

## **DRAFT**

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

**Held on Monday 24th June 2019 at Itton Village Hall**

#### **Councillors present**

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

#### **In attendance:**

CC R Greenalnd  
N. James (Clerk)  
C Mogg  
  
H Davies

#### **1. Open Session**

The police report for this period is at the back of these minutes. Two local residents wished to raise the current planning application for the installation of field access gates in The Billets field – DM/2018/01573. This was a revised application following the refusal of a previous application at the end of 2018, an application that DCC recommended for refusal. This new application had not answered the objections raised on the initial application. Although it offered some improved replanting along the hedgerows and some reduction in gate size, most of the ancient banks and hedgerows which had been removed supposedly on a temporary basis in the past would not be replaced, and the laybys caused by the temporary earlier works in this lane had not been removed. MCC had called a meeting for the Delegated Panel with those who had objected for 26<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr McElroy.

#### **3. Matters Arising from the Open Session**

After some discussion it was agreed that DCC would submit a formal

recommendation to refuse the planning application, DM/2018/01573 even though the deadline had passed. Cllr J Williams would attend the meeting with the Delegated Panel on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. **Action: NJ/JW.**

#### 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. **Matters Arising**

a. Minute 5a –the Clerk had written to the Planning Department, copying Highways, expressing DCC’s continuing concern especially regarding road and pedestrian safety and seeking a meeting to discuss them. Despite a couple of emails MCC had yet to respond. CC Greenland advised that there had been much discussion with the Highways Department over this proposed development especially regarding the speed limits along the B4293 at the top of Well Lane and the development. He advised that MCC would respond to DCC’s specific request and concerns regarding safety issues. He wished however to incorporate changes to speeding limits on this stretch with a wider discussion on this issue involving other areas. There was a long discussion on speeding generally, incorporating para 5b below. It was agreed that DCC would press ahead with its plan to produce a comprehensive package on speeding in Itton and the B4293, Star Pitch and Devauden. To that end it was recognized that KM had drafted proposals for Devauden and IC and AW were asked to circulate their proposals for Itton and Star Pitch respectively so that they could be discussed at the next DCC meeting on 22 July - **Action: IC/AW/KM.**

b. Minute 5c – KM had not been able to arrange a meeting with MCC to discuss his draft proposals for dealing with speeding through Devauden.

c. Minute 6e – the Clerk and AC had been in communication with MCC about the waste collection at Kilgwrrwg crossroads. No notice had been issued to residents by MCC and it was noted that waste was still being dumped at the crossroads. The Clerk was asked to seek resolution of this issue by MCC. **Action: NJ.**

d. Minute 6f – AW had not yet arranged a meeting to discuss the deer issue.

e. Minute 13b – the Clerk had received an email from a local resident confirming the significant concern about motorcyclists using the restricted byway at Coale Lane. JW thought that there would be a need

for probably three signs but still awaited confirmation of the best places for the signs from local residents. **Action: JW.**

6. **Finance**

- a. Balances for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 were: £3715.80 and £6789.69.
- b. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for May for £41.25 – cheque number 101644; Clerk's pay for June for £227.92 - cheque number 101645; Clerk's expenses for June for £10.40-cheque number 101646; HMRC for Apr-Jun for £170.80- cheque number 101647; Beverley and Williams for payroll services for Apr-Jun for £39.36 – cheque number 101648.

7. **Correspondence**

- a. Copy of the Information Commissioner's presentation to the Larger Councils' Committee.
- b. Older People's Commissioner's Newsletter.
- c. Press release for the awards for caring in welsh.
- d. Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust Carers Survey.
- e. Update on Renewing our Democracy from the Welsh Assembly.
- f. Request to champion a tree in the community.
- g. Training opportunities into street playing and road closures.
- h. Advance notification of the Wye Tour cycle event which would take place on 31 August.
- i. Aneurin Bevan Health Board Newsletter.
- m. Notification of a road closure in Devauden from 26-28 June.
- n. Email from a local resident expressing continuing concern with the speed limits through Devauden. The Clerk would respond advising of the way DCC planned to take this issue forward. **Action: NJ.**

8. **Planning**

- a. DM/2019/00880 – proposed single storey extension at Brynglas Cottage, Devauden – recommended for approval.

b. DM/2018/01573 – retrospective planning application for the installation of field access gates following the previous approval for a general purpose agricultural building at The Billets field adjacent to The Billets, Devauden. See paragraph 3 above.

c. New and completed enforcement cases for May.

## 9. County Councillor's Report

Further to the discussion on speeding issues CC Greenland had nothing else to report.

## 10. One Voice Wales (OVW)

a. Information about June training dates.

b. Details about OVW's Innovative Practice Conference in July.

c. OVW Bulletin for Jun 2019.

## 11. Ward Reports

a. JR raised the issue of possible temporary pedestrian access through the allotments from the adjacent field to Well Lane, given the possible development, for those parking their cars there for the 10k run. KM and NK would consider the feasibility. **Action: NK/KM.**

b. IC requested consideration of the annual donation to the four churchyards to help with grasscutting. A donation of £100 per churchyard was agreed again for this year. **Action: NJ.**

c. AW advised that the surface on the roadsides along a stretch at the top of Star Pitch was in need of repair as it was narrowing the effective road and causing a safety hazard. In addition, there were a couple of very large potholes at the Wolvesnewton end of Well Lane. **Action: NJ.**

d. JW advised that Devauden Teas had taken up a general invitation from a representative from the local Health Board to give a presentation on the proposed new hospital; a date for this presentation was awaited.

e. AC informed the meeting that Kilgwrrwg was considering purchasing a defibrillator and the views of villagers were being sought. In addition, she queried again why Howells Green had still not been cut according to the

contract with MCC. The Clerk advised that he had chased MCC regarding this as four cuts had been included for this year. Given that larger cuts seemingly were done at the end of the month she would wait until the beginning of July. If still not cut she would contact the Clerk to ask him to speak with MCC. In the future it might be more appropriate to omit this small patch from the MCC contract and consider a more local resolution.

f. MP had asked about resources to clean telephone boxes but it was confirmed that this was the responsibility of the Ward. He asked also for an appropriate contact to get a defibrillator sign to put on the telephone box in Itton. (Sec's note: after the meeting NK emailed the councillors having identified a suitable sign, and it was agreed he would go ahead and purchase the sign and install it).

g. NK noted that there in numerous places along the whole of the R82 there were damaged areas to the road surface and roadsides where cars/lorries had passed each other but driven into the sides. **Action: NJ.**

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

The next meeting will be held in Itton Village Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

### POLICE REPORT 21/5/19-24/6/19

29/5/19 – Report of a Kawasaki quad bike and a Makita Radio stolen overnight from an outbuilding at a farm on Coed Llifos road, Newchurch. The outbuilding was not secure and the quad bike is believed to have been started with a screwdriver.

30/5/19 – report of a John Deere quad buggy, chainsaws and diesel stolen overnight from a farm on the outskirts of Devauden.