

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August Remotely via zoom**

**Councillors present**

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

**In attendance:**

N. James (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

Given the COVID 19 restrictions it was accepted that no action would have taken place on matters raised in the February meeting although the Clerk did point out that the grounds maintenance bill from MCC for 19/20 had now been resolved.

**4. Annual return**

The Annual return and papers had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk went through the Return and highlighted the fact that the reserves had increased over the last 12 months and, with the reduced expenditure in 20/21, were likely to increase again this year. The Council would need to consider the level when it looked at next year's budget and precept. The Annual return was approved.

**5. Ward reports**

a. JR advised that the state of the old public house in Devauden was really poor; JW volunteered to take photographs so that the Council could consider its next steps. He also advised that the public footpath by The Firs was again overgrown. The Clerk was asked to advise MCC. **Action: NJ.**

b. IC wished to raise the request for financial support from the Monmouthshire CAB in view of the large numbers of residents who seek help from it. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting which hopefully would be a face to face meeting. **Action: NJ.**

c. AC asked if Council would approve maintenance grants of £100 each to the four churchyards this year; this was approved.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

HMH trustees had offered DCC the use of the main hall for the purpose of holding their monthly meetings, albeit that it would require a change of day and time to a Wednesday at 2010 hrs. This change was necessary due to the Ferard Room being out of commission due to Covid 19 restrictions and the fact that the Beavers meet on a Wednesday until 2000hrs. JR would forward a copy of the HMH's risk assessment document as support to the notion that it was the responsibility of the Hall to dictate the risk assessment to the hirers and not the reverse.

In discussion preference was given to retaining the meeting on a Monday evening and it was hoped that the next meeting on 21 Sep could be held in Itton Village Hall. There was some discussion about the requirement and responsibility of providing risk assessments and the feasibility of members of the public being permitted in view of the social distancing rules, and the implications if this were not possible. The Clerk would check with OVW. **Action: NJ.**