

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2013 AT ITTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Martin (clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** PC Thorpe, A Cooke, A Williams, N Knowland

**1) OPEN SESSION**

PC Thorpe not present but emailed the police report at the end of the minutes and PCSO Jones attended. He provided details of the new Forestry Officer for the area – Bob Mayo (07768596442). There is one green lane in Monmouthshire that can be used by off road bikes and it goes through the Cot, by Fair Oak Farm and then up through Bucklewood. PCSO Jones reminded the meeting that off road bikes must have plates and tax and insurance if using the Green Lane. Off-roading notices were supplied and will be put on the notice boards.

PCSO Jones asked if there had been any more interest in the no cold calling zones. JW replied not but PCSO Jones said several Devauden residents had raised it with him. Meeting agreed to raise it with the public at the meeting in September. Finally PCSO Jones introduced a scheme in conjunction with Usk prison to supply reasonably priced house name plates for rural properties. Posters were taken to put on notice boards.

No members of the public present.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 29 July agreed with amendments and signed by JW and CM.

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** JR had tabled a discussion on holding a meeting to invite the community for suggestions on future projects. Agreed that the session would be no more than 45 minutes long. The following agenda proposed by JW and agreed:

Introductions

Budget – precept (CM to forward accounts)

Speakers in the last 12 months

Objectives for the next year - grass verges and natural village greens

Highways forms sent 8 July and 7 August received. File

JW will put agenda on notice boards and send emails.

**3.2** Reply to DCC letter to Highways re: Mrs Royston's hedge. File

**3.3** Reply from Paul Matthews (MCC) regarding DCC suggestion to minimise impact of verge cutting. Forwarded to AW who will take forward with MCC.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 28/4/13 Current; £1374.24 Notice: £ 275.49*

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

Clerk's expenses for August, £10.53 cheque no.101272

X2 connect – Supplies for phone kiosk renovation, £714.30, cheque no. 101273

Itton Village Hall hire June/July/August £60, cheque no 101274

Fred Richard – labour and supplies for phone box refurbishment, £211.99, 101275

**4.2** Clerk's Salary not yet received from MCC payroll for August.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1** GAVO – AGM 16 October, Newport. No action

**5.2** Natural Resources Wales – information re. Changes to countryside maps. File.

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## 6) PLANNING

**6.1** The following plan approved by MCC:

**6.1.1** DC/2013/00429 Revised replacement dwelling. Yew Tree Cottage Star Hill Llanishen Chepstow

**6.1.2** DC/2013/00560 residential dwelling house Kilgwrrwg Cottage Devauden

**6.1.3** DC/2013/00325 Agricultural shed, stoned wheel tracks and agricultural access to highway. Agricultural land Llanvihangel-Tor-y-Mynydd

**6.1.4** DC/2013/00417 Proposed renovation and conversion of existing redundant building to provide holiday let accommodation. Cattry Cottage Devauden

**6.2** The following plan was refused by MCC:

**6.2.1** DC/2012/00803 Proposed two storey extension (amendment to DC/2011/00821) Foxes Barn Itton

**6.3** DC/2013/00315 Proposed rear extension with storage area and porch, The Knap, Itton. Recommend approval.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

BG reported that in the next months officers and members of MCC will be visiting community councils and groups to look at how cutbacks can be made over the next 5 years to save £20 million. He reported that it would be a genuine consultation and MCC are looking for ideas.

BG responded to the request at last month's meeting regarding the ambulance response times – he had had meetings and made many representations but the response times have not improved. He suggested MCC writes to the health minister at WAG with examples and to lobby for improvements.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Nothing received

## 9) WARD REPORTS

MP – 58.4 is nearly impassable in places with deep ruts. Pot holes need filling.

KN – Kilgwrrwg cross roads – two road works signs left from works need collecting. R82 – 200 yards from The Birches towards Newchurch, kerb sides have eroded away badly.

JW – asked JR for update on John Wesley memorial. Reported that MCC will let us know after 30 August if the Itton Vacancy can be co-opted, or if there is going to be an election.

JR – Reported that Wesley memorial presentation panel has been approved, grants obtained and now it has to go to MCC sense of roots. Voice recordings have been done and it will be built in September. On 30 August the village will be informed on progress and then on 15 October there will be a re-enactment of the 1739 sermon and TV may attend. Information will be put on notice boards.

**Meeting closed: 9.30 pm**

**Next Meeting:** 30 Sept, Devauden

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

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

## POLICE REPORT

29/7/13 – report of a large quantity of fly tipping down a rural lane on Itton road . Environmental health were contacted but the forestry commission along with the help of a local resident removed it . If anyone sees fly tipping occurring and do get an index number of the vehicle please pass it to us immediately if possible .

30/7/13 – Report of a burgundy estate car with 4 youths inside acting suspiciously at a farm in Devauden . no vehicle index was taken and when the callers dogs started barking the vehicle left the area at speed .

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