

MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL

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

1) OPEN SESSION

No members of the public present. PC Cowburn sent apologies but forwarded the incident report (see end of minutes below).

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 22 December 2009 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 MCC – adoption of BT phone kiosks. Confirmation that they have contacted BT.

3.2 MCC highways form reply to form sent 1/12/09. CM to reply regarding the response to the problems at Kilgwrrwg crossroads, requesting highways contact AC before 22/2 or after 22/3. File.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 25/01/10 Current; £ 861.61 Notice: £4378.08

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AC;

C.Martin, clerk's salary and expense, £241.84 cheque no. 101160

4.2 An invoice from MCC regarding grass cutting for 2009/2010 of £734.85 was queried as it appeared to include Hood Memorial Hall which DCC is not responsible for. CM to contact MCC.

4.3 Payments received; HSBC £0.87 interest on No Notice account.

4.4 Reconciliation at 31/12/09 – approved by JW.

4.5 Budget forecast at 31/12/09 – approved by JW.

4.6 Clerk presented letter confirming that she is responsible for her own tax and NI in 2009/10. File. A copy of the clerk's tax return for 2008/9 was presented to demonstrate she had declared the DCC earnings.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC – Mor Hafren Area committee agenda 20 January. File 2 months.

5.2 MCC – register of electors update. Distributed to those present.

5.3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Code of Conduct draft guidance. Responses to consultation by 12 February. Taken by JW.

5.4 MCC – Community and Economic development scheme 2010/11 – applications to county council by 26 February. Taken by JW to pass to village hall committee.

5.5 Local Clerks and councils direct. Distributed.

5.6 Gwent police crime poster. JW to put on notice board.

6) PLANNING

6.1 Planning committee agenda 15 and 19 January. File 2 months.

6.2 Planning lists for period 11/12/09 to 8/01/10.

6.3 Planning enforcement weekly list November. None for December. File.

6.4 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;

6.4.1 DC/2009/00626 –Retention of elevations of holiday lets units not in accordance with approved drawings; retention of pond.

6.4.2 DC/2009/00980 – Reserved matters for one detached dwelling; outline permission DC/2006/00854

6.5 DC/2009/01119 – Proposed sun lounge, utility, attic conversion with dormer windows veranda and 3 en suites. Windy Ridge, Cobblers Plain Devauden. Recommend approval subject to being within the size of extension guidelines.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No county councillor present.

Signed _____

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

The voice newsletter. Distributed.

Application for Buckingham Palace Garden Party 20 July 2010. Taken by JW to apply.

9) WARD REPORTS

AD - pavements in Wesley Way and Wesley Gardens need cleaning.

KR – R275 – this green lane required scalping because it is very muddy – where it joins with the 53.18 at the rear of Cherry Tree Cottage.

JW – John Rowlands sent the Hood Memorial Hall Committee's thanks for the donation to the OAP lunch.

Coal Lane (53.18) – needs a grit box at the bottom as there is a very vulnerable elderly resident who was unable to get out of the road and her family were unable to visit her in the recent bad weather.

Meeting dates 2009

Feb 23, Mar 30, April 27, (all Devauden) May 25, Jun 29, Jul 27, Aug 31, (all Itton) Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec tbc (all Devauden).

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next Meeting: 23 February at Devauden Village Hall

PC Cowburn's Police Report

Devauden & Itton incidents 21st December to 23rd January

23/12 Abandoned vehicle at Devauden in the snow.
23/12 Minor assault in Devauden Village.
24/12 Fail to stop accident Well Lane. Wing mirror struck.
24/12 Abandoned vehicle B4293 between Itton and Devauden. Vehicle towed away.
26/12 Hunt at Devauden Green.
28/12 Fly tipping at Fedw Wood.
29/12 Vehicle skidded off road B4293 near Devauden.
1/1 Theft of diesel from near Devauden.
4/1 Sudden death of an elderly female at Itton.
9/1 Ambulance required at Devauden following a domestic fall.
10/1 False alarm call at Devauden.
11/1 Car overturned between St Arvans and Devauden. Person trapped. Fire Service and Ambulance required.
14/1 Abandoned vehicle near Devauden.
20/1 Sudden death at Devauden. Male had heart attack.
23/1 Accidental 999 call from young child at Devauden.

Please feel free to read out or forward this E mail. I hope to attend your next Meeting.

Regards,

Mike Cowburn PC32

Signed _____