelling within curtilage of West Wyn, Duffryn Farm, Llansoy.
- 6.2 DC/2009//00959 Existing garage to be demolished and replaced by new build carport and storage shed. Recommend refusal. Like the house, the proposed car port and storage shed are out of keeping with the surrounding area.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County councillor not present

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Signed _____

Agenda for meeting 15 October at Usk. Minutes of meeting of 16 July. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

NK – Nothing new, but the green has been cut.

MP - Nothing

KR - Nothing

JW – At the next meeting review the evening that meetings are held when the Ferard Room has been refurbished.

Meeting closed: 8.15

Next Meeting: 30 November – Itton

Meeting dates 2009 21 Dec – Devauden (tbc)

Notice board quotes:

CPS (The Churches Purchasing Scheme Limited)

MmT 4A4 Double Notice Board Price £806 excl VAT

Post for double and Triple Bay Boards Price £164.50

Plus delivery

Drawbacks: No header board for council name

Posts reinforced plastic not man made timber

Mirage Display and Exhibitions Limited

Acorn Post Mounted Board – oak Price 1049 + vat

Engraved header Price 119 + VAT

Greenbarnes Ltd all exclusive of vat

PDN 1270 mm manmade timber board

Header

Posts

Additional keys

Standard delivery

Total Cost £1309.67 - this will be raised slightly as additional lettering for Itton Ward will cost £25.40 plus vat.

Decision made: to order the Greenbarnes board. It is made of manmade timber so requires no maintenance, unlike oak, and can supply the header board that we require.

Devauden & Itton Incidents 24th September to 26th October.

24/9 - Car rolled over between Devauden and St Arvans. No injury.

25/9 - Noisy party at Cobblers Plain.

2/10 - Neighbour dispute at Itton.

4/10 - Car in a ditch between St Arvans & Devauden.

9/10 - Male bitten by a dog near Devauden.

11/10 - Domestic assault at Devauden.

14/10 - Suspicious phone calls received in Devauden.

16/10 - Horse on the road B4293 near Devauden.

17/10 - 2 sheds entered at Devauden and items moved outside. Nothing actually stolen.

Offenders may have been disturbed.

17/10 - 2 vehicles were also entered overnight in Devauden and property stolen. One of the vehicles was unlocked.

20/10 - Several reports of suspicious vehicles in the Devauden area:

red Mazda CA08PV-

White Flatback SC54SN-

21/10 - Another report of a suspicious vehicle in Devauden - white Ford Van T396PV- 23/10

- Allegation of domestic assault at Devauden.

24/10 - Dogs on the road between Devauden and St Arvans

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