

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONDAY 20 MAY 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: J Williams (chair), A Williams, J Rowlands, M Powell, E Hall, K McElroy,
IN ATTENDANCE: C Martin (clerk), CC Bob Greenland, PCSO A Jones, Mr I Caville and Mr D Maddocks
APOLOGIES: PC Thorpe, A Cooke, N Knowland

1) OPEN SESSION

PCSO Jones presented the incidents for the month (see end of minutes) and distributed OWL information leaflets that will be put in the village shop. He then left the meeting.

Mr Maddocks suggested that the Community Council consider fixing the duration of post holders for example to 2 years. Chair thanked him for his recommendation and said that it would be considered at an EGM when the whole council could be present.

Mr Maddocks then went on to describe the following highways issue:

60.13 – approximately 1.5 mile from Cobblers Plain telephone box, Wolvesnewton Road from Tredean Farm to 1st left turn to swallow Barn is pooling in the road that has left it rough and it needs attention. Mr Maddocks said he wanted to thank DCC and The Hall committed for the recent wonderful music festival. CC Greenland commented that there had been many positive things said to him about the festival.

Mr Caville asked about outstanding enforcement issue in Itton e.g. the entrance to the former Cottage Farm. CC Greenland said an appeal has been put in by the occupants of that property and it will now have to go to public enquiry. CC Greenland said he would check and report back.

Chair reminded the meeting that at the next meeting in June at Itton a representative will come from MCC to discuss waste and highways issues.

2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 29 April agreed and signed by JW and CM.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Telephone Kiosks – JR reported that the Devauden kiosk was almost finished. The sandblaster will be doing Itton next month. Fred Richards has offered to paint it. There was a discussion about whether he could be paid or whether 3 quotes would be obtained. Clerk to check with OVW if it is possible to alter the standing orders to not require 3 quotes below a fixed amount.
- 3.2 Kevin McElroy reported that he had drafted a page for the website re; funding of the defibrillator. There will be a meeting in the village hall on June and a giving account has been set up with an internet link for donations. CC Greenland has not had any replies regarding funding availability from Adventa but will look into this and the rural development fund and Local Health Board.
- 3.3 Highways form (sent 31/3/13) received back from MCC. Agreed that Clerk will forward details of outstanding issues to CC Greenland. Mr Caville commented that it would be helpful if lists of highways matters were available from MCC for public to view the priorities.
- 3.4 Waste and recycling changes. Notified by MCC that an officer/councillor will attend the June meeting at Itton. Councillors to publicise meeting to local residents.
- 3.5 Dog Fouling Signs – Clerk to request MCC contacts JR/JW for details on the best locations for the signs.

4) FINANCE

Balances at 28/4/13 Current; £ 3030.94

Notice: £ 275.44

- 4.1 Agreed for payment by JW and AW
Clerk's expenses for May, £26.10 cheque no.101263
Christine Alway – internal audit, £95.45, cheque no101264
Zurich Insurance for 2013/14, £311.49, cheque no 101265
- 4.2 Clerk's Salary –received from MCC payroll for May, £258.53, to be accrued.
- 4.3 Cheque received from AONB for grant towards phone kiosk refurbishment at Itton made payable to DCC for £586.69.
- 4.4 Internal audit has been completed and no rectification actions were found. Completed annual return will be presented at next meeting for approval.
- 4.5 Notice of audit completed and passed to JW for the noticeboard by 10 June.

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4.6 Insurance Renewal – Clerk presented 3 options (see below). Unanimously agreed to select Zurich. Clerk to arrange.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 MCC Lower Wye Valley Area Committee. No action

5.2 MCC – Footpath extinguishments and concurrent creation. File.

5.3 Dwr Cymru – search for private pumping stations in the area. JR to put poster in shop.

5.4 Wales Royal observatory services survey – sent a second copy with new deadline of 10/6/13. JW to complete and send.

5.5 Clerks and council's direct. Circulated.

5.6 Email from Peter March Jenks, requesting information about the councillors. Clerk to respond directing him to the Devauden website.

6) PLANNING

6.1 Following plan approved by MCC –

6.1.1 DC/2013/00063 Kitchen extension Coed Yr Awel Coal Road Devauden

6.2 DC/2013/00299 Proposed sunroom, The Oaks, Itton. No objections. Recommend approval.

6.3 Enforcement Case at Fox and Hounds – planning enforcement has requested a planning application that they will consider regarding the driveway and entrance.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had nothing further to report.

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.

JR – Proposed that DCC holds an annual meeting every year as suggested in the Good Councillors Guide to ask the community what they would like from the council. Clerk to agenda a discussion on this at July meeting. Requested that the attendance of MCC to discuss waste, be put on agenda for next month. JW and JR to organise leaflets to be distributed to the community informing them of this. The 30mph sign in Itton is faulty as you enter the village from the North. Requested that Clerk emails PC Thorpe for more information about the cold calling zone.

MP – Croes Bleddyn B4293 – The sign to Itton Church is loosely fixed and keeps moving around so needs fixing.

KM – Reported that he would chase MCC about the signs in Wesley Way. There will be an open meeting in June to show the residents how the defibrillator works. KM will advertise this across the community.

Meeting closed: 9.45 pm

Next Meeting: 24 June 7pm at Itton

Meeting dates 2013 – all start at 7pm

24 Jun, 29 Jul, 19 Aug - All Itton Hall

30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 30 Dec – All Hood Memorial Hall Devauden

Devauden incidents between 27/4/13 and 19/5/13 .

28/4/13 – Report of a sheep killed by a dog at a property near Devauden . Owner of the dog has been advised .

9/5/13 – Report of 400-500 litres of heating oil stolen from a property in Itton.

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17/5/13 – Report of a Ivor Williams triple axle trailer , a cement mixer and 20 bags of cement stolen from a property between St Arvans and Devauden.

Devauden Community Council Insurance Renewal

	Aon	Zurich	Came & CO - Aviva
Public Liability	£10m	£12m	£10m
Employer's liability	£10m	£10m	£10m
Money	Std cover	Std cover	Std cover
Fidelity G'tee	£250k	£25k Excess £100	£150k
Officials indemnity	£250k	No	£500k
Libel/Slander	£250k	£250,000 Excess 10% or £1k	£250k
Legal expenses	£1m	£100k	£100k
Property - Excess	£125	£100	£250
• Bus Shelters	£3,331.64	£3,332.00	£9,707.63
• Seats	£2,766.33	£2,766.00	
• Litter Bins	£536.35	£536.00	
• Notice Boards	£3,073.31	£3,073.00	
• Gates	£768.04	£768.00	£768.04
Personal Accident	Age limit 15-85	Age limit 90	Age limit 90
Cost	£520.49	£311.49	£265
LTA – 3 years	5% reduction		Flat premium*

*only increases due to property sums insured being index linked

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