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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday 20th May 2019 at Devauden Village Hall

Councillors present

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

In attendance:

N. James (Clerk)

1. Open Session

There was no police report for this period.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from 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.

5. Matters Arising

a. Minute 5a – MCC had responded advising that the Highways Officer had reviewed the consideration of pedestrian usage from the proposed development at Well Lane in determining the application. Whilst details would be discussed with the developer the planning decision had now been made. However, councillors were still very concerned with the lack of safe provision for pedestrians with the development. The Clerk was asked to respond formally to MCC expressing DCC's continuing concern over this issue and seeking a meeting with MCC and the developers to

put forward their views. **Action: NJ.**

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

c. Minute 5c – MP/IC had not managed to meet formally with councillors from St Arvans CC. However, they were putting together proposals to curb speeding through Itton which would be brought forward with those from AW on Llanfihangel and KM on Devauden. In the meantime KM would meet informally with MCC to check on the viability of his proposals for Devauden. **Action: MP/IC/AW/KM.**

d. Minute 11b – the schedule that MCC was working to for waste collection of black bags, food waste and glass in Itton was different from the one that had been published, hence the problem there. Local residents have now been advised of the MCC days and it was hoped that this would now be resolved.

e. Minute 11c –the issue at the Kilgwrrwg crossroads had not yet been resolved and AC was communicating directly with the MCC officer to sort it out. The Clerk was asked to chase MCC to issue a notice to all local residents regarding collection points for waste. **Action: NJ.**

f. Minute 11d –AW had discussed the deer issue with NRW who had advised that they thought the damages were caused by red deer which had escaped from the local deer park. AW acknowledged that there were polarised views on this issue but would now aim to arrange a meeting of all concerned to see if a suitable solution could be found. **Action: AW.**

6. Allotments Development

KM wished to address whether the Council felt it appropriate, given the proposed development in Well Lane, to consider infrastructure improvements to the allotments provision. In discussion it was noted that the provision of water would be a costly introduction. Moreover, the provision of sheds by the landlord did not appear to occur in other areas. It was therefore agreed not to change the current provision for allotment use nor the annual rent.

7. Standing Orders

The Council reviewed the Standing Orders which had received minor amendments over the last year, and agreed the new Orders.

8. Finance

- a. Balances for 30th April 2019 were: £3574.69 and £5289.69.
- b. The biannual inspection of the Council's assets had for the most part taken place and the remainder would be completed before the end of May.
- c. The Clerk had circulated the insurance renewal details for 2019/20. With a small addition of only £3 for the year, the inclusion of the two gazebos and the good service Zurich had provided the Council agreed to accept this quote without seeking further quotes.
- d. The Clerk produced the completed Annual Return and associated paperwork which was approved, and signed by the Chairman.
- e. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for April for £30 – cheque number 101639; Mr S Chapman for the internal audit for £104.00 – cheque number 101640; Clerk's pay for May for £227.92 - cheque number 101641; Clerk's expenses for May for £10.40-cheque number 101642; Zurich Municipal for £334.00 – cheque number 101643.

9. **Correspondence**

- a. Information regarding the Monmouthshire Homeseach stakeholder focus group.
- b. Request from Bobath childrens therapy centre for financial support.
- c. Statutory consultation note from MCC regarding a public path diversion order at Percus Barn.
- d. Wye Valley AONB Farming awards for 2019.
- e. Temporary road closure in Gaerllwyd from 3-5 June.

10. **Planning**

- a. DM/2019/00536 – erection of summer house/building at Sunset View, Itton Common – recommended for approval.
- b. DM/2019/00638 – proposed telecommunications mast at Land at Pwll-y-Cath stables, Newchurch. This was for information only but the Council saw no objection to it. It was noted however that the local landowner was concerned with the lack of communication from the developers and the Clerk would write passing on that concern. **Action: NJ.**

- c. DM/2019/00330 – fabricated wooden shed with an integral compost toilet system at St Thomas a Becket Church, Wolvesnewton – recommended for approval.
- d. DM/2019/00291 – proposed storm porch at Corner Cottage, Kilgwrrwg – recommended for approval.
- e. New and completed enforcement cases for April.

11. **County Councillor's Report**

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

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

- a. OVW Bulletin for May 2019.

13. **Ward Reports**

- a. KM advised that the Music Festival had been a great success with over 2000 people attending. As yet there had been no complaints and he wanted to thank formally MCC for its help with waste recycling and the large host of volunteers without whose hard work the Festival could not have succeeded.
- b. JW had received complaints regarding the use of motor bikes along Coale Lane. The bikers were becoming aggressive when complaints were made and there was concern as to how this use could be curbed. There was a sign at the one end of the Lane but not at the other, and it was felt that installation of a sign there might help. JW also advised that at Crick as you come to the A48 from the Caldicott Road the overgrown grass alongside the road meant that it was impossible to see traffic coming from the western direction. **Action: NJ.**
- c. NK observed that there was a road closure in Kilgwrrwg from the 3-5th June for a new water main connection. He had put up a notice for local residents. He also advised that the authority behind the Best Kept Village competitions was reviewing this year's arrangements but details should be forwarded by the end of the month.

14. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in **ITTON** Village Hall on Monday 24th June 2019 at 7pm. It was also agreed that, because of a regular confliction, the dates for the meetings from September this year would now be: 23 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov and 16 Dec.