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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday 29th April 2019 at Devauden Village Hall

Councillors present

N Knowland (Chairman)
A Cooke
I Cavill
K McElroy

In attendance:

N. James (Clerk)

1. Open Session

The police report for this period is at the back of these minutes.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Powell, J and A Williams, Rowlands and CC Greenland.

3. Matters Arising from the Open Session

There were no matters arising from the open session.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved, and signed by the Chairman, subject to an amendment required for para 4 to be provided by Cllr Williams.

5. Matters Arising

- a. Minute 3 – AW forwarded a written report on the MCC planning meeting which considered the proposed development at Well Lane. The Council agreed his view that the lack of clarity on provision for pedestrians was unsatisfactory, although it accepted that the planning conditions had not yet been stated. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Department, copying Highways, requesting a copy of their full risk assessment on road and pedestrian safety and seeking their proposals on safety issues for pedestrians and road users. **Action:**

NJ.

b. Minute 5a – AW was still to investigate the complaint about scrapped vehicles.

c. Minute 5b – MP/IC had yet to meet formally with councillors from St Arvans CC. It was agreed that IC would contact Rita Edwards and, if no meeting was arranged within the next week, IC and MP would draw up their own proposals for the area from Howick to Itton. **Action: MP/IC.**

d. Minute 6d – the Clerk had already received signed letters from most councillors confirming they did not wish to take an allowance for 2019/20.

e. Minute 11d – a discussion on days for meetings from September this year onwards was postponed until the next meeting.

6. **Finance**

a. Balances for 31st March 2019 were: £4097.26 and £5289.69.

b. The Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliation and financial report for the end of the financial year. The report showed a surplus of £828 and, after some discussion, it was agreed to transfer £1500 to the Deposit Account.

c. The annual audit was about to start and the Council agreed to appoint Mr Stuart Chapman as Internal Auditor for the year. **Action: NJ.**

d. There had been minor amendments to the model OVW Financial Regulations for councils over the last couple of years. These had now been included in the DCC regulations and the new version was approved by the Council.

e. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for March for £30 – cheque number 101635; Welsh Audit Office for 2017/18 audit for £268.05 – cheque number 101636 (this invoice had been issued in Nov 18 but not received by DCC); Clerk's pay for April for £228.12 - cheque number 101637; Clerk's expenses for April for £10.40-cheque number 101638. It was agreed that cheque number 101633 for £888 for MCC grasscutting 2019 would be cancelled as MCC had advised that it would invoice the Council later in the year for this service.

7. **Correspondence**

a. Invitation to fly the Red Ensign on September 3.

b. Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit Act 2013.

c. Information website regarding Brexit advice and guidance.

- d. Information about MCC's forthcoming take – over of civil parking enforcement.
- e. Latest newsletter from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board.
- f. Temporary road closure in Devauden on 20 May.
- g. Survey for Planning Officers Society for Wales.
- h. Consultation on the LDP draft supplementary planning guidance.
- i. Letter from Abergavenny Town Clerk seeking nominations for a working group on dog waste bins.
- j. Request for financial assistance from a pastor in Nigeria.
- k. Invitation to the Wales and West Utilities Stakeholder workshops in May 2019.
- l. Invitation to an OVW/Planning Aid Wales network event on the role of community plans.
- m. GAVO Cash for youth led grant funding.
- n. GAVO/TVA Gwent third sector volunteer management network event.

8. **Planning**

- a. Pre-consultation letter from Savills for proposed emergency services telecommunications base station installation in Kilgwwrwg. NK had provisionally discussed this with local residents and no real concerns had been expressed. It was noted that there would be a further opportunity to discuss the proposals in detail when the application was received.
- b. New and completed enforcement cases for March.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

In CC Greenland's absence there was no county councillor's report.

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

- a. Information about the annual OVW/SLCC event to be held on 15 May.
- b. Advice on payment of allowance for councillors.
- c. OVW Bulletin for Apr 2019.

d. Motions for the 2019 AGM.

11. **Ward Reports**

a. KM raised the issue of potential developments to the allotments from the proposed Well Lane development. It was agreed that this subject should be postponed until the next meeting. He advised that arrangements for the forthcoming Festival were all in hand.

b. IC was again concerned at the irregularity of the revised waste collections in Church Lane in Itton. Whilst purple and red bags were collected on regular, specified days that was not the case with other collections. The Clerk was asked to raise again formally with MCC; if there were specific issues with collections in this area the residents would wish to meet with the Council to try to resolve. **Action: NJ.**

c. AC expressed a similar concern with waste piled up at Kilgwrrwg crossroads. It was felt that this was probably waste from local residents rather than flytipping. Whilst it was recalled that waste built up in this area before MCC had used smaller vehicles so that it was able to collect down the lanes off the crossroads; there should therefore be no reason for individuals to deposit their waste there. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact MCC and ask them to: collect the large number of various waste bags currently there; circulate a note to all residents in that area, confirming the dates for collections and advising that no waste should be deposited at the crossroads and collections would be made from outside individual properties. **Action: NJ.**

d. NK raised on Cllr AW's behalf the following points: Star Hill traffic – AW had listed a number of issues relating to traffic on Star Hill and sought a meeting with Highways to discuss them. It was agreed that first he should meet with local residents and provide a list of proposals to resolve issues which DCC would combine with proposals on speeding and road safety at Itton and Devauden. Armed with proposals for the whole area a meeting between DCC and MCC would then be arranged; Deer in Llanfihangel-Tor-y-Mynydd – AW recognized there were different views between the community and conservationists on deer and sought a meeting with MCC and both sides to discuss the issue. **Action: NJ.**

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 20th May 2019 immediately after the Annual Meeting which will start at 7pm.

POLICE REPORT 24/3/19-25/4/19

25/4/19 – Report of an outbuilding broken into at a property in Itton on the lane between Itton and Shirenewton overnight. A fence was cut and a padlock forced off to gain entry and a green Kawasaki quad bike and a chainsaw were taken from inside.