

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2011 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk), Mr J Rowlands, PC L Thorpe, **APOLOGIES:** E Hall

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Thorpe presented the list of incidents for the month which are detailed at the end of the minutes. Cllr J Williams asked about the culling in Wentwood. PC Thorpe confirmed that forestry commission does not have to inform the police, however she will speak to them about erecting some signs advising the public about when shooting is likely to be taking place. PC Thorpe distributed notices about seasonal road safety.

PC Thorpe left the meeting.

Mr Rowlands brought to the attention of the councillors information about the Community Connections Project. Notices taken for the notice board. Mr Rowlands also requested a donation towards the Hood Memorial Hall OAP Christmas lunch. Meeting agreed to £50 – see finance section below. Mr Rowlands then referred to the minutes of 25 October and comments made about the LDP which Cllr J Williams took away with her. Cllr Williams confirmed that she made no representation on behalf of DCC. Cllr Knowland confirmed that although the minutes of 25 October stated that further comments could be made no further representations have been made by DCC.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from meeting of 22 November 2011 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 JW reported that on Christmas Eve the old school bell will be dedicated in the church and that a short speech would be prepared.
- 3.2 KR reported that the PV panels are now in place at Panta Farm but it does not look like the full 252 in the plan.
- 3.3 JW reported that the drain that was covered up in Well Lane has now been cleared.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 22/11/11 Current; £685.22 Notice: £774.87*

**4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and NK.

Clerks expenses for November and December, £29.37, cheque no.101218

Mazars Llp invoice for audit of 2010/11 annual return - £144.00 cheque no 101219

Hood Memorial Hall OAP lunch donation £50, cheque no. 101220

Colin Evans Carpentry – surround for old school bell £580.00, cheque no. 101221

Clerks Salary of £227.46 was paid by MCC for period ending 31 December 2011.

**4.2** Mazars Llp has returned the annual return with no actions. Notice of electors' right of inspection of the annual return passed to JW to be put on notice board with copy of annual return from 3 January.

**4.3** Reconciliation and budget projection at 30/9/11 were presented by clerk and agreed by JW. Clerk highlighted an over payment of her expenses of £2.66 that will be reimbursed to DCC next month.

**4.4** Quotation for queen's diamond jubilee event - £111.30 with Ecclesiastical. Agreed that KR would approach Antony Meredith to discuss using his land as a suitable location for a beacon.

**4.5** Clerk reported that she had not been contacted by MCC about the precept. CC Greenland said he would enquire why the precept request letters had not arrived.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1** David Davies MP – new initiatives to provide rural areas with affordable internet access. AW will investigate the options and report back at next meeting.

**5.2** MCC – Local council's election briefing session 2012. Posters distributed for the notice boards

**5.3** GAVO – Monmouthshire network newsletter and community directory entry. Clerk to confirm DCC entry. Monmouthshire networks newsletter distributed.

**5.4** Monmouthshire LDP consultation on sites – 16 Dec to 3 Feb 2012. NK will review and bring back to the next meeting.

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- 5.5 MCC Lower Wye Area Committee 14 December. File 2 months.
- 5.6 MCC – Electoral registers. Distributed to JW, AC and KR.
- 5.7 Wye Valley AONB – calendar. Distributed.
- 5.8 National Assembly – consultation on local government bye laws – submissions by 2 February 2012. JW to review and meeting agreed that she could respond on DCC's behalf.

## 6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 13 December. File 2 months.
- 6.2 New enforcement cases weekly list October 2011. File 2 months.
- 6.3 There were no notifications of plans approved by MCC or acceptable delegated decisions since the last meeting.
- 6.4 DC/2011/01124 – Removal of existing conservatory, construction of new single storey side extension, The Old Rectory Wolvesnewton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.5 DC/2011/01015 – Single storey lean to extension, Church Farm Barn, Llanvihangel tor y Myndd. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.6 DC/2011/01018 – As above but listed building consent. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.7 Dc/2011/00876 – Proposed extension to existing dwelling and detached triple garage, Ty Hir, Wolvesnewton. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.8 DC/2011/2011/01095 – Proposed orangery to rear elevation, Cwm Fagor, Devauden. No objections. Recommend approval.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor reported that MCC will be looking for a 0% increase in council tax next year and will try to keep to this based on their savings in senior management structure and collaborations with other local authorities.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Amendment to Model standing orders. Community Council agreed to adopt the amendments to DCC's standing orders. Update on Appointment of Training Champions.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

**NK** – Commented that with regards to the LDP there was an additional public consultation period between 7 October and 18 November relating to the alternative sites and MCC has made further recommendations that it now needs to consult on with a deadline of 3 February. NK suggested that DCC members should go on the MCC website to view the amendments to the LDP and if there is anything they want to put forward they should contact NK. Similarly if the councillors obtain the views of any members of the community these can also be fed back to NK. NK will then make a representation to MCC by 3 February. Cllr J Williams confirmed that she would not make any representations as a community councillor.

**AW** – at the top of Well Lane between Cwm Fagor Farm and the sewerage works is lots of debris where the hedge was cut that needs removing (road 60.3)

**AD** – Informed the meeting that she will contact MCC about grit boxes near the OAP bungalows. Also she asked that clerk writes to Monmouthshire Housing thanking them for the improvement work done on the OAP bungalows but bring to their attention issues with the drainage and asking them to contact her directly.

**AC** – Reported that the sign at Kilgwrrwg crossroads has been repaired

Ty Bettws Hill and Kilgwrrwg Hill has been cleared of debris but are both now very pot holed.

She also asked clerk to contact the countryside section with reference to footpath signs at 2 Valley View Newchurch and Trem y Cwm Newchurch as the signs are obtrusive. She also asked that the last highways form be re submitted to MCC as no response has been received.

In the hedge by the post box at the Kilgwrrwg crossroads is a sign to Newchurch and it should be reinstated as a proper sign.

**KR** – Footpath/Bridle path off 53.18 Cole Lane is deep in mud and needs clearing. Highways to contact KR for further information.

**Meeting closed: 9.00 pm**

**Next Meeting:** 31 January at Devauden Village Hall

**Proposed Meeting dates 2012** 31 Jan, 28 Feb, 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun, 31 Jul, 28 Aug, 25 Sep, 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec

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