

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 25 MAY 2010 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** J Williams (chair), C Knight, N Knowland, M Powell, K Reece, A Cooke, A Duffield, E Hall, CC Bob Greenland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk). PC Cowburn. Member of the public; Alan Cox

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Cllr Williams invited Mr Cox to explain what he was here to discuss. He said he wanted to talk to the community council about planning application DC/2010/00393 Alterations and extension to provide upgraded refurbished house with additional bedroom and replacement conservatory, Rockfast, Devauden, which is the property next to his own, Rockshiel. The councillors agreed to take this item out of order. Mr Cox explained that he had several concerns; 1) The present sewerage arrangements are inadequate and there is overflow into the ground at Rockshiel, so there are concerns that this will worsen with further development, 2) The extension appears to be large and will significantly increase the original footprint which in 1985 was 400 sqm, 3) The extension to the side from a single storey to two storey will be significantly higher than Rockshiel and is close to the boundary impacting on light. Cllr Knight said he knew the property well and knows that the sewerage is problematic as Rockfast's septic tank is within the boundary of Rockshiel and confirmed that it overflows. Cllr Knight proposed that DCC recommends that the planning application is refused on the grounds that 1) The height of the extension on the SE elevation is too high and should be no higher than Rockshiel, the adjacent property. 2) The volumetric increase in size compared to the existing property, 3) The sewerage is currently inadequate and will be exacerbated by developing the property further. Seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously agreed by all community councillors present. Mr Cox left the meeting.

PC Cowburn reported on the incidents for the last month. The list is attached at the end of the minutes. PC Cowburn left the meeting.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 27 April 2010 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1** Replacement for CK when he leaves. CM forwarded MCC notice to CK who put it on the relevant notice boards. The deadline for submission of 10 signatures is 27 May. MCC will notify us if they receive the required signatures for an election, otherwise they will instruct us to carry out the co option process.
- 3.2** Bus Shelter repairs- NK informed the meeting that he has almost completed the repairs and presented the expenses for materials (see finance below). The chair and others present thanked Cllr Knowland for repairing the bus shelters and giving his time freely.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 25/05/10 Current; £993.77 Notice: £3878.83*

**4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and NK;

C.Martin, clerk's salary and expenses, £245.76 cheque no. 101169

AON Insurance for 2010-2011 £496.54, cheque no 101170

Request for donation for Grass cutting at Wolvesnewton Church. On checking the records it was ascertained that this church had not received a donation since 2007 so £150 was agreed to cover the financial years 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11. Cheque no 101171

Presentation of expenses by Cllr Knowland for the materials to fix the bus shelters at Devauden, £208.31, cheque no. 101172

**4.2** Notification from MCC that precept request has been approved. File

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1** MCC – Mor Hafren Area Committee. File 2 months

**5.2** WAG – Shared Community – guidance on relationship building measures and charters for unitary authorities and community/town councils. File.

**5.3** Clerks and councils direct. Taken by AD.

**5.4** MCC – Emergency contacts directory – Contacts remain the same. CM to update MCC accordingly.

**5.5** WAG – changes to accounts and audit regulations and capital finance and accounting regulations in Wales. File.

**5.6** MCC road traffic regulation act temporary closure – R84 at Itton. Taken by MP.

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- 5.7 MCC – council diary 2010/2011. File
- 5.8 SLCC – regional conference, 14 July, Cwmbran. File
- 5.9 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – complaints Wales Consultation Proposal for a common complaints system for public service providers in Wales. Taken by JW.
- 5.10 Wye Valley AONB – outstanding magazine. Distributed.

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda 18 May. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists and decisions lists for period 24.4.10 to 22.5.10. File 2 months.
- 6.3 New Enforcement cases and completed enforcement cases for March 2010. File.
- 6.4 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;
- 6.4.1 DC/2009/Holmleigh Kilgwrrwg – modification of condition 3 to DC/2008/01134
- 6.4.2 DC/2010/00170 – Nightingale Cottage, Devauden – Retain conservatory and erect a double garage and tractor shed in adjacent field.
- 6.4.3 DC/2006/00299 – Llanvihangel Court, Devauden – Retention of residential caravan for staff accommodation in connection with equestrian use.
- 6.4.4 DC/2006/0576- Llanvihangel Court Devauden – Retention of ménage.
- 6.4.5 DC/2009/00805 – Corn Farm Devauden – extraction of 400cu m red sandstone flag rock.
- 6.5 The following plan was refused by MCC
- 6.5.1 DC/2006/01437 – Llanvihangel Court – Erection of stable buildings and associated works to form a new stud farm.
- 6.6 DC/2010/00393 Alterations and extension to provide upgraded refurbished house with additional bedroom and replacement conservatory, Rockfast, Devauden. See open session. Recommend refusal.
- 6.7 DC/2010/00432 Retention of garage/store for domestic use; retention of extended residential curtilage and change of use of land for equestrian purposes, Cwm Fagor, Wolvesnewton. No objections. Recommend approve.
- 6.8 DC/2010/00399 – Oak Framed garden room, Glyn House, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approve.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Greenland reported that there were structural changes at senior management level at MCC. He said the Area Managers jobs would now be going and that Tim McDermott would become the Customer Access Manager and Jenny Lewis the Citizen Engagement Manager.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Request for attendees at area committee – JW and AD completed. CM to forward.  
 Conference and AGM – 9 October Ceredigion. File  
 The Voice newsletter. Distributed, file 1 copy.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

MP – Ty ddu Hill – has had a meeting with MCC and are looking at drainage solutions.  
 CK – Rocky Road, Llanvihangel Tor y Myndd (43.9) is generally in poor condition with ruts in the road.  
 NK – Howells Green has not been cut. CM to make enquiries and rectify as the best kept village competition judging is next week. Green Lane in Kilgwrrwg that backs onto Corner Cottage boundary; the occupants have removed the hedgerow and the main concern is that the land will be incorporated into the property. CM to write to Mathew Lewis Head of Countryside to seek clarification of what next steps can be taken. Mandy Mussel has been involved to date and is aware of the case. Any contact to discuss should be with Cllr A Cooke.  
 KR – Requested that MCC be thanked for removing the obstructing stones reported on last highways form. The electric slow sign in Devauden is faulty as it sometimes stays on permanently – by the bus shelters on B4293.  
 Water and debris is still coming down into Devauden by the Hall so CM was instructed to write to Forestry Commission again to find out what is happening.

JW – Attended the recent music festival in Devauden and reported that it was a great success and very well organised. CM to write a letter of thanks to John Rowlands on the Hall Committee.

**Meeting closed 9.25pm**

*Next Meeting:* 29 June Itton village Hall

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## Meeting dates 2010

Jul 27, Aug 31, (all Itton) Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec tbc (all Devauden).

## PC Cowburn's Police Report

Devauden & Itton incidents 27th April to 25th May

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27/4 Minor hit and run accident near the Star Inn.  
29/4 Report of a suspicious vehicle at the Wern y Cwm picnoc site.  
5/5 Report of dogs straying onto the B4293 near Devauden.  
7/5 Report of a suspicious vehicle at Itton. Vehicle not located.  
11/5 Attempt theft of a caravan from Devauden. Foiled by security devices.  
14/5 Report of a vehicle with no tax at Devauden.  
19/5 Further report of dogs running on the road near Devauden.  
23/5 Burglary at Devauden. Laptop computer stolen. Entry via a  
insecure window or door.

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