

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT J Williams (Chair), M Powell, C Knight, N Knowland, E Hall, CC Bob Greenland,

APOLOGIES; K Reece, A Duffield, A Cooke, PC Cowburn

IN ATTENDANCE; C Martin (clerk)

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn could not be present so Clerk presented the report he had forwarded. Report is attached, see below.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 26 February 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 confirmed that she is happy with the contract. Final version will be signed at the next meeting.
- 3.2** Highways form from February 23 no response received yet.
- 3.3** Copies of MCC road traffic incident forms issued to those present who were not at last meeting.
- 3.4** MP confirmed that he would book Itton Hall for the May/Jun/Jul/Aug meetings.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 23/3/09 Current; £ 1167.68 Notice: £3775.97

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and CK;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £229.41 cheque no.101135
One Voice Wales annual subscription £104, cheque no. 101136

4.2 Reconciliation at 25.12.09 presented and signed off by JW and CM.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agenda 4 March 2009. File 2 months.
- 5.2** MCC – Mor Hafren Area Committee – File 2 months.
- 5.3** Monmouthshire local service board – tackling climate change conference. No action.
- 5.4** Clerks and Council's Direct. No action.
- 5.5** ATKINS – The Severn Estuary Shoreline Management Plan Review (SMP2). File.
- 5.6** MCC – Satellite Navigation working group; request for observations. Councillors made some observations. Clerk to respond by email. File original letter.
- 5.7** MCC – Updates to electoral register – distributed to those present.
- 5.8** Gwent Community Health Council – consultation on proposals on the future of community health councils in Wales. Deadline 24 April 2009. File.
- 5.9** MCC – provision of public passenger transport services under section 89. Transport Act 1985 – Review of Services; questionnaire to be completed by 4 April. Completed at meeting. Clerk to return to MCC.
- 5.10** Local Government Boundary Commission – newsletter. Distributed.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agendas 3 and 17 March. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning lists – unable to access MCC website. Will include next month.
- 6.3** Enforcement cases for February 2009. File.
- 6.4** DC/2009/00207 – Retention of Development; retrospective application for erection of poly tunnels for produce of food and plants, The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg, Chepstow. All councillors present agreed to recommend refusal because of the visual intrusion of the poly tunnels and they are out of character with the surroundings.

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- 6.5 DC/2009/00248– Extension to house. Modifications to existing garage and outbuildings to create larger garage, utility and office space. Veddw Farm, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2009/00201 – Gravelled areas to provide parking for 5 cars, off B4293, south of Devauden, approx. 1500 metres along at gate access of left (south). OS ref; ST 465 995. Land at Cwm Fagor, Devauden. Strongly recommend refusal because of a lack of clarity of purpose for the car park. Also Well Lane is very narrow and only a single car width.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had no further comments.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1 Invitation to renew membership of OVW – see finance above.
- 8.2 eTrading for Community and Town Councils. No action.

9) WARD REPORTS

CK – At the top of Star Hill (38.2) by 2 derelict cottages, the owner has put curbs on the road which is preventing vehicles passing. Could MCC investigate?

The Hood Memorial Hall has for several meetings been cold, the Ferrard room is often damp and now with the new computers and tables there is insufficient room. Further, the time of the meeting clashes with an exercise class and so the car park is often full making it difficult for councillors and public to park. Councillors discussed and concluded that Clerk should write to the hall committee to express these concerns.

EH – Route 57.3 Ditch at the side of the road has been created by lorries as a result of the overhanging hedge. Could cause other motorists a problem and they may become stuck.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting 27 April 2009 at Devauden Village Hall.

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

Police Incidents Devauden & Itton 23/2/09 to 20/03/09

23/02/09 - Suspicious phone call received at Itton.
02/03/09 - Road accident at Devauden. 2 vehicles. No injuries.
02/03/09 - Neighbour dispute at Devauden.
06/03/09 - Report of careless driving at Itton.
07/03/09 - Female bitten by a dog at Chepstow Park wood.
09/03/09 - Tools stolen from an unlocked van at Devauden.
12/03/09 - Road accident Cobblers Plain. Car & School bus. Minor injuries to car driver.
18/03/09 - Possible prowler at Itton.
19/03/09 - Suspicious vehicle at Devauden.
19/03/09 - Manhole cover removed at Itton.
20/03/09 - Report of careless driving at Devauden.

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