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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday 27th November 2017 at Devauden Village Hall

Councillors present

N Knowland (Chairman)

M Powell

A Williams

J Williams

I Cavill

A Cooke

J Rowlands

In attendance:

N. James (Clerk)

1. Open Session

The police report is attached to these minutes.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from CC B Greenland and K McElroy.

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 30th October were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

a. Minute 5b – In BG's absence it was agreed to wait until the next meeting to discuss further the issue of the bus shelters in Devauden. **Action: NJ/BG.**

b. Minute 5d – MCC had confirmed that Devauden Parish Council had been registered as the owner of the Green.

c. Minute 6d – the insurers had confirmed that cover would be available for the two gazebos with no additional cost to the premium but that cover would only be available when the gazebos were in the control or custody of the Council. It was agreed therefore that any applicant borrowing the gazebos would need to confirm their insurance cover. The Clerk would produce a form of words for signature from anyone

wishing to borrow the gazebos. **Action: NJ.** NK had obtained 3 further quotes for two gazebos; Nicoll Industries had quoted £1116.21, Dancover was £990.41 and Gala Tents was £783.93. Based on the comparison from three different suppliers of leg dimension, canopy specification and total cost he decided to progress with Gala 50. All supporting documents are held by DCC for inspection.

d. Minute 11a – MCC had advised that the white lines should be completed by the end of November but these had not yet been done. The Clerk would again chase. **Action: NJ.**

e. Minute 11b – KM had written to MCC regarding the road safety implications of the two signs on the Green but a reply was still awaited.

f. Minute 11d – on behalf of KM, JR met with a representative of MHA in Wesley Way to discuss possible additional handrails. MHA advised that it would take 8 weeks to supply them and that they should be installed by the end of February.

6. **Finance**

a. Balances at 31 October 2017 were: Current Account £5470.77, Notice £5281.13.

b. A draft risk assessment and asset register had been circulated; these were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

c. A draft budget for 2018/19 had been circulated. The draft was agreed with the precept remaining the same as this year. **Action: NJ.**

d. Cheques were signed as follows: Hood Memorial Hall for seniors lunch for £50 – cheque number 101550 and for £350 towards the insurance for the Firework Display – cheque number 101551; Merlin Waste for Nov for £27.12 – cheque number 101552; Clerk's expenses for Nov for £15 – cheque number 101553; N Knowland for £783.93 for two gazebos from Gala Tents– cheque number 101554.

7. **Correspondence**

a. Information about an announcement from the Wales Centre for Public Policy.

b. Information regarding a first World War Symposium on Flanders/Wales.

c. The Ombudsman's Casebook – Issue No 30.

d. Letter from a local resident about potential planning concerns.

e. Congratulatory letter from a Chepstow resident praising this year's Firework Display.

f. Note on the Future of Work in Wales.

g. Information regarding appointments in NHS Wales.

h. Information about an appointment of Chair of the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust.

i. Information regarding the appointment of a member for the Welsh Language Audit and Risk Committee.

- j. Invitation to the AGM of the Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice.
- k. WG written statement on 21st Century Schools and Education Programme.
- l. Details of a Planning Aid Wales Seminar on Planning Training.
- m. Information about the Emergency Scaling works on the A466 between St Arvans and Tintern and the implications for local roads. Review of Mental Health Services.
- n. Request for financial support from Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity.

8. **Planning**

- a. DC/2017/01246 –erection of a steel portal framed livestock building at Cartref, Wolvesnewton – AW had consulted with many local residents as well as the applicant and he had recommended for approval with the request that the planners negotiate a reduction in the height of the building and that they stipulate that the building could not be used for anything other than the stated agricultural purposes.
- b. New and completed enforcement cases for Oct 2017.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

In CC Greenland's absence there was no report.

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

- a. Details of consultation events on the review of the Town and Community Council Sector.
- b. Details of OVW Innovative Practice National Awards 2018.

11. **Ward Reports**

- a. IC requested that the Post office/Royal Mail be advised of the theft of the post box in Itton and asked to install another one in the same place outside the entrance to Itton Court. **Action: NJ.**
- b. AW had noted a planning notification for the demolition of a log cabin and replacement with a static caravan on the Tredean Estate but could not recall a planning application being submitted to the Council. The Clerk would investigate. **Action: NJ.**
- c. MP noted that the plainings on 58.4 had been washed away – first reported in August. NJ would ask MCC when action was likely to be carried out. **Action: NJ.** MP had recently represented OVW at the Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

d. AC asked that the drains on 58.2 could be cleared as they had become blocked by mud from all the recent rain. Similarly, JW asked for the leaves that had been washed down on to the entrance of Well Lane could be cleared away. **Action: NJ.**

e. KM in his absence had emailed a request to renew the light fittings in each of the phone boxes as they were old and rusted and new bulbs were not lasting. JR agreed to obtain the help of a local electrician to resolve. **Action: JR.**

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 18th December 2017 at 7pm. In addition dates for meetings in 2018 were agreed as follows:

29 JAN	30 JUL
26 FEB	24 SEP
26 MAR	29 OCT
23 APR	26 NOV
21 MAY	17 DEC
25 JUN	

POLICE REPORT 29 OCT-7 NOV

4/11/17 – Report of a royal mail box taken overnight from Itton Court Road in Itton.