

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Devauden Village Hall**

**Councillors present**

J Williams (A/Chair)  
K McElroy  
I Cavill  
M Powell  
A Williams

**In attendance:**

CC B Greenland  
N. James (Clerk)

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Cllr Williams was elected to chair the meeting.

**1. Open Session**

There was no police report.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from N Knowland, A Cooke and J Rowlands.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed by the A/Chair.

**5. Matters Arising**

- a. Minute 3 – advice from MCC regarding the lack of a published notice was still awaited.
- b. Minute 5e – the Clerk advised that he had still received no response from MCC regarding the installation of the signs at the entrance to Chepstow Park Woods.
- c. Minute 7a – the Clerk had forwarded the concerns over the proposed ward changes to MCC. Whilst legislation did not allow for further consultation by MCC, the Boundary Commission would be consulting further when there would be an opportunity to make further proposals.

d. Minute 11c – MCC would obtain more signs regarding the penalties for dog waste and it had been agreed that these should be tried first before any other deterrents were considered.

**6. Finance**

a. Balances at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were: Current Account £4655.62, Notice £5281.66.

b. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for Mar for £27.12 – cheque number 101567; Clerk's expenses for Mar for £15 – cheque number 101568; MCC for salaries for £839.16 – cheque number 101569.

**7. Correspondence**

a. IRPW Annual Report.

b. WAO – Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils report.

c. WG Funding Support for 2018/19.

d. Consultation on edition 10 of Planning Policy Wales.

e. Planning Aid Wales pre-application community consultation meeting.

f. Invitation from IRPW to a discussion on remuneration framework.

g. Guidance for principal councils on the Review of Communities.

h. Request for financial support from Home Start Monmouthshire.

i. WAO Survey of town and community councils

j. Workshop dates for Chepstow and area town and community cluster meetings.

k. Information from MCC about reducing single use of plastic and polystyrene in village halls.

l. Invitation to a community assets transfer conference.

m. Invitation to an evening at Sugar Loaf Vineyard from the Chair MCC.

n. Information about statutory guidance for local authorities on local toilets strategies.

o. Information about Welsh Hearts working with your community.

p. Invitation to comment on A Parliament for Wales.

q. Request for funding support from the Children's Wales Air Ambulance Appeal.

r. Green paper Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for people.

s. Monmouthshire Local Development Plan Revision Consultation.

t. Details of the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group into hearing loss.

u. A letter from a local resident complaining about the state of Well Lane and the need for significant work to be carried out there to bring it back to a satisfactory condition. Many of the points raised had been raised in June 2017 but were still outstanding. The Council had sympathy with the points raised, and were equally frustrated, as all had been raised with MCC but action was still outstanding. Given the budgetary constraints within the Highways Department at MCC it was recognised however that maintenance work was likely to take some time but DCC would continue to chase MCC for action.

8. **Planning**

a. DC/2017/00339 – amended plans for the discharge of conditions 5(water management), 6(traffic management) and 3(dormouse strategy) relating to application DC/2015/01541 – the Council wished to have more information about conditions for noise control such as levels and permitted hours of work. **Action: NJ.**

9. **County Councillor's Report**

CC Greenland confirmed that the 2018/19 budget had now been approved and that it would be a difficult year, given the decisions that have had to be made.

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

- a. Invitation to forward motions for debate at the OVW AGM in September 2018.
- b. Information about the OVW Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony on 29 March.
- c. Notice of sponsorship of OVW by Came and Company Ltd.

11. **Ward Reports**

- a. AW advised that there were two large potholes along Well Lane just passed the entrance to the Plantation. **Action: NJ.**
- b. KM raised the following points:
  - 1. the sign for 30mph and the Devauden sign coming into the village from Itton had been damaged. **Action: NJ;**
  - 2. one of the street lights in the middle of Devauden was not working; KM would provide the number to the Clerk. **Action: KM;**
  - 3. the battery for the defibrillator was coming to the end of its life and the Council agreed to fund a new one. KM would provide a quote. **Action : KM;**
  - 4. the bank of garages in Wesley Way near the play park were in need of repainting. They had last been done over five years ago. **Action: NJ;**
  - 5. Hood Hall had now purchased the field behind the playing field and there was to be a formal naming ceremony this weekend.

c. MP advised that the drain outside Pond Cottage at Itton Common was blocked and the road there was flooding. **Action: NJ.**

d. JW advised that, during the recent snow clearance, some of the catseyes on the B4293 between Devauden and Itton had been removed. **Action: NJ.** She asked if the telephone box at Itton could have a sign on it for the defibrillator. **Action: KM/MP.**

e. JW advised that she was unable to attend the next Chepstow Cluster Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April and asked that other councillors try to attend.

f. All councillors wished to acknowledge the excellent work carried out by MCC Highways during the recent heavy fall of snow.

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

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7pm.