

**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2013 AT DEVAUDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** J Williams (chair), K McElroy, A Williams, N Knowland, M Powell, J Rowlands, I Cavill

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

**APOLOGIES:** CC Bob Greenland, A Cooke, PC Thorpe.

**1) OPEN SESSION**

No police in attendance and no incident report received.

**2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**3) MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1** Email from Helen Kenneally (Itton) re; planning decision at Fox and Hounds and notification of Itton Ward casual vacancy. Meeting discussed and agreed that JW would draft a response and send to clerk to write to Ms Kenneally.
- 3.2** Reply to highways form sent 10/11/13, received 2 December and response to form sent 18/10/13. Clerk to update issues register and respond to MCC that hedge cutting at 14 Churchfields and 15 Wesley Way has not be completed despite notices.
- 3.3** Co-option of councillor for Itton – Dr Ivor Cavill was previously formally co-opted by unanimous agreement and was welcomed to the meeting. IC completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and witnessed by clerk. Clerk to file documentation
- 3.4** NK reported that he will repair the bus shelter in the new year when he is able to source the relevant tiles.
- 3.5** Response from MCC about the drainage at Wesley Way. Clerk to update outstanding issues log and attach the plan sent by MCC for submission with minutes online (see below).
- 3.6** Response from WAG re timing of hedge cutting. Clerk to file and update outstanding issues log. JR to forward to Mr D Maddocks.
- 3.7** Response from Welsh Ambulance service 14 November and 23 December. Await further response when investigations have been carried out.
- 3.8** JW passed application form for Grow Wild to AW which provides seeds to be grown in public areas to increase pollination. Potential areas could be the edge of the village hall grounds, entrance to Devauden village from the north, The Trout, Howells Green. AW gave a brief explanation of how the ground would need to be prepared prior to sowing wild flower seeds. AW to complete application form. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- 3.9** Clerk requested to update Addresses/phone numbers for councillors on the web site.

**4) FINANCE**

*Balances at 20/12/13 Current; £ 5470.60*

*Notice: £ 275.59*

- 4.1** Agreed to payment by JW and NK.  
Clerk's expenses for December, £14.07 cheque no.101283  
MCC – grounds maintenance for 2013/14, £799.01, cheque no. 101284. However clerk not to send until requested and received confirmation from MCC re dates grass was cut.
- 4.2** Clerk's Salary £261.13 received from MCC payroll for December
- 4.3** Budget projection for 2014/15 for discussion at next meeting ahead of precept request. Discussed and agreed by the meeting. JW signed.
- 4.4** Precept 2014 - On the basis of the budget unanimously agreed to request a precept the same as last year of £8,000. Clerk to respond to MCC.
- 4.5** WAG notification of S137 limits for 2014/15 - £7.20 per elector.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1** Abergavenny Eisteddfod, request for funding. No action.
- 5.2** WAG – consultation on the proposed revocation and remaking of the accounts and audit regulations 2005. Comments by 3 January. File.
- 5.3** MCC – LDP, consultation on potential new site at Coed Glas, Abergavenny. File.

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## 6) PLANNING

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

**6.1.1** DC/2013/00873 - Extend conservatory and alter roof to tiled, Cledd-y-Tan Farm Newchurch.

**6.1.2** DC/2013/00806 - Remove existing conservatory and replace with two storey extension, Pyotts Cottage, Itton

**6.1.3** DC/2013/00785, Retention of drive and parking area, Fox & Hounds, Itton

**6.2** Enforcement Cases – closed – Foxes Barn Itton, breach terminated. New case – The Dorlands, Kilgwrrwg, car sales from property.

**6.3** The following plans was refused by MCC: None listed on MCC website

**6.4** DC/2013/01003 Construction of agricultural barn, Land at Llanvihangel Court, Devauden, Chepstow. No objections but notify MCC that there is a disparity between the size stated in the design statement and on the drawings.

**6.5** DC/2013/00665 Erection of stables and hay store, Winslow Barn, Kilgwrrwg, Chepstow. No objections recommend approval.

## 7) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor not present.

## 8) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW)

Invitation to current chair to apply for tickets for Buckingham Palace garden parties in 2014. Taken by JW.

## 9) WARD REPORTS

Relevant agencies will be contacted by the clerk to address issues raised:

KM – Reported that there is more work to be done with the ambulance service about the defibrillator which could be a lengthy process to install the advanced equipment. The other option is to install the standard defibrillator with the option to upgrade it with the supplier once issues resolved with the ambulance service. If the standard equipment is fitted it could be done within the next 6 weeks. KM will arrange a meeting with the defibrillator supplier and ambulance service and there will be a price rise in January 2014.

There is progress with the drainage issue near the pensioner's bungalows in Devauden. Thanks were expressed to KM for all his efforts on this issue.

JW – Reported that the Itton phone box is leaking. JR will raise this with Fred Richards who will fix it when the weather is better.  
MP – Requested that the possibility of a permissive footpath between Itton Common and the village hall be discussed at the next meeting.

KN – There is some movement in the provision of the 'unsuitable for HGV' signs in Kilgwrrwg Ward. Requested clerk replies to MCC highways with a revised suggested location for a no heavy vehicles sign on R82/C58.7.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm.

**Meeting dates 2014** – all start at 7pm Hood Memorial Hall (other than when specified as Itton)

27 Jan, 24 Feb, 31 Mar, 28 Apr, 19 May, 23 Jun (Itton), 28 Jul (Itton), 18 Aug (Itton), 22 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec

**Plan from MCC Re; Drainage at Weslev Way: This is a separate PDF File accompanying the minutes.**

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