

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2011 AT ITTON 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

Mr J Rowlands asked about progress with getting the bell sited in the church. Cllr A Williams presented a quote for £580 from Colin Evans, including a detailed drawing and details of materials. As this is a one off bespoke piece the councillors agreed to accept the quote and have the oak frame made and sited in the church. Mr Rowlands expressed his appreciation. Mr Rowlands asked about some sort of commemoration in the village to John Wesley who first preached in Wales at Devauden. CC Bob Greenland has spoken to Paul Matthews (MCC CEO) about this and other tourist information and Anne Jones at MCC has taken it on as a project. Any installation will require the support of DCC. The councillors agreed in principle but would need to see detailed proposals before giving their backing.
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 24 May 2011 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

3.1 PC Cowburn sent his apologies and said this would definitely be his last report prior to retirement – His replacement is PC Louise Thorpe Louise.thorpe@gwent.pnn.police.uk

3.2 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, but no further correspondence has been received.

3.3 Highways form reply from 28/5/11. File.

3.4 CM reported that Hood Memorial Hall has now agreed to let the mobile One stop shop stop in the village hall – awaiting decision on how the staff can get access to toilet facilities. Chair suspended the standing orders so that Mr Rowlands could participate in the discussion. Mr Rowlands suggested DCC purchase a key box but would then be responsible for its use. Clerk raised issues of security and DCC liabilities. It was agreed that Mr Rowlands would find out from the hall insurers what the implications of such a box would be. The councillors agreed that DCC would be happy to pay for any such box. The standing orders were reinstated.

3.5 Grass cutting debris is still on the verges in the village so KR and NK will endeavour to remove it.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 28/3/11 Current; £1286.55 Notice: £2274.10

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and MP;

Invoice - C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for June, £255.17, Cheque no.101201, Itton church donation for grass cutting, £50, cheque no 101202, Wolvesnewton church donation for grass cutting, £50, cheque no 101203

4.2 Annual accounts and reconciliations approved by clerk and JW.

4.3 HMRC – changes to the tax treatment of clerks – MCC offer to run payroll. The councillors discussed this and wanted to explore the MCC offer. Clerk to find out whether MCC will do all the set up as well as running payroll.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC – Lower Wye Area committee – 8 June

5.2 Aneurin Bevan Health Council Committee Meeting 7 June. File.

5.3 MCC Countryside newsletter Spring 2011-06-26. Distributed.

5.4 Age Cymru – posters. Distributed.

5.5 MCC LDP – letter requesting attendee to speak at the meetings on Friday 1 July to approve the Monmouthshire deposit LDP. JW declared an interest and left the meeting, NK took the chair. CC Greenland explained the process of adopting the LDP. He explained that after the meeting on Friday there will be a further public consultation period. These will then go to planning inspectorate. He confirmed that the preferred site for Devauden is Well Lane. He also said that even if it was accepted as part of the LDP it would still have to go through the usual planning process. AW offered to attend the meeting but was not fully conversant with the issues. On hearing that Devauden would probably not be discussed

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until the afternoon NK agreed that he would be able to attend and speak on behalf of DCC as per previous submissions to DCC. The councillors unanimously agreed that NK should attend and speak.

CC Bob Greenland left the meeting and JW returned to the chair. Clerk to inform MCC urgently.

- 5.6** Letter from Dr N Chamberlaine about the tree at Itton Common being unsafe. He has contacted MCC who believe the green is owned by DCC. Clerk to write to MCC to explain that we pay for the green to be cut but have no ownership or responsibility. In the past MCC have cut back the tree.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1** Planning committee agenda for 14 and 28 June. File 2 months.
- 6.2** Planning lists for registered applications – May/June 2011. Distributed.
- 6.3** No enforcement lists relevant to DCC for May.
- 6.4** The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.4.1** DC/2011/01048 – proposed new access road to Llanvihangel Court Barn and associated fencing.
- 6.5** The following plans were refused by MCC
- 6.5.1** DC/2011/00987- Vary condition 2 of permission M5068 to enable separate residential use of the dwelling – condition limits accommodation to be only occupied for purposed ancillary to the farmhouse. Ty ddu farm, Itton.
- 6.6** DC/2011/00559 – Erection of Monmouthshire flag within grounds of Hood Memorial Hall. Recommend approval.
- 6.7** DC/2011/00524 – Variation of terms of s106 agreement to enable holiday cottage for short term residential letting for a period of 5 years. Cledd y Tan Farm, Newchurch. NK recommend approve seconded by AW. Six voted in favour and AC abstained.
- 6.8** DC/2011/00449 – Change of use from pasture to a 20m by 40m ménage, construction of stone tracks from existing stable block to ménage entrance and field entrance. Usk Road Shirenewton. Recommend approval.
- 6.9** DC/2011/00476 – Two storey extension to form garden room, The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg. Recommend approval
DC/2011/00395 – First floor extension, milestone cottage Devauden. Recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland contributed earlier and had left the meeting.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

AGM for Newport/Monmouthshire 14 July.

The Voice newsletter - distributed

OVW – being a good employer – taken by JW

Membership – nominated councillor form. Completed CM to return

9) WARD REPORTS

Meeting closed: 10.15am

NK – The Dorlands – based on the plan above it appears that the Dorlands has about 14 bedrooms when the original licence was for only 5 residents. Clerk to check with the relevant authority exactly what the home is registered for.

AW – reported positively on his attendance at OVW training on planning and he will email the slides to all the councillors.

AC – T Bettws Hill – knot weed along the hill on R82 opposite Winslow Barn, already reported to OSS twice. Request a sign from MCC to stop ambulances and other larger vehicles turning into the 58.7 from B4293 as ambulances, trucks and even cars get stuck. Suggest MCC contact AC/NK

KR – Requested clerk contact forestry commission again regarding the debris run off from the woods into the lane next to Devauden Village Hall.

NK – Kilgwrrwg notice board has collapse. NK agree to do online research to find a new one and bring details to next meeting.

Next Meeting: July 26 (Itton)

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

PC Cowburn's report

Devauden & Itton Incidents May24 to June 22

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26/5 Tree down on the B4293 at Itton.
3/6 Concerns regarding debt collectors at Devauden.
4/6 Theft of 500 litres of oil near Devauden.
6/6 Domestic incident in Devauden.
16/6 Road accident at Devauden. 2 cars – minor injury.
20/6 Complaint about manner of driving near Devauden.
22/6 Minor accident in a lane near Devauden. Wing mirror
Knocked off – offending vehicle failed to stop.

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