

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

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** M Powell, K Reece, J Williams (chair), N Knowland, A Williams, A Cooke

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk), Mr J Rowlands, PC L Thorpe, **APOLOGIES:** E Hall, A Duffield, CC Bob Greenland

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Mr Rowlands asked about the progress with the school bell. Cllr A Williams informed the meeting that the bell was due to be delivered 12 November. Cllr J Williams said she would request a site visit with Father Michael to determine the best location for it in the church and to arrange a dedication service. Mr Rowlands then asked about when the August minutes would be on the website. Clerk confirmed that she had sent them early October but had an email last week to request them again as had not arrived. Clerk confirmed she had sent them. Mr Rowlands asked about the hedges at Churchfields and School House which he considered had not been cut back. Cllr J Williams read out the response on the highways form from MCC that states 'Notice served on school house. 18 Churchfields hedge cut.'

PC Thorpe informed the meeting about the incidents which are summarised at the end of the minutes. Cllr J Williams thanked her for the report.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Highways form – reply received to forms sent 3 Sept and 2 Oct. JW read out the responses. It was agreed that CM would contact MCC to ask them to contact JW regarding Well Lane. MP said he would contact Steve Lane about the drain at Itton Common. Clerk will also respond to MCC's comments about the 58.7 and B4293 asking them to contact AC.
- 3.2 Acknowledgement of receipt of letter sent to MCC regarding the tree at Itton Common.
- 3.3 Request from Cllr Duffield to request cleaning of the play area and to report that the rubber on the swings is coming off on clothes and skin. CM will contact Monmouthshire housing.
- 3.4 Email from Alan Brown at MCC to request views on the mobile OSS Bus service. As Devauden has not had service we cannot respond other than to say that we would like to have it and when will be convenient. CM to respond.
- 3.5 JW confirmed that the seats on the green are sound but just need painting. Meeting agreed that JW should buy the paint and do the painting. The expenses for the paint will be claimed at the next meeting.
- 3.6 JW confirmed that she had reviewed the phone kiosks and determined that there was quite a lot of remedial work required. Clerk will contact MCC listings officer Simon Robertshaw to see if he can offer any help. MP suggested that we may be able to get assistance from community service. CM will investigate with MCC.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 21/10/11 Current; £ 1556.71 Notice: £2274.50*

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and KR  
C. Martin, clerk's salary and expenses for October, £245.45, Cheque no.101214  
Hood Memorial Hall hire; Jan, Feb (1 Mar), Mar, Apr, May 2011, £62.50, cheque no.101215  
Greenbarnes Ltd – notice board for Kilgwrrwg, £1026.16, cheque no. 101216
- 4.2 Receipt – BACs payment of VAT reclaim 2010/11 £183.47

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1 Anuerin Bevan Health Council – agenda 4 October. File.
- 5.2 MCC – Deposit LDP and CDs. Taken by JW to comment. Deadline 18 November.
- 5.3 MCC – countryside Newsletter. Distributed.
- 5.4 Queen's diamond jubilee – information about beacons. DCC considering. CM to get a quote from unity insurance.
- 5.5 MCC – forms to request electoral roll for AW. CM to return.
- 5.6 Masons Arms – copy of request to suspend the licence. File.
- 5.7 Wye Valley AONB Picturesque newsletter. Distributed.

**6) PLANNING**

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- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 18 October. File 2 months.
- 6.2 Planning lists for registered applications – up to 14 October 2011. Distributed.
- 6.3 The following plans were approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.3.1 DC/2011/00729 – Installation of photovoltaic panels on outbuilding, The Birches, Kilgwrrwg.
- 6.3.2 DC/2011/00549 – Replacement multi use outbuilding with traditional timber frame design, The Tout, Penterry.
- 6.4 DC/2011/00941 Single story extension, garage conversion, alterations and new garage. Breagha, Devauden, Chepstow. No objections, recommend approval.
- 6.5 DC/2011/00943 – Installation of 252 ground mounted solar PV panels in field, Panta Farm, Devauden. Meeting agreed to recommend approval but wish to highlight concerns as is in an area of AONB. Also there may be access issues for the footpath users and visibility issues.
- 6.6 Letter from MCC about the review of application procedures – response required by 31 October. CM to respond to say in support of the proposals. CM to distribute copy letter to all councillors.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

The Voice newsletter – distributed.  
Agenda for area meeting 10 November. File.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

**MP** – Raised the issue of notification of changes to septic tanks following email forwarded by CM. The email confirmed that individual households affected will be contacted individually.  
**NK** – R82 – 100 yards west of Kilgwrrwg crossroads is a damaged horse warning sign that is on the floor and needs repairing.

**Meeting closed: 9.30 pm**

**Next Meeting:** November 22 Devauden Village Hall

**Meeting dates 2011** Dec 20

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## Devauden and Itton incidents between 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011

29/09 – fraudulent details given of a Devauden address to obtain an excavator – second time in ten days.  
30/09 – INSECURE garage and INSECURE car entered - nothing taken – Itton.  
13/10 – BURGLARY in Churchfields, Devauden – several items taken including the car – house was entered at the rear.  
20/10 – scam reported believed to be someone posing as HM Customs – Devauden – reported to police.  
24/10 – police car “painted” whilst parked in the layby – Devauden – no permanent damage caused.  
24/10 – suspicious car seen in village – Devauden – all in order, service company early for an appointment.

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