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MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday 16th December 2019 at Itton Village Hall

Councillors present

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

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 McElroy and Rowlands, CC Greenland.

3. Matters Arising from the Open Session

There were no matters arising.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

IC requested that line 3 in para 5b should read "reminded that the bank holiday in early May would now be on VE Day" With that change the minutes were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- a. Minute 5a – KM had yet to speak with the company providing the monitoring service.
- b. Minute 5b – JW would be discussing the 75th anniversary of VE day with those attending Devauden Teas at a forthcoming meeting.

c. Minute 5c – the Enforcement Officer had liaised with AC to investigate further the work at Cledd-y-Tan woods, and it had been discussed with NRW. Further investigations were taking place.

d. Minute 5f - the Clerk still awaited advice from MCC regarding access for mobility scooters. He was asked to chase a response. **Action: NJ.**

e. Minute 11d – MCC had spoken to the local resident at Itton Common who was happy with the state of the oak tree but concerned about the trees in front of No3 and 4 which showed signs of honey fungus. MCC would investigate further and advise.

6. **Speeding**

a. Further feedback had been received and KM had circulated another draft. As this had not yet been seen by all councillors it was agreed to postpone the final signing-off of the paper until the next meeting. Councillors were asked to forward comments on this final draft to KM before that meeting. **Action: KM.**

7. **Finance**

a. Balances for 30th November 2019 were: £3360.19 and £6796.05.

b. Cheques were signed as follows: Clerk's pay for December for £227.92 - cheque number 101678; Clerk's expenses for December for £10.40-cheque number 101679; Hood Hall for 2019 hire for £120 – cheque number 101680;–HMRC for Oct-Dec for £171-cheque number 101681; Beverley and Williams for payroll services for £39.36 - cheque number 101682.

c. The cheque given the NK at the last meeting for the purchase of two defibrillator cabinets – number 101677 - had not been accepted by the bank. The bank appeared to be unhappy with the amendment on the cheque of the payee, although the amendment had been initialled by two councillors. A further cheque was written for £873.30 – cheque number 101683 - and given to NK.

8. **Correspondence**

a. Welsh Hearts fundraising and monthly newsletters.

b. Details of the Local Government and Elections Bill.

c. List of EUSS open days and drop-in sessions.

- d. Details about a WG consultation paper on A more equal Wales.
- e. Information about the bus pass renewal programme.
- f. Information from MCC with its restrictions being applied during the pre-election period.
- g. Notice of a meeting of the Aneurin Bevan CHC.
- h. WG's Index of Multiple deprivation 2019.
- i. The draft Wye Valley AONB Management Plan for 2020-2025.
- j. ABCHC December newsletter.
- k. Request for support from MIND, Monmouthshire.
- l. Dates in 2020 for planning training sessions.
- n. Details of grants from the Viridor Community Fund.
- o. Connecting communities in Wales Newsletter Dec 2019.
- p. MCC draft licensing policy consultation document.

8. **Planning**

- a. A video and letter had been received from local residents regarding work being carried out at Church Farm, Wolvesnewton which related to agricultural notifications DM/2019/01037 and 01054 which had been considered by DCC in July. DCC forwarded the background to these applications and asked for proper scrutiny of the purpose, route and need for the new access track. Given the issues raised by local residents it was agreed to advise MCC that the significant local concerns had been brought to the Council's attention and ask that MCC look at the implementation of this development to assure themselves that it was being carried out as permitted. **Action: NJ.**
- b. New and completed enforcement cases for November.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

In BG' absence there was no CC's report.

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

- a. OVW Bulletin for Nov 2019.

11. **Ward Reports**

a. AC advised that rubbish at the Kilgwrrwg crossroads was again a problem with bags not being put out on the collection days and accumulating there. The Clerk was asked to arrange for MCC to send a note to all residents with the collection days. **Action: NJ.** She also enquires about the notification of the Best kept village competition. NK agreed to contact GAVO to ensure that all village representatives in the area received adequate notice. **Action: NK.**

b. JW advised that the Devauden Seniors Lunch had been well organised and they had expressed their appreciation to DCC for the grant towards it.

c. NK reminded everyone of the correspondence received regarding potential grants from Viridor for community projects. He asked that all councillors consider possible projects for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: ALL.**

12. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Devauden Village Hall on Monday 27th January. Further dates for 2020 were agreed as follows:

Mon 24th Feb-Devauden

Mon 30th Mar - Devauden

Mon 27th Apr - Devauden

Tues 26th May – in the Clerk’s absence earlier in the month and as the Monday is a bank holiday it was agreed to hold this month’s meeting on the Tuesday. - Devauden

Mon 29th Jun - Itton

Mon 27th Jul - Itton

Mon 21st Sep - Devauden

Mon 19th Oct - Devauden

Mon 23rd Nov - Devauden

Mon 21st Dec - Devauden

POLICE REPORT 21/10/19-11/11/19

27/11/19 – Report of a vehicle acting suspiciously in the Pwll-y-Cath road area of Newchurch. When officers attended a male was arrested at the scene for several offences. All is in hand and enquiries are ongoing.