

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn presented the incident report for the last month; see report attached at the end of the minutes. PC Cowburn confirmed that he will be staying as the officer for the Devauden Community Area, but that he would be on a fixed rota, so would not be able to attend all the meetings. PC Cowburn said that he would email the report to CM at least one day before the DCC meeting and that the Community Council would be able to contact him on any issues.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 26 January 2009 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Clerk's contract - JW made final amendments and presented second draft. CM will review and confirm with JW that she is happy to sign the contract. Final version will be signed at the next meeting.
- 3.2 Highways form from 7 January – update on overgrown hedge (Itton Common to the Glyn). MCC requested the name of the owner, Councillors confirmed that it is Martin Shinton of Milestone Cottage, Devauden. CM will contact MCC highways. File.
- 3.3 Response to highways form of 27 January. File.
- 3.4 Copies of MCC road traffic incident forms issued to those present.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 22/2/09 Current; £ 1398.68 Notice: £3775.25

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £231.00 cheque no.101134

4.2 WAG – appropriate sum under section 137 (3), Local Government Act raised to £6.15 per elector. File in finance.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC cabinet agenda 4 and 18 February 2009. File 2 months.
- 5.2 MCC Mor Hafren Area Committee Meeting 11 February. File 2 months.
- 5.3 MCC – notification of temporary road closures on the B4293. Passed to JW.
- 5.4 WAG – borrowing by community and town councils in 2009/10, deadline for approval application forms to Local Government Finance Division, 13 March 2009. File.
- 5.5 MCC – section 106 consultation questionnaire. Completed. CM to return to MCC
- 5.6 MCC – Mayor's charity fashion show, 13 March 2009. No action.
- 5.7 MCC – Monmouthshire Schools music showcase, Wednesday 18 March. No action.
- 5.8 MCC – updates to electoral register for AD, JW, KR, MP. Distributed. Register for EH will be issued at next meeting.
- 5.9 WAG – The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2007-8. File.

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6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agendas 3 and 17 February. Passed to CK.
- 6.2 Planning lists for weeks 4 to 7 - Jan/Feb 2009. File 2 months.
- 6.3 Enforcement cases for January 2009. File.
- 6.4 MCC approved the following application: DC/2008/01399 – Provision of new entrance and hall to dwelling and office complex, internal alterations and provision of toilet facilities to offices. Upper Glyn Farm, Devauden.
- 6.5 DC/2009/00046 – Conversion of barn to residential use with associated works, Barn at Rock Road, Devauden. CM to advise planning department that this is in Trellech United not DCC area.
- 6.6 Dc/229/00076 – New house entrance to face road, replacement conservatory, double garage with upgraded/extended vehicle hard standing, The Old Farmhouse, Itton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.7 DC/2009/00125 – Detached office in garden, Cherry Tree cottage, Coal Road, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1 Buckingham Palace Garden Party July 14 2009. Passed to JW.
- 8.2 National Training Programme for Community and Town Council's in Wales – Councillor Training 2009 – 19/3 Brecon. File.
- 8.3 Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) Wales. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

CK – Route 43.9 – extensive pot holes.

KR – Request for White Lines on road between B4293 and Raglan in the areas where there is no middle white line.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Next Meeting 23 March 2009 at Devauden Village Hall.

Meeting dates 2009 - 27 Apr – all Devauden Village Hall; 18 May (AGM), 29 Jun, 27 Jul, 24 Aug – all at Itton; 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 30 Nov, 21 Dec – all at Devauden.

Devauden & Itton incidents 26/1/09 to 23/2/09

26/1/09 - Deer entrails found in Chepstow Park wood.
30/1/09 - Car fire at Devauden.
30/1/09 - Car in ditch near Itton.
2/2/09 - Sheet of ice on road between Devauden & St Arvans.
2/2/09 - Broken down vehicle at Itton.
3/2/09 - Abandoned vehicle at Devauden (snow)
7/2/09 - 2 sheep killed near Devauden by dogs.
8/2/09 - Vehicle in ditch near Devauden.
8/2/09 - Another vehicle in ditch, Devauden.
9/2/09 - Vehicle in a ditch at Itton.
10/2/09 - 2 vehicle accident at Itton.
14/2/09 - Minor accident at Devauden.
17/2/09 - £1500 internet fraud - victim from Devauden.

Most of the accidents were due to the ice and snow.

There were also a number of accidents on Star Hill, Llansoy and on the B4235 near Llangwm.

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