

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: CC Bob Greenland, C Martin (clerk), Brian Jones, Glyn Edmunds and colleague – MCC waste/refuse management section

APOLOGIES: J Williams, PC Cowburn

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr Jones introduced Mr Edmunds who gave a short presentation on the successes of recycling to date and proposals to increase the amount of recycling in Monmouthshire. He explained the likely timescales for the community which will mean fortnightly collections of refuse and weekly collections of recycled material and 'green' waste. It is likely to start in this area in spring 2011 and MCC will happily site advisors in the village to answer residents' queries nearer the time. AW asked when MCC would be able to recycle tetra packs. Mr Edmunds said the council was always trying to improve its recycling and was looking into this. KR stated his concern about the risks of fortnightly collections as animals get into the bags. Cllr Greenland said that the fortnightly collections had increased recycling in the pilot areas where it had been undertaken. Mr Edmunds stated that there had been no complaints about the fortnightly collections in the pilot area. Cllr Hall thanked Mr Edmunds, Jones and colleague. They left the meeting.

PC Cowburn gave his apologies to the meeting via the clerk and sent the incident report which is at the end of the minutes.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 31 August 2010 were agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Andrew Williams of Wolvesnewton completed the acceptance of office documents which were then signed by the clerk.
- 3.2 Howells Green has still not been mowed by MCC. CM contacted Tim O'Donovan at MCC via email asking him to speak to Nigel Knowland. NK has not been contacted so next year when we agree the contract we will be more specific with MCC.
- 3.3 At the last meeting it was requested that the Clerk contact Countryside service to attend a meeting to discuss issues with footpaths (following on from issues at Corner Cottage Kilgwrrwg). The section wants to know what specifically DCC councillors want to discuss. It was agreed that CM should request the most up to date map showing footpaths, bridleways, green lanes and rights of ways.
- 3.4 Letter from Mr Kevin Johnsey who has requested that hedges in the Llanvihangel/Star Hill area be cut back CM to reply to Mr Johnsey to say that have made requests to MCC. CM to contact MCC.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 27/09/10 Current; £ 1010.33 Notice: £ 3972.84

4.1 Agreed for payment by EH and AD.

Invoice C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for September £238.97, Cheque no.101180

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – notification of road closure at Gaer Fawr. Taken by NK.
- 5.2 MCC Annual standards conference 14 October at Cardiff City Hall. File.
- 5.3 MCC – standards committee – vacancies, complaint against a Caldicot Town Councillor and reminder about indemnities for councillors. File.
- 5.4 Wye Valley AONB – picturesque. Distributed.
- 5.5 No need for nuclear campaign – House of Commons ED Motion 557. No action.
- 5.6 Clerks and councils direct – no action.
- 5.7 MCC – road closure at Itton. Taken by EH to put on notice board.
- 5.8 Health alliance – Year 2 report card. File.
- 5.9 MCC – requests for nominations to governing body of Shirenewton School. CM to contact JW to discuss.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 7 September 2010. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists for September. File 2 months.

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- 6.3** Enforcement list for August. File.
- 6.4** The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;
- 6.4.1** DC/2010/00554 – Demolish existing temporary structure to build garage and stable block, Glendale, Kilgwrrwg.
- 6.4.2** DC/2010/00078 – Repair, renovate and restore Ty Mawr Farm, Llanvihngel tor y Myndd, Devauden.
- 6.4.3** DC/2010/00615 – Timber hayloft to current stable yard, Foxes Barn Itton.
- 6.5** DC/2010/00774 – Change of use of land and the erection of a block of timber stables for livery use. Pwll y cath Barn Newchurch, Chepstow NP16 6DJ. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.6** DC/2010/00857 – Construction of porch, The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg. No objections. Recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing specific to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Letter from new CEO and motions for debate at the AGM. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

AD – Expressed her concern about the St Pierre ward closing at Chepstow hospital. Requested that CM write to NHS trust and Local Health Board as will be a terrible loss to the community.

AC – There are operations at Wen-y-Cwm woodlands at Kilgwrrwg but we have not been informed of the plans and timescales. CM to write to Forestry Commission.

NK – Kilgwrrwg came second in the Best Kept Village – losing out by only 1 point. NK will put the commentary remarks on the notice-board.

MP – Mrs E Pearson rang to ask about a stream from Ryd-y-bedw Farm at the Glyn Itton. It appears that the stream bed has been removed and trees taken down. CM to contact Colette Bosley at MCC as there have been reports of English crayfish at the site. Request she contacts MP.

Meeting closed: 10.00 pm

Next Meeting: 2 November 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 September 1 to 25

1/9 Prowler at Itton in the early hours of the morning. Chickens let out – but recovered.

9/9 Shed entered overnight at a farm near Devauden.

13/9 Alarm activated at Itton – Set off by a dog inside the property.

15/9 Sudden death of an elderly gentleman found in a field near Devauden.

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