

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 24 JUNE 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk), CC Bob Greenland, Cllr Bryan Jones (MCC Cabinet member), Glyn Edmunds (Highways and Waste Operations Manager MCC). Public – J Horton, D Maddocks, P Kirby, J Kirby, M Jenkins, I Cavill, N Chamberlain

**APOLOGIES:** PC Thorpe,

**1) OPEN SESSION**

Cllr Jones and Glyn Edmunds gave a presentation to the meeting regarding the changes to the waste collection in MCC coming into effect from 1 July. Several members of the public and DCC councillors asked questions to which Mr Edmunds and Cllr Jones responded.

Chair referred to the delay in MCC responding to the issues raised on the monthly highways forms. Clerk agreed to forward a copy of the form to Mr Edmunds as he requested. Mr Maddocks raised 2 highways issues regarding verge cutting and hedge siding which Mr Edmunds will query with the relevant officer. Cllr Powell asked Mr Edmunds to look into the Devauden flashing speed sign which is not working reliably. MR Kirby raised the derestricted signs at Itton Village and how their siting is confusing – Mr Edmunds agreed to look into this. Cllr Rowlands reported that there were many cats eyes missing between Itton and Devauden and CC Jones agreed to look into this. Cllr Cook reported that the edges of the road around Itton and Kilgwrrwg were deteriorating and she had asked to be contacted by highways several time. Cllr Hall reported a pothole at Howick corner which is repeatedly filled and then deteriorates and becomes dangerous. Mr Edmunds agreed to look into these issues. Chair thanked Cllr Jones and Mr Edmunds for their attendance to discuss these issues. CCllr Jones and Mr Edmunds left the meeting.

Mr Maddocks requested changes to the previous month's minutes which chair duly changed.

PC Thorpe not present but emailed the police report at the end of the minutes.

The open session ended at 8.25pm

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 20 May agreed with amendments and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Telephone Kiosks – MP reported that the Itton box had been started but stopped because of rain. Both MP and JR will continue to keep in contact with the contractor to ensure it is done.
- 3.2 Kevin McElroy reported that having met with the village hall committee there is now a fund of £1600. There was a presentation by the supplier and feedback has been very positive. Veddw House is putting on an open garden event and will donate the proceedings to the fund. CC Greenland reported that the area committee may have funds that could be used but a community council cannot apply. JR agreed to look into this with the hall committee.
- 3.3 Highways form (sent 31/3/13)- response not yet received back from MCC.
- 3.4 Adoption of standing order amendment to OVW model to state that only require 3 quotes for expenditure above £200. Confirmation from Paul Egan at OVW that this is acceptable. JW proposed the motion to amend standing orders to only require 3 quotes for expenditure above £200, seconded by EH. Unanimously agreed.
- 3.5 MCC web portal- several emails and correspondence received from MCC. AW agreed to review this and report back with recommendations about what DCC should do.
- 3.6 Dog fouling in the village – JW reported that the signs have gone up and appeared to having an effect. JR said there were only a couple and they are not substantial. JW will forward a reminder about dog fouling to be reported in Fiveways.

**4) FINANCE**

Balances at 28/4/13 Current; £ 3134.59

Notice: £ 275.49

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- 4.1** Agreed for payment by JW and AW  
Clerk's expenses for June, £22.20 cheque no.101266  
Zurich Insurance additional premium to cover telephone boxes for 2013/14, £19.08, cheque no 10127
- 4.2** Clerk's Salary –not yet received from MCC payroll for June, £258.53, to be accrued.
- 4.3** Annual Return - The annual return for 31 March 2013 was completed and signed by clerk and Chair. A copy will be sent off to Mazars and an opinion awaited.
- 4.6** Insurance – the cheque was sent off to the new insurers Zurich and the documentation has been returned. However it was agreed that the phone boxes should now be insured and so a further payment needs to be made to cover this – see payment above

## **5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1** MCC – update to electoral register for AC.
- 5.2** Defra consultation on future management of water supplies. Forwarded by OVW. MP to review and comment online.
- 5.3** WAG – Guidance to Principal and Community & Town Council's in Wales. Consultation closing date 23 August. JW to review and respond.
- 5.4** Aneurin Bevan Health Board – public consultation on future of maternity and neo natal car, children's services, A&E for South Wales and South Powys. MP to review and respond to consultation.
- 5.5** WAG- Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery. JW to review.
- 5.6** Public Services Ombudsmen annual report 2012/13. No action
- 5.7** MCC – temporary closure of footpath 174. Clerk to respond to request an update and likely timescale.

