

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2012 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Powell, K Reece, J Williams (chair), N Knowland, A Duffield, E Hall,

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), Andy Jones and Laura Redwood (PCSO), John Rowlands **APOLOGIES:** CC Bob Greenland, PC L Thorpe, A Williams, A Cooke.

1) OPEN SESSION

PCSO Jones informed the meeting of the recent incidents and said he would forward them by email for the clerk to attach to the minutes.

Mr Rowlands asked if the petition relating to the LDP, left at the last meeting, had been sent to MCC. Cllr J Williams declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Hall took the chair. Cllr Knowland said he had not understood that was what they wanted us to do with it. Mr Rowlands asked if it would be forwarded. It was agreed by the meeting that it could and the petition was handed to the clerk to forward to Martin Davies at MCC. Cllr Williams returned to the chair. Mr Rowlands asked about the community council's views on the proposed John Wesley memorial. He explained that Paul Matthews had asked Anne Jones of MCC to work with him on the project and she is currently investigating the legalities of siting it on the green. Cllr Williams asked to be at the next meeting with Mr Rowlands and Anne Jones and Mr Rowlands said he would inform Cllr Williams. Mr Rowlands then described the memorial as a resin made by Paul Ebrey of a bust of John Wesley. This will cost about £3000 and there would also need to be a stone plinth. Cllr Duffield asked who would be responsible for it and its insurance. Mr Rowlands confirmed it would be the hall committee. Cllr Duffield said it was important that all villagers are involved. Mr Rowlands agreed he would do this. He then went on to describe a digital storyboard about John Wesley and Devauden generally and Mike Chilcott from UCW Newport was working on this with him. He also said there were plans to have heritage village signs and that the old name for the village was THE Devauden and MCC are considering changing the village name. Cllr Reece said he thought this a waste of scarce resource and couldn't see the benefit. Mr Rowlands said the existing name could go on the heritage signs. Cllr Williams asked what the timescales would be. Mr Rowlands said he would like to have it done by 15 October to commemorate when Wesley preached. Mr Rowlands said that Mark Lloyd at MCC wants confirmation that DCC agree and would like a donation. Councillors instructed clerk to write to Mark Lloyd at MCC saying they support the memorial but can't agree a financial contribution at this stage but will consider it when there are more specific plans.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting of 31 January 2012 were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Clerk contacted MCC to find out when the payments will be billed to DCC and this will happen annually in March.
- 3.2 MCC – tell us once posters. Distributed.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 25/2/12 Current; £ 1548.85 Notice: £774.87

4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and NK

Clerks expenses for January, £13.78, cheque no.101223

Clerks Salary of £227.46 was paid by MCC for period ending 29 February 2012.

4.2 Acknowledgement of precept request received.

4.3 Authorisation of clerks SCP increment with effect 1 April 2012 to take salary to £11.549 per hour, £250.23 per month

4.4 Clerk requested back pay for SCP increments not claimed in years 2010/11 and 2011/12 – the meeting agreed to approve back payment of £267.80. Clerk also requested pay for untaken leave in 2011/12 – a total of 20 hours at £11.185 per hour equalling £223.70. Approval signed by JW and NK. Clerk to enquire how this can be paid through payroll.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC – Information on Village Alive Trust and grants. File.

5.2 MCC – Local elections nominations papers. Distributed. Clerk to post to AW. NK took AC's to hand deliver.

5.3 MCC – Monmouthshire schools music showcase 30 March Caldicot leisure Centre. Taken by NK.

5.4 MCC – Monmouthshire's waterways. File.

5.5 Queens Jubilee – email form Llanover clerk re. Beacons – discuss at next meeting when KR has confirmation from Antony Meredith that can use his land.

5.6 Wye Valley AONB seminar 15 March at Royal Hotel Ross on Wye. NK to deliver to AC.

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- 5.7 MCC – Village Community Facility Capital investment scheme. File.
- 5.8 MCC grass cutting – agreed to contract with MCC at cost of £651.78 +VAT. Then requested that the clerk requests that they do not cut Devauden Green quite so closely as the last cut of 2011 as left some patches virtually bare.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning committee agenda for 8 and 14 February. File 2 months.
- 6.2 The following plans were approved or delegated decisions;
- 6.2.1 DC/2011/01239 Erection of a log cabin to replace 3 existing sheds – The Cottage Robins Lane Devauden.
- 6.2.2 DC/2011/01029 Essential repairs and improvements internally and externally, Duffryn Farm, Llantrisant
- 6.2.3 DC/2011/01192 Single storey timber building to house camper van and car, Tory Mynydd Farm, Llavihangel Tor y Mynydd Devauden.
- 6.2.4 DC/2011/01018 and DC/2011/01015 - Single storey lean to extension, Church Farm Barn Llansoy
- 6.3 DC/2012/00072 Erection of a single storey extension to form hobby room, Castle farm, The Glyn. No objections recommend approval
- 6.4 DC/2011/01205 Refurbishment of former cottage to provide holiday accommodation, Old Rectory Wolvesnewton. JW proposed recommend reject as have insufficient detail on the current physical structure to be able to make a decision. Seconded by EH. 5 voted in favour and 1 (NK) against. Recommend refusal.
- 6.5 MCC enforcement lists for January 2012 but nothing recorded for Devauden area.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Not present

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Monmouthshire Charter – preparation of action plans. Cllrs requested that clerk writes to Paul Egan (OVW) to say that DCC are already complying with the charter, so it is not new to us, but there needs to be a meeting to ensure MCC comply. Also clerk to write to Alan Brown (MCC) to thank him for his efforts in summarising the charter.

9) WARD REPORTS

JW – agreed that MP would book Itton Hall for June July and August meetings and inform clerk.

Also reported that the sign at the top of Cole Lane has still not been repaired.

Reported that the Hall committee has a 10k walk around Chepstow Park Woods as a fundraiser on 7 May.

Reported that will also be another music festival in Devauden in May.

AD – Requested that clerk thanks Monmouthshire Housing for painting garages on Wesley Way.

EH – Graffiti on fence at Packers Hill – top of Ty Ddu Hill. MP to talk to the owners.

Also Ty Ddu Hill and over the crossroads is trailer loads of manure been moved and the road is now slick with mud from the tractors and needs cleaning as is dangerous.

The Glyn opposite Pyotts Cottage - there is a ditch that should go under the road and then go to the Severn. It now goes nowhere and the ditch is now full and overflowing as have not cleared culvert.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: 27 March at Devauden Village Hall

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

Police Report - At 6th March these had not yet been received by clerk

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