

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** J Williams (chair), A Williams, J Rowlands, A Cooke, M Powell, K McElroy, E Hall, N Knowland, CC Bob Greenland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk), PC Thorpe

**APOLOGIES:** none

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Thorpe sent her report (see below) but was unable to attend because of an emergency so the discussion on a no cold calling zone will be deferred to the next meeting.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 23 October were agreed and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Response from MCC to highways, form sent 2/11/12 received and filed.

3.2 Response from MCC regarding issue of water runoff at Wolvesnewton. AW to monitor progress.

3.3 Telephone Boxes – JR forwarded a price list and reported that he had contacted three organisations for quotes, 1. Leeman sandblasting of Caldicot, 2. G&S contracts of Rogiet, The first company visited the site and did not follow up with a written quote. The second company did not turn up at site at their appointed time / day, 3. BSSB have quoted at £140 per kiosk if all three are done at the same time – this includes sandblasting and priming (to ensure it does not rust). Meeting agreed that as no further quotes could be obtained BSSB will be instructed by JR to undertake the work. JR forwarded a copy of the quote to EH so that MP and EH can pursue a grant from the Wye Valley AONB. JR also reported that there is likely to be another donation of £200 for the Devauden kiosk.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 24/9/12 Current; £2229.31 Notice: £775.28*

**4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and MP

Clerk's expenses for November, £15.56, cheque no.101244

MCC – clerks salary for April – September 2012 including £37.50 administration charge - £1546.38, cheque no 101245

The cheque signed for this invoice at the last meeting was voided as it ripped when torn out of the cheque book – cheque 101242 has been shredded

MCC grass cutting - £783.34, cheque no 101246

**4.2** Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for November, £250.23, to be accrued.

**4.3** Receipt from Hood Memorial hall for the donation of £150 towards the fireworks insurance

**4.4** Budget projection at 30/9/12 presented to the community council and signed by JW.

**4.5** Reconciliation at 30/9/12 also agreed and signed by JW

**4.6** Proposed budget for 2012/13 presented. Councillors will review and discuss at next meeting in preparation for setting the precept. Discussion on precept will be tabled for next meeting.

**4.7** Agreed donation of £50 for OAP Christmas lunch to be paid at next meeting and will ask Hood Memorial Hall to ensure that it is advertised in 'Fiveways' next year.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1** Abergavenny Eisteddfod – request for funding. No action

**5.2** Clerks and Councils Direct. Distributed.

**5.3** Llagollen International Eisteddfod – request for support. No action

**5.4** MCC – Lower Wye Area Committee. Agreed that clerk will update the committee with AC's details as the new DCC representative. File 2 months

**5.5** Play for Wales newsletter. Passed to AW.

**5.6** Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council meeting agenda 6 November. File.

**5.7** MCC – emergency contacts directory – current contacts confirmed. File

**5.8** MCC – LDP next stages details and protocols for the public meeting. File.

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**5.9** All Wales domestic abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline – request for support. File.

## **6) PLANNING**

**6.1** The following plans were approved or delegated decisions;

**6.1.1** Dc/2012/00674 – Conversion of redundant office to residential use, Percus Barn, Ty Fedw, Devauden

**6.2** Dc/2012/00591 – renewal of 2007/00051 – Well Cottage, Newchurch Devauden. No objection, Recommend approval.

**6.3** DC/2012/00876 – Change of use from agricultural land to car park for use by adjacent Itton Village Hall, Croes Bleddyn Farm, Itton. No objections, recommend approval.

**6.4** DC/2012/00575 – Demolition of redundant store building and construction of new dwelling to the rear, Rest a Wyle Devauden. Recommend approval subject to increasing visibility splay onto B4293 by widening the drive into West a Wyle's garden, as exiting the drive way is dangerous.

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor reported that MCC is also setting budgets, which is a challenge as WAG funding has reduced and they want to keep the council tax increase at nil. He went on to explain that the LDP is now at a stage where the proposed sites have gone to the WAG inspector for review and there will then be a public enquiry of 6 to 12 weeks duration probably in Magor, next year. MCC has identified a strategy to build 4,000 new affordable properties in the county however WAG believe there should be an additional 800 to 1500. The inspector will decide and report back in due course. However, what is adopted will still have to go through the same rigorous planning process. Finally CC Greenland said he would like to talk to DCC about domestic abuse in the New Year.

## **8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)**

The voice newsletter – distributed.

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

All issues raised by the councillors are forwarded to MCC or other appropriate bodies for action if required.

**JR** – 1. Reported that nothing has happened regarding clearing the footpath opposite the Firs. 2. Corn Farm – the road is now in danger of collapsing due to the earth being moved. Clerk to put on highways form as already contacted planning regarding enforcement. 3. Wesley Statue – the funding available is now £4000 and is also going to be used for information boards. Sense of Roots are also involved. Hood Memorial Hall will need permission from DCC to undertake additional works therefore JR will send Clerk details of what is required. Agreed that DCC would give permission. 4. Informed meeting that there is a bingo and charity auction at the Hall on 21/12 in aid of Chepstow Stroke Recovery Association. 5. Requested that 'matters arising' is tabled for discussion at next meeting.

**JW** – 1. Requested that table a discussion of policies for review at January meeting. 2. Reported 2 residents have asked if specialist dog waste bins could be put in village. Agreed to consider in next financial year.

**AW** – 1. Road up to Wolvesnewton church is in very poor condition and needs repair.

**AC** – 1. B4235 – diversion signs are still in place for the landslide although road is now open. 2. Reported that had been complaints about dogs being on the loose. Clerk will request advice from PC Thorpe via email.

**NK** - Reported that Kilgwrrwg came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the best kept village hamlet category and will receive £20 in garden centre vouchers.

**KM** - 1. Reported he had contacted names/numbering officer and she will review next year to see if there is budget available for signs on Wesley Way. 2. There is a new neighbourhood officer for MHA, Caro Kurnock,

**EH** - Reported that the lights at Foxes Barn, Itton have been removed following planning enforcement.

**Meeting closed: 9.30 pm**

**Next Meeting:** 18 December (Devauden)

## **Proposed Meeting dates 2013**

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29 Jan, 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May, 25 Jun, 30 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 29 Oct, 26 Nov, 17 Dec

Devauden, Itton and Kilgwrrwg incidents between 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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