

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 24 MAY 2011 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

1) OPEN SESSION

The chair asked Mr Rowlands what he wanted to speak about. He asked what was happening about the old school bell. Cllr A Williams responded that the bell is with Colin Evans and we are awaiting a quote for a suitable housing to erect it in the church. Cllr Williams confirmed that he would chase this up for the next meeting. Mr Rowlands then enquired whether DCC would be able to make a contribution towards the recent music festival. He said that this year 20% of all profits would be donated to St David's foundation. Cllr J Williams said that DCC would consider this. Mr Rowlands informed the meeting that the Hall Committee has decided to fly a Welsh and Monmouthshire flag in the grounds. Cllr Williams confirmed that DCC had no objections. The planning application will be on behalf of DCC but the hall committee will pay the fee.

The chair asked if the hall committee had made a decision about the mobile OSS staff having a hall key to be able to use the faculties. Mr Rowlands said it would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

While Mr Rowlands was in attendance the clerk communicated the reply that she had from MCC about having a disabled access sign to the hall. Mr Rowlands appreciated the response and asked if he could be forwarded details of the sign suppliers. CM will forward details to Cllr J Williams for the hall committee.

PC Cowburn was not present so the chair read out the incidents listed at the end of the minutes.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 26 April 2011 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Old school bell - mounting for the church –see open session above. AW will report back at next meeting.
- 3.2 CM reported that Hood Memorial Hall has now agreed to let the mobile One stop shop stop in the village hall grounds and that Hugh Gorton was going to enquire about the use of toilet facilities at the next meeting. Reply received by email to say that it is not possible to open up the hall for toilet facilities. Councillors discussed this and felt it should be possible for the mobile OSS staff, who are MCC employees, to have a hall key to access the toilets if required. See open session above.
- 3.3 Signage for disabled access at Devauden Village Hall – reply from Graham Kinsella – request for specific nature of our request and guidelines on what can be achieved. See open session above. CM will forward details of sign suppliers to JW for the hall committee.
- 3.4 BT payphone adoption – letter from BT but only referred to Devauden box. CM spoke to them on the phone and more information will be forwarded. They are now aware that there is more than one phone box.
- 3.5 AW confirmed that he has set up an email account for Devauden CC which can be used by the clerk and councillors. The address is devaudencc.org.uk – clerk@devaudencc.org.uk. AW will bring expenses for setting up the service to a future meeting. CM to forward expenses claim form.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 28/3/11 Current; £2075.00 Notice: £2273.70

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR;

Invoice - C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for May, including accrued holiday pay for the previous year £ 247.55
Cheque no.101198
Aon Insurance renewal for year 1 June 2011 to 1 June 2012. £540.90 cheque no.101199
Holy Cross Kilgwrrwg – donation for grass cutting - £50, cheque no. 101200

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – emergency contacts directory. CM to confirm that details held are correct.
- 5.2 Clerks and Councils direct. No action

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- 5.3 Monmouth Home start – invitation to launch 3 June. File
- 5.4 Letter re. final version of the charter between MCC and community/town councils. File.
- 5.5 MCC – LDP – notification of revised delivery plan. No comments required. Retain in ongoing file.
- 5.6 MCC – Back2Business week launch of Monmouthshire RDP at Caldicot Castle - June 8. File

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 17 May. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists for registered applications – April/May 2011. File
- 6.3 Enforcement lists for March, new and closed. File
- 6.4 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.4.1 DC/2011/00255 – Keepers House Devauden
- 6.4.2 DC/2011/00263 Yew Tree House, Kilgwrrwg
- 6.5 DC/2011/00395 – two storey extension to western elevation, Milestone Cottage, Devauden. JW proposed no objections, seconded by AD, 6 agreed and 1 abstained. Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2011/00427- Additional elevated decking to west elevation, Cobblers Hill, Cobblers Plain. Recommend approval.
- 6.7 DC/2011/00402 – New agricultural storage building, Foxes barn, Itton. Recommend refusal on the grounds that object to the siting and the visual impact of the proposed building.
- 6.8 DC/2011/01048 – Proposed new access road to Llanvihangel Court Barn, Llansoy. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.9 DC/2011/00411 – Two storey extension including minor internal alterations, 1 New Inn Cottages, Devauden, Mons. Recommend refusal on the grounds that is doubling the footprint and is out of keeping with the existing character of a Monmouthshire cottage.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland was not in attendance

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence

9) WARD REPORTS

AW – reported that the OVW training he was booked on had been cancelled

AD –B4293 – trees cut near the church at Devauden left hand side of the road as you are going to Monmouth and all the cuttings have been left. Request that the eyesore is removed.

Pensioners' bungalows at Wesley Way – work has been done by Mons. Housing but not all the debris and waste has been cleared away.

Wesley Way – path between no. 13 and 16 needs clearing and tidying.

Wesley Way – stones coming out of the driveways of no. 12 and 13 causing a hazard on the footpath.

MP – Well Lane at Devauden – the sides of the road are eroding away at several points causing a hazard where the road is collapsing. MP confirmed he would make sure Itton village hall is booked for the next 3 meetings and he will open the hall.

Meeting closed: 9.45am

Next Meeting: June 28 at Itton

Meeting dates 2011 July 26 (Itton), August 30 (Itton), Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20

PC Cowburn's report

Devauden & Itton incidents April 27 to May 23

- 1/5 Low cable over the road B4293 near Devauden.
- 3/5 Damage to a horsebox & electric fence charger near Devauden.
- 3/5 Possible fraud on a credit card via the internet. Victim from Devauden.
- 6/5 Damage to a farm gate near Devauden.
- 13/5 Threatening letter received at Devauden.
- 19/5 Lorry collecting scrap in Devauden.

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