

## MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23 February 2010 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** E Hall, (chair), C Knight, N Knowland, M Powell, K Reece, CC Bob Greenland, A Cooke  
**APOLOGIES:** PC Cowburn, J Williams, A Duffield  
**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 26 January 2010 were agreed and signed by EH and CM.

### 3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 MCC – outstanding electoral roll updates given to EH.

### 4) FINANCE

*Balances at 23/02/10 Current; £ 1786.61 Notice: £3378.28*

4.1 Agreed for payment by EH and CK;

C.Martin, clerk's salary and expense, £246.17 cheque no. 101162.

4.2 An invoice from MCC regarding grass cutting for 2009/2010 of £734.85 was queried at the last meeting as it appeared to include Hood Memorial Hall which DCC is not responsible for. CM contacted MCC and it seems that the amount of the invoice is correct but the description including Hood Memorial Hall was wrong. The invoice was approved for payment by EH and CK, cheque no.101161.

### 5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC – Rural Development plan for Wales Axis 3 projects. File.

5.2 WAG – Review of councillors' allowances regulation. Responses by 11 June 2010. EH to review and report back to next meeting.

5.3 Wye Valley AONB – In Touch and Outstanding magazines. Distributed.

5.4 WAG – Local government quality improvement project funding 2010-2011. Applications by 5 March. File.

5.5 MCC – Grass cutting for 2010 – the cost will remain the same at £639 + VAT. Approved by the meeting and CM to contact MCC to confirm acceptance.

5.6 WAG – Borrowing by community and town councils in 2010-2011. Applications to be completed by 12 March. File.

5.7 WAG – Consultation on Accounts and Audit (Wales) amendment Regulations. File.

5.8 GAVO – Monmouthshire Volunteer Achievement awards – request for donation. File.

5.9 Nick Ramsey AM – offer to attend a DCC meeting with the public to address the referendum on moving from Part 3 to Part 4 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. The councillors would like Mr Ramsey to attend so CM will contact his office with possible dates.

5.10 MCC – Monmouthshire LDP preferred strategy opportunity for further comment. Comments by 19 March. File.

5.11 MCC – Effects of winter on the highways. File

5.12 WAG review of planning application system in Wales. Consultation report will be available from web from 8 March. CM to forward details of the web link to councillors.

### 6) PLANNING

6.1 Planning committee agenda 2 and 16 February. File 2 months.

6.2 Planning lists and decisions lists for period 23.1.10 to 19.2.10. Taken by CK.

6.3 Planning enforcement weekly list January. File.

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

6.4.1 DC/2009/01119 Proposed sun lounge utility attic conversion with dormer window veranda and 3 ensembles.

6.5 The following application was refused by MCC;

6.5.1 DC/2009/00313 –Erection of replacement dwelling, The Bungalow, Chepstow Rd, Llangwm.

6.6 DC/2010 Erection of timber stable and tack room. Change of use of field to accommodate same. Old Shop Farm, Kilgwrrwg. No objections. Recommend approval.

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- 6.7** DC/2010/00078 Listed building consent. Repair renovate and restore Ty Mawr farm to include roof, installation of wiring, under floor heating, power points, doors, floors and windows and to remove partition wall to create open plan kitchen dining area, Ty Mawr Farm, Llanvihangel tor y Myndd. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.8** DC/2010/00075 Retrospective change of curtilage of garden boundary and change of use of grazing land to allow the grazing of horses and to ride horses on the land, Cwm Fagor, Wolvesnewton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.9** DC/2010/00025 Agricultural notification steel clad office container, Forestry commission offices, Itton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.10** MCC – notification of change of publicity for planning applications from South Wales Argus to the Free Press. File.
- 6.11** CK announced that he now has a business that supplies oak framed buildings (Oak Build) and that plans involving this company would be submitted periodically. It was agreed by the meeting that if any came in for CK's ward they would be forwarded to the chair. The usual declarations of member's interests would then be made.

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Greenland informed the meeting that the cabinet has been setting the budget and there will be some challenges over the coming year to keep a cap on the council tax while maintaining essential services. The public finances are under strain and it is expected that capital budgets will be slashed. There has been a review of the senior management structure by the new Chief Executive. There will be subsequent changes which should save between £600,000 and £900,000.

The Stud farm planning application will be going to the planning committee next week. There will be a site visit later this week. The officers' report should be out tomorrow and DCC can expect a copy. DCC can send a representative to the planning committee if available.

## **8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)**

Agenda for meeting 25 February. File.

Email from Jim Griffiths with questionnaire for WAG about IT requirements for the sector. CM to reply.

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

**CK-** MCC has scheduled resurfacing at Church Lane off Star Hill in the next 4 weeks. However the drains should also be cleared out to stop the water damage. Suggest Highways contact Chris Knight directly.

EH – Ty ddu Road – very pot holed and falling away at the edge.

Presented a letter from Mr Hawes regarding the state of cat's eyes between Devauden and St Arvans. CM to write to acknowledge receipt and confirm that it is now in MCC's hands.

AC – B4293 top of Cefn Wood – the road is falling away at the edge and is unmarked. On the northbound side of the carriageway.

### **Meeting dates 2010**

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:* 30 March at Devauden Village Hall

## **PC Cowburn's Police Report**

Devauden and Itton incidents 24th January to 21st February

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24/1 Road accident on the B4293 near Devauden. Single vehicle in hedge.

26/1 3 missing boys located walking near Devauden.

4/2 Suspicious phone call asking about debt - received at Itton.

12/2 Theft of red diesel from a farm near Llansoy.

18/2 Accident on the hill up towards the Masons Arms. Three vehicles involved - one rolled over. Caused by ice on the road. No injuries.

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