## **6) PLANNING**

- 6.1** Following plan refused by MCC –
- 6.1.1** DC/2013/01205 Refurbishment of former cottage to provide holiday accommodation, Old Rectory Wolvesnewton.
- 6.2** DC/2013/00374 – Conversion of granary to residential accommodation and provision of new store building as bat loft, Berth Crwyn. No objections. Recommend approval.
- 6.3** DC/2013/00325 – Agricultural shed, stoned wheel tracks and agricultural access to highway, Agricultural Land Llanvihangel tor y Mynydd. No objections. Recommend approval.  
DC /2013/00140 Replacement building to form double garage domestic workshop and store with home office above, The Ewings Kilgwrrwg. Recommend approval with the following comments: Concerns regarding the height of the building and that it should remain for domestic use and not be subject to future change of use.
- 6.4** DC/2013/00417 – Proposed renovation and conversion of existing redundant building to provide holiday accommodation, Cattry Cottage Devauden. Cllrs to visit site and forward recommendations to clerk by 5 July.
- 6.5** DC/2013/00124 – Barn conversion to form separate dwelling and adaptation of stores to form ancillary accommodation, Ty Mawr Farm Devauden. Cllrs to visit site and forward recommendations to clerk by 5 July.
- 6.6** DC 2012/00803 Proposed 2 storey extension – amendment to DC/2011/00821, Foxes Barn.
- 6.7** Completed Enforcement cases May 2013 – Foxes Barn, Itton – a planning application has been approved.
- 6.8** New Enforcement Cases E13/121 Cedar House Devauden – Siting of freight containers

## **7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor had nothing further to report.

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

Notice of OVW 2013 conference 5 October in Builth Wells. No action.  
Confirmation of renewal of membership for 2013. File

## **9) WARD REPORTS**

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

AC - a tree was blocking Bridleway BR8 in Kilgwrrwg- If an officer would like more details contact Ann Cook (01291 650203)

AW – reported that the road to Wolvesnewton has been much improved and debris cleared away. Mrs Williams lives opposite the Star in Llansoy and is concerned about the traffic speed through the village. AW will talk to highways and get back to her with a view to putting an application into MCC for speed limit reduction

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AW also reported he wanted DCC to consider the radical and insensitive verge cutting being carried out when it is not causing an obstruction. CC Greenland related his intention to raise this and suggest it is delegate to community councils in the future. Meeting agreed that AW should write letter to the relevant authorities and forward to clerk who will forward it on.

JR – Nothing

MP – Nothing

KMc- The hedges opposite the church at School house are over the footpath. The hedges are still a metre over the footpaths at 14 Churchfields and 15 Wesley Way. Residents have been informed so the next step is to write to highways.

AC – queried who is cutting Howells Green. DCC are paying for it and NK thought it was the council who were cutting it.

EH – An Itton resident requested that the temporary sign advertising the fete be moved nearer towards Devauden. It was felt that the siting is appropriate but that it will be removed immediately after the fete.

NK – Visibility is being affected at the crossroads at Gaer Llwyd because of long grass. Could highways please cut the grass there to improve visibility.

Apologies for the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July were received from A Williams and N Knowland.

**Meeting closed: 9.45 pm**

*Next Meeting:* 29 July 7pm at Itton

**Meeting dates 2013 – all start at 7pm**

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29 Jul, 19 Aug - All Itton Hall

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

## **POLICE REPORT**

There are no incidents to report for the Devauden area between 19<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

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