

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 27 July 2010 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting clerk JW, Andy Williams (Co-opted member)

APOLOGIES: CC Bob Greenland

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn – report at the end of the minutes

Nick Ramsey AM gave a presentation on what further powers for the National Assembly of Wales would mean. Handout supplied by Mr Ramsey. He also responded to questions set.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 28 June 2010 were agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Andrew Williams of Wolvesnewton attended the meeting. Signature of acceptance of office will be made at the August meeting in the presence of the clerk.

3.2 Footpath at the Creigau, KR met with an officer who is dealing with the issue. He will contact KR direct.

4) FINANCE

No balances available

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and MP

One voice Wales ; 1 x standing orders £25.00 Cheque number 101175

Invoice for Itton Hall hire for 4 months 25.5.10 – 24.08.10 will be presented at the next meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC – Local Development plan Representor Number 329 – File.

5.2 *MCC – LDP – Consultation on Rural Housing Allocations. KR declared an interest as he owns one of the proposed sites. He left the room and will complete a declaration of interest form at the next meeting when the clerk is present. DCC Comments at the end of the minutes

5.3 Press release – MMC invites residents to learn more about the forthcoming Ryder Cup - File

5.4 MCC –Tree preservation order – Beaufort Cottage, Devauden - File

5.5 Ombudsman Annual report. - File

5.6 Local government boundary commission for Wales review document - File

5.7 Community Spirit magazine. No action

5.8 MCC- Mor Hafren Area Committee meeting 14 July 2010 - File

5.9 MCC – Monthly updates to the Register of Electors - distributed

6) PLANNING

6.1 Planning committee agenda for 13 July 2010. File 2 months.

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

6.2.1 DC/2010/00399 Oak framed garden room, Glyn House – Approve/delegated

6.2.2 DC/2010/00432 Retention of garage/store for domestic use, retention of extended residential cartilage and change of use of land for equestrian purposes, Cwm Fagor – Approve/delegated

6.2.3 DC/2010/00393 Alterations and extension to provide an upgraded refurbished house with additional accommodation and replacement conservatory – Approve/delegated.

6.3 DC/2010/00485: Certificate of Existing Lawful Use or Development. Occupation of agricultural worker's dwelling by persons not engaged in agriculture, Cledd y Tan Farm, Kilgwrrwg . No objection to removal of agricultural tie. Recommend approval.

6.4 DC/201/00554: Demolish existing temporary structure to build garage block and stable block – Recommend approval.

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7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies given – County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence

9) WARD REPORTS

MP – The Forestry Commission will contact him directly on any relevant matters.

AD – Nothing

KR – Asked that a letter be written to Mr Johnsey asking him to cut the hedge back to the fence from the bus shelter to Tredean Lodge.

AC – Nothing

EH – Chepstow Park Wood – The Forestry Commission are changing their management plan and will be planting broad leaf trees.

NK – Howells Green – grass cutting is inadequate. MCC had to be reminded earlier in the year for the 1st cutting and haven't come back for the second cut. We are not getting the service we are paying for. To be followed up by clerk.

Corner Cottage – Shrubs are being replanted and a post and wire fence are being replaced. JW to acknowledge letter from Christine Holme.

JW – thanked Chris Knight for the excellent work he had carried out representing his ward on the council.

CK – thanked Andy Williams for taking over as Community Councillor for his area.

Meeting closed: 10.15 pm

Next Meeting: 31 August 2010 Itton village Hall

Meeting dates 2010

Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec tbc (all Devauden).

5.2* Response to the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan – Proposed Rural Housing Allocations

Reference: Representor Number 329

Dear Sir

Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) Preferred Strategy Consultation on Proposed Rural Housing Allocations

Please note our comments on the above report:

We query the allocation of 15 houses to Devauden village. How can this figure be justified as no specific housing needs has been carried out in the Devauden Community Council area.

All of the plots identified seem very large for the proposed allocation.

We are concerned that the size of PV04 seems excessive for the 15 houses indicated as required for the area, especially in view of the housing density in other areas of the village.

What restrictions would there be on any future development on any part of a preferred site that was not used for affordable housing?

Site PV04 is less intrusive than CS/0024, CS/0064 and CS/0032 but it is highly visible from Churchfields, Wesley Way, Wesley Gardens.

Site PV04 is clearly visible from Wolvesnewton, Newchurch and Kilgwrrwg.

PC Cowburn's report:

Devauden and Itton incidents 29th June to 27th July.

29/6 Sheep on the road near Itton.

29/6 Vehicle entered overnight at Devauden. Purse stolen.

2/7 A gate was struck by a vehicle near Devauden.

5/7 Sheep on the road near the Star Inn.

6/7 Car crashed into hedge near Llansoy.

10/7 Noisy party near Itton.

16/7 Scam letter regarding a Will in China received at Itton.

19/7 Damage overnight at a building site at Devauden.

26/7 Chain and fence to a field damaged near Devauden.

Signed _____