

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2011 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

1) OPEN SESSION

Mr Modget said he attended the meeting to have it put on record how much he appreciated some of the things done by DCC. In particular;

1. The precept has been maintained for several years at the same level.
2. He said he wanted to thank DCC for obtaining the school bell for the community, for paying for and organising for it to be mounted and installed in the church.
3. Vigilance in reporting pot holes and highways issues and ensuring repairs are made.
4. He said he was dismayed to learn that Devauden almost lost the opportunity to have regular visits by the mobile One Stop Shop as Hood Memorial Hall requested payment for parking in the hall grounds. Due to DCC's efforts and willingness to be key holders it now looks like the village will have this opportunity.

Cllr J Williams thanked Mr Modget for his kind comments and said that the community council very much appreciated his attendance at the meeting. Mrs Modget said she attended to accompany Mr Modget and felt the same way.

Mr Rowlands endorsed what Mr Modget said and asked what the progress regarding the school bell was. Cllr A Williams said he had been away but that he would look into it and feedback to Cllr J Williams, who would contact Mr Rowlands in due course. Mr Rowlands thanked the clerk for getting a copy of the standing orders to him. Chair closed the open session.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Cllr J Williams reported that sadly Mrs Anna Gilvear who was a DCC councillor, has died at the age of 62. Cllr Williams will send a card of condolence to her family on behalf of DCC.
- 3.2 BT payphone adoption – A contract signed by DCC and BT for the 3 boxes has been received. JW requested that the clerk lets BT know that we want to keep the electricity. Clerk to put all three boxes on the insurance. DCC will discuss how to use the boxes and solicit local opinion.
- 3.3 Highways form reply from 7/7/11. File. The response saying that it is not required regarding the 'unsuitable for large vehicles' sign at the B4293 and 58.7 was not acceptable. Clerk to return the highway form requesting a site visit with AC and NK. File highways form.
- 3.4 Hood Memorial key for use by the OSS mobile workers to use the hall facilities – email from OSS staff to say will contact us in September when the trial period is over.
- 3.5 MCC payroll for clerks – have been notified by MCC that cost will be £75 per year and they have sent a form to be completed. Agreed that the clerk should respond and be set up on the MCC payroll as soon as possible.
- 3.6 Standing orders – JW said it was a long time since we discussed standing orders. She passed round several copies of the model standing orders. She said we agreed many years ago that meetings should last no more than 2 hours. We have though never designated a period of time that members of the public can speak for. MCC allows 4 minutes. We need to discuss this and what we think is a reasonable amount of time. NK said that he would not like to restrict it as the public should have their say. AW said that we sometimes overrun for reasons not related to the public speaking. MP proposed that the public should not speak for more than 4 minutes subject to the Chair's discretion. Seconded by EH. A counter proposal was put forward by NK; Maintain the current procedure, seconded by AW. Four councillors voted in favour and 4 voted against. The Chair has the deciding vote and voted against so the proposal is not carried. The original proposal went to vote and 5 voted in favour and 3 against so the original proposal was carried.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 25/7/11 Current; £2205.80 Notice: £2274.10

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and EH;

Invoice – One Voice Wales – training course for A Williams, £25.00, cheque no. 101208, Itton Village Hall for hire Jun/Jul and Aug - £60, cheque no 101209. C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for August, £249.54, Cheque no. 101210,

4.2 Meeting agreed the budget projections at 29/8/11 and the bank reconciliation of 30/6/11. Signed by JW.

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5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Clerk and councils direct. Distributed.
- 5.2 MCC – letter outlining an opportunity for financial support for community facilities in eligible rural wards. Passed to MP/JW to pass to village halls and community groups.
- 5.3 Severn Estuary forum – newsletters Distributed.
- 5.4 Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council agenda 9 August. File
- 5.5 RHS – In bloom campaign. Clerk to ask John Davies to put the information on the Devauden website.
- 5.6 Severn Wye energy agency – vital villages grant schemes. Clerk to email details to MP.
- 5.7 Planning training organised by Shirenewton Clerk for Wed 19 October at 7pm at Shirenewton Village Hall – Clerk to notify Shirenewton clerk that MP, JW, NK, AC and AD will attend.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 9 August and 6 September. Letter cancelling committee on 23 August. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists for registered applications – July/August 2011. Distributed.
- 6.3 Enforcement lists for July. File.
- 6.4 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.4.1 DC/2011/00629 – Use of the property as a dwelling house without compliance with the agricultural occupancy condition imposed on the reserved matters approval, The Knap, Itton
- 6.5 The following plan was refused by MCC
- 6.5.1 DC/2011/00524 – Variation of term of s106 agreement to enable use of approved holiday cottage for short term residential letting for a periods of 5 years, Cledd y Tan Farm, Newchurch, Devauden.
- 6.6 DC/2011/00592 – Proposed sun room extension, Foxes Barn, Cobblers Plain. Agreed to recommend approval but to ensure that water runoff is dealt with within the cottage curtilage and not put it in highway drains.
- 6.7 DC/2011/00713 – Detached double garage, Bramble cottage, Devauden. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.8 DC/2011/00729 – Proposed installation of photovoltaic panels on existing outbuildings, The Birches, Kilgwrrwg. No objections, recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Greenland was not at the meeting.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Autumn training programmes. File

9) WARD REPORTS

JW– Allotments -reported that hedges had been cut on the roadside, very low and the allotment holders would like the other hedges cut but not as low. NK said he would look into it and speak to the allotment holders. Clerk to email Mr Nicholls contact details to NK.

AW – The state of Well Lane needs looking at as is very rough and pot holed. JW reported that the pot hole gang has been down the road and filled in a drain. The bottom end is in a poor state so clerk should put it on the highways form.

NK – 3 quotes were acquired for the notice board - £1269, Notice Board Vompany, £1341 Vericase Exterior, £1000 – Greenbarnes. The councillors agreed to the purchase of the board from from Greenbarnes at £1000 excluding VAT. NK will order and send the invoice to the clerk.

AC – Ty Bettws Hill the road is still falling away as previously reported. Clerk to put on highways form again.

AD – 18 Churchfields and School house (next to the church)– the hedges are overgrown at both properties and causing a hazard on the footpath, causing people to walk in the road.

NK and KR – will organise the clearing of the debris from the verges in Devauden.

Meeting closed: 9.00 pm

Next Meeting: September 27 Devauden Village Hall

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Devauden and Itton incidents between 23rd July and 18th August 2011

01/08 – report of a male shooting buzzards – all in order, person spoken to and uses loud bangers to scare the buzzards off.

04/08 – a car was stolen and a shed broken in to at the same premises – it is believed that this is linked to a similar incident that happened the same night in Llangwm.

09/08 – report of a collision whereby a dog was killed – the owner was aware.

16/08 – report of a collision of a lorry and a car, whereby the lorry failed to stop – further enquiries are in hand.

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