

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 31 august 2010 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** J Williams (chair), M Powell, K Reece, E Hall, N Knowland  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** CC Bob Greenland, C Martin clerk

**APOLOGIES:** A Williams, A Cooke, A Duffield

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Cowburn gave the incident report which is at the end of the minutes

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 27 July 2010 were agreed.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1** Andrew Williams of Wolvesnewton was unable to attend the meeting. Signature of acceptance of office will be made at the September meeting in the presence of the clerk.  
**3.2** Howells Green has still not been mowed by MCC. CM to contact MCC again and ask them to speak to Nigel Knowland.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 30/08/10 Current; £686.07 Notice: £2772.38*

**4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and EH

Invoice for Itton Hall hire for 4 months 25.5.10 – 24.08.10, £64, Cheque no.101176

Invoice for C. Alway 2009/10 internal audit £78.74 Cheque no.101177

Invoice C. Martin, clerks salary and expenses for July and August (incl. 2 weeks holiday pay) £502.11, Cheque no.101178

Donation for fireworks display insurance – Hood Memorial Hall, £150, cheque no. 101179

**4.2** Risk assessment was reviewed for 2010/11 and approved by JW and MP.

**4.2** Asset register was reviewed and approved by JW.

**4.3** The bank reconciliation at 25 June was approved by JW and CM.

**4.4** The updated budget projection and financial report was approved by JW and CM.

**4.5** Annual return for 2009/10 – the arrangements for sign off have changed so the meeting has to approve the accounts for year ending 31 March 2010 but not sign off the annual return section 1 which will be done following the audit by Mazars LLP. The meeting approved section 2 of the annual return – annual governance statement which was signed by JW (chair) and CM (clerk). The letter advising the auditors that DCC has considered the annual return at this meeting, that section 1 has been certified by the RFO (clerk) and that the annual governance statement has been completed and approved (as stated above), was signed by the chair JW. CM will send the completed documentation to the auditors.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1** Monmouthshire Health alliance – Year 2 report card. File.  
**5.2** NAW – Consultation on proposed local government Measure. File.  
**5.3** WAG – Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure 2010. File. Meeting agreed that DCC is happy for OVW to respond on its behalf.  
**5.4** MCC – Mor Hafren area committee 3 August. File 2 months  
**5.5** Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council – agenda 10 August. File.  
**5.6** WAG – Local government partnership scheme annual report 2009/10. File.  
**5.7** MCC – Rural development plan for Wales, Monmouthshire business plan 2008-2010 Axis 3 projects – Boost newsletter. Taken by JW and EH.  
**5.8** MCC Mayor's office – charity fashion show 22 September. JW took poster to put in shop.  
**5.9** MCC – Countryside newsletter. Distributed.  
**5.10** GAVO – database update – no action required as do not want to register as members.  
**5.11** Gwent police authority – police reform proposal. MP to read and respond to the questionnaire.  
**5.12** Care and Repair in Monmouthshire – Consultation on proposed handyperson service, deadline 15 September. Questionnaire completed at the meeting. CM to return.  
**5.13** MCC – C59.2 Itton – temporary road closure. MP to put on Itton notice board.

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## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 27 July, 10 Aug, and 24 Aug 2010. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists for July and August. Taken by KR.
- 6.3 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;
  - 6.3.1 DC/2010/000352 – Internal alterations, great hall Itton Court Itton.
  - 6.3.2 DC/2010/00580 – Retention of first floor extension, The Carna, Llangwm, Usk
  - 6.3.3 Dc/2010/00498 – Proposed new double garage and workshop, Yew Tree Cottage, Cobblers Plain Devauden
  - 6.3.4 DC/2007/01013 and 4 – Conversion of barns and small link extension to provide one dwelling – Llangwm Isaf Farm, Usk.
- 6.4 The following plans were refused by MCC;
  - 6.4.1 DC/2010/00485 – Occupation of agricultural worker's dwelling by persons not engaged in agriculture. Cledd y tan Farm.
  - 6.4.2 DC/2010/00486 – Garage and store, Wenallt, Tredean Cottages Devauden.
- 6.5 DC/2010/00615 – Timber hayloft addition to current stable yard to match current stable construction, Foxes Barn, Itton. MP proposed recommend refusal as no evidence of requirement for a hay barn as no livestock on the property. Seconded by EH. 4 in favour 1 against. Recommend plan is refused.
- 6.6 DC/2010/00770 – Provision of temporary staff accommodation above existing dog training area, Bluebell Barn, Bullyhole Bottom. Agreed to recommend approval on the grounds that is only temporary accommodation for use with the existing business.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The current review of electoral arrangements will mean this ward increases by 50% to include Llangwm, Earlswood, Gwernesney, Llantrisant Fawr and Newchurch West. Within the ward the community council boundaries will have to align with the ward boundaries, so there will be some changes to the community council's structures. JW said she responded to the boundary commission's consultation and the response is at the end of the minutes. She also confirmed that she would send a further response regarding the changes to community councils. CC Greenland said that MCC and each political group and himself as an individual had responded to the consultation.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

New CEO for OVW and newsletter. Distributed and file.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

JW – Reported that has had a request for a donation towards the fireworks display at Devauden. Meeting agreed to donate £150 towards the cost of insurance – see finance above.  
EH – Road 57.3 Packers Hill – massive pot holes between Itton Common and Glyn crossroads. Would it be possible to attend to this while resurfacing takes place on the 59.2.  
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 – carried forward from last month.  
NK – Off R82 road to Kilgwrrwg Church severe potholes  
R82 outside Devauden Court – potholes  
B4293 Outside Howick Farm – 3 potholes on the bend.  
Requested Clerk contact Countryside service to attend a meeting to discuss issues with footpaths (following on from issues at Corner Cottage Kilgwrrwg).

**Meeting closed: 10.00 pm**

**Next Meeting:** 28 September 2010 Devauden Village Hall

### Meeting dates 2010

Nov 2, Nov 23 Nov 14 Dec (all Devauden). Please note these have all changed from previous minutes.

### PC Cowburn's report:

Devauden & Itton incidents 28th July to 31st August

29/7 Tree down across the road near Devauden.  
31/7 Male arrested at a private party near Devauden.

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1/8 Loud music in the early hours near Devauden.  
3/8 Concern for an elderly resident near Devauden.  
17/8 Handbag stolen at a business premises at Davauden.  
27/8 Suspicious male seen at Kilgwrrwg.

Devauden Community Council response to the boundary commission

Dear Ms Jones

Following our Community Council meeting on 31 August 2010, Devauden Community Council council would like submit further comments.

Boundary changes will necessitate the redrawing of community council ward boundaries. This will split well established, workable rural communities disenfranchising the current electorate. Little attention appears to have been paid to the rural nature of some communities in the Monmouthshire area. The emphasis appears to be ensuring that there is an equal number of electors to each county councillor irrespective of the differences in the role of a county councillor in a rural area compared with those representing more urban areas.

I would be grateful if our further comments could be passed to the relevant department.

Many thanks

Devauden Community Council.

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