

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Powell, K Reece, N Knowland, A Cooke, A Duffield, A Williams, J Williams (chair),
IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), CC Bob Greenland, PC Cowburn, Mr J Rowlands
APOLOGIES: E Hall

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Cowburn presented his report which is detailed below.

Mr Rowlands was in attendance to discuss the re-siting of the meeting point in the hall grounds. It was agreed with Mr Rowlands representing the Hood Memorial Hall committee, that the meeting point would be moved to the back of the hall building.

Mr Rowlands then asked the CC if they could organise for a direction sign to the village hall in Devauden as a disabled access audit recommended this. Meeting agreed that clerk would contact MCC and MCC should contact Mr Rowlands directly. Mr Rowlands then asked if DCC will be making a submission relating to the MCC LDP preferred development site at Well Lane. Cllr J Williams confirmed that DCC have requested a meeting with MCC planning and is waiting to hear back from them. Mr Rowlands then wanted to know what was happening with the old school bell. JW confirmed that DCC is in the process of getting quotes to have it housed on a wooden frame to be sited in the church. JW and AW to obtain quotes for the next meeting.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 14 December 2011 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Highways form reply from December form. File.
- 3.2 Fortnightly refuse collection will start in Devauden at the end of the month. MCC want to know if DCC would like a mobile information unit in the village in the week before to explain to interested residents. CM to request the information unit.
- 3.3 MCC – mobile one stop shop – can Devauden be included in the route. Meeting agreed was a good idea to be included in the route and CM to contact Alan Brown at MCC to suggest they contact Hood Memorial Hall to discuss use of hall toilets and parking.
- 3.4 The 22 February meeting has been changed to 1st March and the March meeting will now be 29 March. CM to book hall.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 24/1/11 Current; £ 1279 Notice: £2773.37

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and NK;

Invoice C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for January £ 242.94 Cheque no.101187

MCC – Chepstow play scheme donation, £200 Cheque no. 101188

Hood Memorial Hall, hall hire for Apr/May/Sep/Nov and Dec 2008, Feb/Mar/Apr/Dec 2009 and Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr/Sep/Nov (2) and Dec 2010 £195, cheque no 101189

Martin Chainey – reimbursement for purchase of bulbs using Kilgwrrwg best kept village prize funds, £35.93, cheque no 101190

St James' church Devauden – donation for grass cutting, £50 agreed, cheque no. 101191

- 4.2 MCC – Council tax precept, acknowledgement of request.
- 4.3 WAG – advice of 137 payments at £6.44 per elector for 2011-12
- 4.4 CM to organise the bank mandate to include Andy Williams.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 WAG – community and town council survey – notification of availability of results. File
- 5.2 WAG – Borrowing by community and town councils in 2011-2012. File.
- 5.3 MCC – Electoral roll, distributed.
- 5.4 Electoral Commission – referendum on law making powers of NAW. File.
- 5.5 Wye Valley AONB – conference 24 February, and questionnaire. Taken by AC to complete.
- 5.6 MCC – review of Monmouthshire's TICs – questionnaire. CM to email to councillors on email.
- 5.7 MCC – LDP, newsletter and advisory note. JW declared an interest and left the room as she lives opposite the new preferred site at Well Lane. NK took the chair. Following a discussion the meeting agreed to reply requesting that the community wants a public meeting (see open session) and will respond after this meeting and after the next DCC meeting on 1st March. CC Greenland assured the meeting that although the deadline is 4 February if the meeting has not taken place by then, MCC would not consider a decision without the consultation from the meetings.

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- 5.8 GAVO – newsletter. Taken by AD.
- 5.9 Clerks and councils direct. Taken by AD.
- 5.10 MCC – community spirit magazine. Taken by AD.
- 5.11 Lower Wye Valley area committee agenda 12 January. File.
- 5.12 Homemakers community recycling. File.
- 5.13 MCC – countryside newsletter issue 12. Taken by members.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 4 and 18 January. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Enforcement lists for December 2010 File.
- 6.3 Planning lists for registered applications. File
- 6.4 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions;
- 6.4.1 DC/2010/00989 – Internal modifications to 2 bedrooms on the first floor and replacement of existing windows, Ty Feline, Wolvesnewton.
- 6.5 DC/2010/01048 – Proposed new access road to Llanvihangel Court Barn and associated fencing, Llanvihangel Court Devauden. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2010/01156 – Demolish existing temporary structures to build garage and stable block, Glendale, Kilgwrrwg. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.7 DC/2010/00987 – Vary condition 2 of permission M5068(condition limits accommodation to be only occupied for purpose ancillary to the farmhouse), to enable separate residential use of the dwelling, Ty Ddu Farm, Itton. As no member of the Itton ward was present have asked for an extension on this plan.
- 6.8 MCC – planning training for community and town councils. CM to reply to say that AC, AW and NK would like to attend.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland contributed to discussions regarding the LDP so had nothing further to report.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Buckingham Palace Garden Party- taken by JW

Agenda of area meeting 13 January. File.

The voice newsletter. Distributed.

Training sessions in Usk about understanding local government operations. File.

9) WARD REPORTS

NK – Suggested that DCC congratulates MCC via the highways form on the way it handled the extreme weather in December.

JW – the lane at the side of the hall is still covered in debris from the forestry commission land. CM to contact Richard Gable and ask him to meet KR to discuss.

AW – Had reports from residents that the hedge is overgrown on the road from the B4293 to the Glyn (58.7). It is difficult to get larger vehicles along the road.

AC – Bridge on the footpath between Kilgwrrwg House and Kilgwrrwg church is in poor repair and in need of essential maintenance. Asked that details of footpath officers be emailed to her and NK.

Meeting closed: 10.15pm

Next Meeting: March 1st, Devauden Village Hall

Meeting dates 2011 March 29, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20

Devauden & Itton incidents December 14 to January 24

- 14/12 Damage to a gate, wall and fence behind the village hall at Devauden.
- 15/12 2 parcels went missing at Kilgwrrwg.
- 17/12 Horse box caught fire near Itton.
- 19/12 Domestic incident at Devauden. Damage caused.
- 20/12 Broken down vehicle near Itton.
- 29/12 Vehicle overturned near Itton.

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29/12 Suspicious vehicle looking for scrap at Devauden.
30/12 A house window was smashed by a stone at Devauden.
4/1 Damage to a garden fence at Devauden.
8/1 Vehicle stuck in the snow at Fedw Wood.
9/1 Overturned vehicle between Devauden and Trellech.
10/1 Vehicle crashed off road between Howick and Itton.
13/1 Lorry in a ditch near Itton.
13/1 A van crashed off road near Itton.
14/1 Suspicious vehicle looking for scrap at Devauden.
14/1 Flock of sheep on the road near Devauden.
20/1 Car parked on the pavement at Devauden.

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