

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), Mr Wigley

APOLOGIES: PC Thorpe, CC Bob Greenland

1) OPEN SESSION

PC Thorpe was not able to attend the meeting but PCSO Redwood sent an email to confirm that there is no crime to report for the time period of 25/02/13 – 24/03/13 for Devauden / Itton areas.

Mr Wigley was invited to speak and said he had the same things to report as he had done on 29 January as no action appeared to have been taken. He requested that it be raised again with MCC:

- 58.2/R82 junction – the road surface just below Ty Bettws house coming from the Newchurch road- the road surface is poor and requires attention.
- 58.2/58.7 – not possible to get to the grit box because of ice. Request a grit box at top and bottom of the lane.
- B4293 require another deer crossing sign coming from Itton at Cefn Wood.
- R122 – Glyn House – is a large pot hole on the left hand side going down.
- Top of Glyn Lane at castle farm – the water pipes are leaking leading to a build up of water and ice. Contact Mr Wigley on 01291 650297
- R122 – Glyn Lane curb stones on three boxes outside yew tree cottage need removing – contact Mr Wigley.

Mr Wigley commented that many of the problems are caused by poor gullies and it was agreed that highways be asked to contact Malcolm Powell.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 25 February agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Report from CC Greenland re; domestic abuse, clinical futures and welfare reforms – defer to next meeting
- 3.2 Telephone Kiosks – X2 Connect have forwarded a pro-forma invoice for the paint – see finance section below. Cllr Rowlands reported that the sandblaster was away for a month so the other kiosks would be done later. The meeting approved the purchase of 100 rivets, pack of 10 small toughened glass panes, 30 larger poly windows. Cllr Rowlands will forward details of the order to clerk and she will place the order for a proforma invoice to be provided.
- 3.3 Grass cutting proposal from MCC – Email response received from MCC to state ‘The areas are cut on a 12 day cycle, we will be commencing our grass cutting activities on Monday 11th March, Devauden is cut on the 7th/8th day of each grass cutting round, (dependant on weather). Our teams are issued schedules for each mowing round which state date etc, the dates on these can be issued with the end of year invoice if you require them’. Cllr Rowlands is due to meet with the supervisor at MCC regarding recent poor cutting of the grass and he will found out about the cutting schedule for The Trout, Itton Common and Howells Green.
- 3.4 Kevin McElroy put forward a proposal for the funding of the defibrillator which is attached. Clerk instructed to check insurance implications for the defibrillator at approx £2220. It was decided that Cllr McElroy will contact the hall committee to do this as a joint project. Proposed a public meeting be held to discuss with the community.
- 3.5 Cllr Rowland raised the difficulties with speed and type of response to highways issues raised with MCC, in particular:
 - Missing cats eyes on B4293 –Speed limit extension for Devauden
 - House numbering signs at Wesley Way
 - Flooding at the bungalows at Wesley Way.

It was agreed that clerk will email CC Greenland to ask for an officer from highways to attend a meeting to discuss the slow response to issues raised.

4) FINANCE

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Balances at 24/3/13 Current; £1879.29 Notice: £ 275.44

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AW
Clerk's expenses for March, £16.11 cheque no.101257
X2 Connect Ltd – paint for telephone kiosk, £156.29, 101258
- 4.2 Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for March, £250.23, to be accrued.
- 4.4 Authorisation of clerks salary for 2013/14 LC2 SCP27 (12th year of service), £258.53 per month. Meeting approved the increase and instructed clerk to inform MCC payroll. Meeting approved clerks pay in lieu of 4 weeks annual leave for the year 2012/13. MCC payroll will be contacted and request made to pay £230.98.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 MCC – Notification of footpath extinguishment and concurrent creation. Footpaths 106,108,107, 188, 215,498,189 and 499.
- 5.2 GAVO – Volunteer achievement awards nomination papers and membership application form. Clerk to complete form and send to GAVO.
- 5.3 Clerks and council's direct.
- 5.4 Public Service Ombudsmen for Wales – booklets on how to complain. Distributed
- 5.5 MCC Planning training 19 April 9.00am to 1.30pm at Caldicot Town Council. Clerk to respond that Cllr Hall and Cllr Powell will attend.
- 5.6 MCC – waste prevention and recycling changes. Clerk to request that a MCC officer attends a meeting to discuss this.
- 5.7 MCC – notification and subsequent correspondence regarding funding for websites.

6) PLANNING

- 6.1 Following plan approved by MCC –
- 6.1.1 DC/2012/00760- Proposed reinstatement of house, Old Shop Cottage, Llanishen.
- 6.1.2 DC2013/00008 – Single storey extension and alteration to kitchen roof, Corner Cottage, Kilgwrrwg.
- 6.1.3 DC2012/000575 – Demolition of redundant store building and new dwelling to rear, Rest a Wyle, Devauden.
- 6.1.4 DC2012/01083 – One and half storey extension to provide enlarged kitchen and new family room at ground floor level and ensuite bathroom to first floor, Heppleshaw, Itton.
- 6.2 DC/2013/00126 Barn Conversion and reinstatement of outbuildings to form 2 dwellings, Ty Mawr Farm Devauden. Deferred from last meeting. Recommend Approval.
- 6.3 DC/2013/00087 – Application for retention of the residential barn conversion as constructed, Dyffryn Farm, Llansoy. Recommend refusal as is hugely different to the original plan and is a significant change to the footprint.
- 6.4 Foxes Barn Itton enforcement case. Correspondence from MCC officer to confirm a planning application has been received and proposes to remove the lights and replace the gates with a traditional 5 bar. Recommend approval.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

No correspondence.

9) WARD REPORTS

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

- AW- There is still a water problem at Wolvesnewton and will send further details to clerk.
- AC – R82 – Devauden Court – is a deep rut at the side of the road. Junction of R82 and 58.2, Kilgwrrwg crossroads is an area of verge which is standing water and mud, needing hardcore.
- JR – 30mph sign by Tredean lodge at the entry to the village from the north is damaged.
- NK- R82 – roadside eroded causing flooding opposite prospect house, R81 – Newchurch to Gaer Fawr – has many bad potholes in a poor state.
- JW- Street light out in the village on B4293. Requested clerk follows up on finding out about the purchase of dog mess bins. B4293 between Howick and Chepstow racecourse is a lot of litter which appears to have come from split red recycling bags.

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Meeting closed: 9.40 pm

Next Meeting: 29 April 7pm

Meeting dates 2013 – all start at 7pm

25 Feb, 25 Mar, 29 Apr 20 May – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden
24 Jun, 29 Jul, 19 Aug - All Itton Hall
30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 30 Dec – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden

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