

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Powell, K Reece, A Duffield, A Cooke, C Knight, N Knowland, E Hall (Chair of meeting), CC Bob Greenland,

APOLOGIES; J Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:, C Martin (clerk), PC Cowburn

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn presented the incident list attached at the bottom of the minutes. He also reported a recent theft of fishing tackle from a car in Devauden. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 23 March 2009 were agreed and signed by EH and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** Clerk's contract - Final version will be signed at the next meeting.
- 3.2** MP confirmed that he had booked Itton Hall for the May/Jun/Jul/Aug meetings and would collect the keys to open up the hall.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 26/4/09 Current; £938.27 Notice: £3775.97

4.1 Agreed for payment by EH and KR;

Clerk's salary and expenses, C Martin, £239.82 cheque no.101137
Itton Village Hall hire for January meeting, £16 cheque no.101138
Request for donation for grass cutting from Kilgwrrwg Church – agreed £50, cheque no.101139

4.2 Final salary award for 2008/9 received from One Voice Wales. EH and KR signed authorisation of increase to clerk's salary from £218.14 per month to £218.76.

4.3 Audit due in September 2009. CM will contact JW to see if Christine Allway is available to conduct the internal audit again this year.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1** MCC cabinet agenda 1 April. File 2 months.
- 5.2** MCC – Temporary road closures on B4293 - extension. File
- 5.3** MCC – updates to electoral register. Distributed
- 5.4** Information Commissioners office – fulfilling responsibilities of the Freedom of Information Act. EH to review.
- 5.5** Letter from Karen Massie relinquishing their allotment. File with allotment agreement.
- 5.6** Letter from Paul Nicholls to Fred Richards requesting an allotment (forwarded to clerk). Letter from Tim Smith requesting an allotment. Letter from Gordon Poole expressing an interest in an allotment. As there were several people interested in taking over the allotment, CK proposed that all three applications be put in a lottery to select the successful applicant. The remaining two would then be put on a waiting list in the order in which they were drawn. Seconded by KR. Vote – 6 in favour and one abstained, the proposal was carried. CC Greenland made the draw and the successful applicant was Mr Nicholls. The waiting list draw placed the other applicants in the following order 1. Mr Poole, 2. Mr Smith. Clerk will write to all applicants informing them of the decision. Councillors also instructed Clerk to contact Tim MacDermot or Alan Brown at the OSS, to ascertain the County Council 'going rate' for allotments. Clerk will bring this to the next meeting when the current fee of £5 per year will be discussed.
- 5.7** NAW – managing the safety of burial grounds – file.
- 5.8** MCC – Ryder cup 2010 newsletter - file.

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- 5.9** MCC – Gwanwyn Festival for Older People’s partnership – file.
- 5.10** MCC – countryside volunteer newsletter. Distributed.
- 5.11** Monmouthshire Health Alliance – well being activity grant scheme 2009-10. File.
- 5.12** GAVO – best kept village competition. KR and AD completed the application and CM will forward.
- 5.13** Monmouthshire Local Heath Board – Gwent NHS reform briefing number 1. EH to review.
- 5.14** Community Action for climate Change Network Events – Cardiff 20 May. No action
- 5.15** Wye Valley AONB – newsletters and picturesque. Distributed.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agendas 31 March and 21 April. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning lists – weeks 12-16.
- 6.3** MCC approved the following applications
 - 6.3.1** DC/2009/00076 New house entrance, conservatory and double garage – The Old Farmhouse, Itton.
 - 6.3.2** DC/2009/00167 – alterations and extensions – Penoyre, Cefn Bach, Llangwm.
 - 6.3.3** DC/2009/00125 - Detached office in garden – Cherry Tree cottage, Coal Road, Devauden.
 - 6.3.4** DC/2008/01027 – Change of Use of existing disused milking parlour and dairy to office, workshop and store, Ger Y Lan, Llangwm.
 - 6.3.5** DC/2009/00008 – Modification of condition 2 of application DC/2007/01560 – no more than 20 dogs shall be housed in the kennels at any one time.
 - 6.3.6** DC/2009/01399 – Provision of new entrance and hall to dwelling and office complex, internal alterations to dwelling and adjustments to fenestration. Provision of toilet facilities to offices. Upper Glyn Farm.
- 6.4** MCC refused the following:
 - 6.4.1** DC/2009/00949 - Replacement Dwelling, Highview, Llansoy.
 - 6.4.2** DC/2008/01046 – Log cabin for residency of agricultural worker and family, Ty Bach Farm, Llansoy.
- 6.5** DC/2009/00378– Retention of 5 bar wooden entrance gates and fence, New Inn Barn, Trellech Grange. No objections. Recommend approval subject to the gate being exactly as presented in the application.
- 6.6** DC/2009/00330 – Single storey timber shed for garden storage and playroom, The Oaks, Itton. No objections, Recommend approval.
- 6.7** E6840/A 08/2093113 – planning application DC/2007/01204 – appeal for replacement dwelling, Itton Common House, Itton.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had no further comments.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

- 8.1** Agenda for meeting in Usk on 16 April and minutes of meeting 15 January. File.
- 8.2** A shared Community Model charter – request for feedback and comments. Meeting on 11 June of Usk and Newport Area Committee to seek to agree a charter with Unitary Authority. Bring to next meeting for discussion.
- 8.3** National Final Salary award for local council clerks 2008/9. Winners of Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Village of the Year award. Guidance for registering on OVW website. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

AC – Kilgwrrwg Hill (58.2) has many potholes

Howells Green at Kilgwrrwg has not been cut – CM to contact MCC to request it is cut as per the agreement.

MP – Drain outside the woodlands (57.4) is blocked

Is a large hump in the road caused by a beech tree (57.2)

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting AGM - 18 May at Itton Village Hall

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

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Devauden & Itton Police incidents 21/3/09 to 26/4/09

21/3/09 - Suspicious vehicle at Howick.
23/3/09 - Neighbour dispute at Itton.
23/3/09 - Suspicious vehicle seen at Itton. White Ford Transit Van.
24/3/09 - Silent 999 call from Itton.
24/3/09 - Missing children located near Itton.
26/3/09 - Rubbish thrown onto private property near Devauden.
30/3/09 - Vehicle driven without permission in Chepstow Park wood.
2/4/09 - Person letting off fireworks late at night near Devauden.
3/4/09 - Rubbish dumped in a field near Devauden.
4/4/09 - Electric fence stolen near Devauden.
7/4/09 - Deer hit by a car near Itton.
7/4/09 - Vehicle turned over B4293 near Itton. 3 persons conveyed to Hospital.
7/4/09 - Abandoned 999 call from Devauden.
7/4/09 - Car broken down B4293 near Devauden.
10/4/09 - Vehicle turned over on B4293 Itton Road. Minimal injuries.
23/4/09 - Civil dispute over woodland near Devauden.
23/4/09 - Cash stolen from a house at Itton. No sign of any forced entry.

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