

## **DRAFT**

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

**Held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Devauden Village Hall**

**Councillors present**

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

**In attendance:**

CSO A Jones/CSO C Vaughan  
CC B Greenland  
N. James (Clerk)

**1. Open Session**

The police report is attached at the back of these minutes. CSO Jones advised also that a car parked on the road to Tintern had been broken into and warned that people should not leave anything of value on show in a car, especially when parked overnight. CC Greenland raised the topic of speeding in Devauden with him as it had been the major one concern he had found in recent discussions with local residents. CSO Jones advised that they planned to ask MCC to arrange for covert speed monitoring equipment to be put in place in Devauden as a first step. CC Greenland would contact MCC Highways to expedite this. A mobile speed van had been sited in the village in the past but had caught very few people. As CC Greenland had to leave the meeting early he advised that there had been an application to relax the conditions imposed on the quarry planning application that the Council had recommended for refusal a few months ago. DCC had received notification of this – DC/2017/00339 – and were concerned that the relaxation request came in the form of a letter which was short on detail especially regarding traffic management. The Council therefore agreed to continue to recommend for refusal.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from I Cavill and 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 27<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising**

a. Minute 5a – NK advised that the additional reinstatement work at Wern-y-Cwm car park had now been completed. The hedge however had still not been finished. **Action: NJ.**

b. Minute 5b –MCC had confirmed that the only way DCC could erect a sign at the Chepstow Park Woods entrance would be to erect one on any adjacent private land; they could not erect one on the public highway unless it was an officially-approved sign. JR would discuss possibilities with the owner of the adjacent fields. **Action: JR.**

c. Minute 5c – the lights in the telephone boxes were still outstanding.

d. Minute 6 – the Clerk had written to MCC regarding the extension of the 30mph sign but still awaited a response; he had again chased. **Action: NJ.**

e. Minute 12b3 – the Clerk had written to MCC about the bus shelters in Devauden but still awaited a response; he had again chased MCC. **Action: NJ.**

f. Minute 12d – AW advised that the work at Tredean Woods appeared now to be completed but there was still a lot of gravel which needed to be tidied up at the entrance to the Wood. **Action: NJ.**

6. **Finance**

a. Balances at 28 February 2017 were: Current Account £4447.94, Notice £5279.54.

b. The Clerk advised that he had received the documentation for this year's audit. The Council agreed to invite last year's internal auditor, Mr Stuart Chapman, to carry out that task on the same terms as last year. **Action: NJ.**

c. Cheques were signed as follows: Wales Audit Office for 2016 audit for £230.10- cheque number 101522; Merlin Waste for Mar for £27.12 – cheque number 101523; Clerk's expenses for Mar for £15 – cheque number 101524.

7. **Correspondence**

a. Note on Dementia and what could the NHS do better to support people.

b. Invitation to a Focus Group meeting hosted by Langstone CC to identify the services provided and assets managed by the community and town council sector.

c. Energise Wales Newsletter – March 2017.

d. Notification from MCC of the papers to be discussed at a full Council meeting reporting on the results of the visits to local community councils to discuss exploring alternative delivery models for tourism, leisure, culture and youth services.

e. Police Funding Survey from the Gwent Police Commissioner.

8. **Planning**

- a. DC/2017/00339 – discharge of conditions 5(water management), 6(traffic management) and 3(dormouse strategy) relating to application DC/2015/01541 at Cledd-y-Tan Wood, Devauden – recommended for refusal – see paragraph 1 above.
- b. DC/2017/00229 – change of use from holiday let to residential use at Cledd-y-Tan Farm, Devauden – councillors were concerned that the original approval for a holiday let could be changed and, after some discussion about the need for consistency in approach to such applications, should therefore be refused.
- c. New and completed enforcement cases for February 2017.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

See above at paragraph 1.

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

There was no additional correspondence from OVW.

11. **Ward Reports**

- a. MP had been asked by Dr Chamberlain at Itton Common if DCC could request from MCC a second car parking slot outside their row of houses in Itton as a new resident had moved in who, unlike her predecessor, had a car. **Action: NJ.** In addition he asked that the No Through Road sign at the slip road at the Common was still lying by the side of the road and needed to be reinstated. **Action: NJ.**
- b. NK advised that opposite Yew Tree Cottage on the R82 the old road junction sign which had recently been replaced, was still lying by the side of the road and needed to be taken away. **Action: NJ.**
- c. KM notified the meeting of 2 large forthcoming events in Devauden: on May 1<sup>st</sup> the cross country runs of 10k, 5k and 2k; and on May12/13<sup>th</sup> the Music Festival would take place. Arrangements were as last year for camping and parking but this year there would be a Big Top in the back field.
- d. JR advised that the door to the telephone box at Cobblers Plain was hanging off. A new door would cost £1000 plus VAT and he would look into the feasibility and cost of repair. He asked that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: NJ.**
- e. JW raised the following concerns passed to her by local residents:
  - 1. the possibility and legality of installing a camera in the lane by the side of Hood Hall; this was discussed at some length and JW would discuss further with the concerned residents. **Action: JW.**

2. the erection of signs around the Green without planning permission and the length of time these signs were left up; it was agreed that KM would bring up with the Hall Committee, and report back to the Council. **Action: KM.**
3. the stage for this year's Music Festival be dismantled on the following day; JR advised that the stage this year would be at the top end of the back field and therefore should not be inconvenient for the village immediately after the event.
4. the installation of the speed camera in Itton.

## 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm.

POLICE REPORT 26 January – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Crimes

No crime to report

ASB

11/3/17 – Report of Hunt Protestors trying to disrupt the Curre and Llangybby Hunt in the Itton Common area. No offences were seen.

Other matters of note

22/2/17 – Report of a two vehicle non injury RTC on the Itton Common Road. The one vehicle had left the road.

10/3/17 – Report of a black Vauxhall corsa abandoned near the gates of Itton village hall car park. This vehicle is off the highway and the caller has been advised to call the council to get a 7 day notice put on the vehicle to hopefully get it removed.