

## **DRAFT**

### **MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at Devauden Village Hall**

#### **Councillors present**

J. Rowlands (Chairman)  
N Knowland  
K McElroy  
A Williams  
M Powell  
I Cavill  
J Williams

#### **In attendance:**

CC B Greenland  
N. James (Clerk)

#### **1. Open Session**

There was no police report for the area for this period.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from A Cooke.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Open Session**

There were no matters arising from the Open Session.

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

a. Minute 5b – NK advised that the additional reinstatement work at Wern-y-Cwm had still not been completed. The Clerk was asked to chase NRW again. **Action: NJ.**

b. Minute 12a –MCC had advised that “concealed entrance” signs did not appear in the Traffic Signs Regulations but that they would add a request for a junction warning sign to be erected on either side of the junction into the Woods on to their list; subsequently CC Greenland requested that this task be given some priority. However, there was concern that a junction sign would not be appropriate and NK advised that it was possible to purchase a “concealed entrance” sign ourselves and erect. Given that it would not be an official sign however it was agreed that the Clerk should write

to MCC to check on the legality and potential liability implications of doing that.  
**Action: NJ.**

c. Minute 12b – NRW had forwarded a copy of its comments on the Quarry planning application which requested conditions to be imposed for a revised dormouse conservation strategy and a water management plan.

## 6. **Finance**

a. Balances at 31 December 2016 were: Current Account £5743.75, Notice £5279.54.

b. DCC had received a quote from MCC for grounds maintenance of 14 cuts for 2017/18 at a cost of £592.42 plus VAT, and the Council agreed to accept this.

c. JR had investigated further the siting of a waste bin on the track beside Hood Hall as MCC had confirmed there were no further permissions to be sought. He produced the details of a bin from Wybone at a total cost of £424.79; after some discussion it was agreed to accept this. **Action : JR.**

d. Cheques were signed as follows: Itton Village Hall for 2016 hire for £40 – cheque number 101511; Merlin Waste for Jan for £27.12 – cheque number 101512; Clerk's expenses for Jan for £15 – cheque number 101513; hire of Hood Hall from Sep-Dec for £60 – cheque number 101514; MCC for grounds maintenance for 16/17 for £693.56 – cheque number 101515 but the Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from MCC that the agreed 14 cuts had occurred and, if not, obtain a credit; Wybone for a new bin for £424.79 – cheque number 101516.

## 7. **Correspondence**

a. Note on UK consultation on proposals to ban the use of plastic microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products.

b. Information about the appointment of Chair and Members to Meat Promotion Wales.

c. Note on A Nation's Tribute 100 years of Remembrance on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

d. Report from the Gwent Police Commissioner on a meeting with town and community councils.

e. Police Funding Survey from the Gwent Police Commissioner.

f. Clerks and Councils Direct for Jan 2017.

g. Information regarding appointments of members to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

h. The Well-being Assessment for the county by the Monmouthshire Public Service Board.

i. Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee – consultation into the Trade Union (Wales) Bill.

j. Energise Wales Newsletter January 2017.

k. Bathing water review in Wales 2017.

8. **Planning**

- a. DC/2016/01347 – extension and alterations to dwelling and erection of double garage and tractor store at The Ewings, Devauden – recommended for approval.
- b. DC/2016/01404 – timber building at Old Oaks, Devauden – recommended for refusal on the grounds that conditions imposed on a previous development on that site had not been complied with.
- c. DC/2016/01317 – the conversion of 3 existing single storey office buildings into 3 holiday lets at Upper Glyn Farm, The Glyn, Devauden – recommended for approval.
- d. New and completed enforcement cases for December 2016.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

MCC had established an informal set of cluster groups for community councils around one larger town council in order to see whether economies could be made within relatively local areas. DCC would be involved in the Chepstow cluster. Already some community councils in that group had agreed to contribute to the funding of Chepstow TIC as it was acknowledged that many in the area benefited from their services. DCC agreed with the principle of supporting such services but felt that, before any support could be considered, a more formal policy should be adopted which should correctly come from MCC.

CC Greenland advised that the LAs in south east Wales would all be meeting shortly to determine their support for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. This would involve a large investment of over £1billion and would include a new metro system and significantly improved bus links for those parts of the region not connected by the new metro. All 10 local authorities in south east Wales would be expected to contribute to the project but the vast majority of the funds would come from the WG and the UK Government. The latter's involvement was predicated on the basis of the investment being able to generate additional jobs in the region, thereby increasing the average income and hence tax receipts. The project would need the support of all 10 LAs who would, by supporting it, relinquish some of their own planning authority which would become regionalized in order to move forward the vision of development for the region.

10. **One Voice Wales (OVW)**

- a. Letter from OVW regarding training opportunities in 2017 in particular prior to the May elections and the 2017 Audit.

11. **Ward Reports**

a. KM advised that he had yet to publish the next 3-monthly Hall diary of events but that it was only the normal events over that period. He also agreed to change the bulbs in the lights in all 3 phone boxes. **Action: KM.**

b. NK advised that the entrance to the Wern-y-Cwm car park had been extended during the earlier works and now was used by HGVs where previously it was only available for cars. In chasing NRW to finish the reinstatement the Clerk was asked to ensure that they also reduced the entrance to its original size. **Action: NJ.**

c. MP advised that recently some HGVs had ended up along The Glyn although it was completely unsuitable. A sign had been erected on the Itton end of the road at the junction with the B4293 but these vehicles had come from the Devauden end, and therefore another “sat nav warning” sign needed to be erected on the junction of the B4293 and the 58.7/R122. **Action: NJ.**

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm.