

# MINUTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Held Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7.19 pm, Hood Hall, Devauden

## Councillor's Present:

Cllr H Turner- Chair  
Cllr A Williams -  
Cllr P Kenington  
Cllr M Powell

**In Attendance:** J McLagan (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr J Williams, A. Kitson Smith, J. Lucas, C Cllr R. Buckler.

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None declared

**3. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting - Resolved -** Minutes 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 confirmed and signed.

**4. Public Participation:** 1 x member.

## Helen Davies:

Update on the watt3words & discussing the area, with the bus stop, ownership and fencing.

**Action:** Clerk to continue to ascertain ownership and then speak to Western Power.

**5. Police Report:** – SPCO Cordingly was unable to attend, the April police report was not ready at time of meeting.

## 6. Matters Arising:

- i. **Community Orchard:** Unable to meet with management company due to current planning application  
**Action:** Clerk to contact Planning and request update.
- ii. **Land at Allotments:** Deferred.
- iii. **Asset Register:** Completed.
- iv. **Road Safety:**
  - a) **Speeding/Incidents reported:** 2 x Incidents reported by a local resident on the St Arvans to Devauden Road, noted tseveral incidents are happening each year. **Action:** Clerk to share with SPCO and request historical data, and discuss with MCC options of slow signs, chevrons or other options to reduce speed.
  - b) **Devauden Public consultation update;**
    1. Option 3 is in progress, **Action:** Clerk to chase with MCC.
  - c) **Itton Village Road Safety**
    1. Phase 1 completed. - lines for Bus Stop, Junctions, and inner white lines.
    2. Phase 2 will involve, signage and white line removal (subject to public consultation)

**Action:** Cllr A Williams to agree date, Clerk to book hall

- v. **Defibrillators:** Training 3<sup>rd</sup> training Day completed, in Itton, next session to be arranged Setp/Oct 2026. **Howick** defibrillator electricals are nearly completed, **Cobblers Plain** defibrillator – still awaiting fitting.  
**Action :** Clerk to chase again and put number of people who have benefited from training on website.
- vi. **Telephone Boxes and Charities Policies:** – Cllrs finalised the charity policy. **Action:** Clerk to send to forms to current applicants. Telephone box policy, provisional basics discussed. **Action:** Cllr H T to draft. Telephone box sandblasting, **Action:** Clerk to request quote.
- vii. **Meetings Attended:** OVW- Cllrs JW and M Powell attended the recent meeting. **Action:** Cllr JW to feedback at next meeting. Wye Valley meeting coming up soon.
- viii. **Coal Lane:** – Ongoing. Email received from Mr R Brooke highlighting the current issues with the vehicular access and damage. **Action:** Clerk to chase with Planning, request how this has happened, and that a reinstatement of the restricted byway should be expedited quickly.
- ix. **Y Fedw Encampment** – Discussed the encampment which has been there for more than 6 months, **Action** Clerk to contact Dave C and NRW.
- x. **Clerks incremental pay rise** – Resolved – **Action** Clerk to notify Pay role
- xi. **Cllr Remuneration** - Resolved – **Action** Clerk to email Cllrs, Cllrs to confirm if they are opting out.
- xii. **End of year finances** – RFO presented a statement of accounts for end of financial year. Accounts were discussed and accepted.
- xiii. **Noticeboards:** Clerk informed council that the noticeboards need cleaning and queried current process. It was resolved the Clerk was happy to do this as additional hours.
- xiv. **Wesley Statue** – Deferred
- xv. **DCC Land, Trees and Registry-** Discussed. **Action** Clerk to find out costs for land registry
- xvi. **Meeting Dates for December, Action** Clerk to look at booking Tuesday instead.
- xvii. **Insurance Quote** – New assets values discussed. **Action** Clerk to obtain new quote
- xviii. **Bus Stop damage** – **Action** Clerk to contact MCC regarding repair.

**7. Clerks Report** – As circulated and taken as read.

**8. Finance March 26**

PAYEE	REASON FOR EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT £	VAT £	TOTAL £	PAYMENT METHOD
Clerk	Salary	790.74		790.74	BACS
Clerk Expenses	Expenses	88.19		88.19	BACS

A Williams	Microsoft Mar	48.30	9.66	57.96	BACS
RWG Mobile	New 12-month contract	30.00		30.00	BACS
Torfaen	Pension	184.87		184.87	BACS
				1,155.00	Transfer

**Balances:** Current Account **£1,450.66** & Savings Account **£53,122.56**

**Liabilities** as circulated, discussed and approved.

**9. Correspondence:** Emails: Correspondence lists as circulated and taken as read.

**10. Planning: 6 x Items** Cllrs considered, discussed and where able, voted upon the following: \_

- a) **DM/2025/01521** - Objection on size and design, plan looks like a residential property, no detail regarding the use of building, significantly bigger than previous building, unclear why it's so large, would like the opportunity to comment further on any design changes.
- b) **DM/2026/00429** - MCC portal not working. Reserve the right to comment further, Clerk to contact.
- c) **DM/2026/00302** - Cllrs unclear on this matter, reserve the right to comment further, Clerk to contact.
- d) **DM/2023/01734** - No Objection
- e) **DM/2026/00479** - Objection – Location, Style and Size are inappropriate for the setting.
- f) **DM/2026/00392** - Supported the Environmental Officers decision. New planning submitted above for this location.

**Action:** Clerk to notify MCC planning

**11. County Councillors' Report:** – Not present, report to follow.

**12. My Mon APP Outstanding Reports:** Nothing outstanding.

**13. One Voice Wales:**– As above

**14. Ward Reports:**

**Cllr J Lucas:** – Not present

**Cllr P Kenington:** - Reported the 20mph sign has been pushed into hedge on left side entering Village. **Action** Clerk to report to MCC.

**Cllr A Kitson-Smith:** – Not present.

**Cllr J Williams:** Not present.

**Cllr A Williams:** In addition to above, arranging further consultation in Itton in May.

**Cllr M Powell:** Reported speeding on the Shirenewton to Itton Road, near Itton junction. Requested a speed indicator sign for this area. Confirmed the news lines in Itton appear to be effective.

**Cllr H Turner:** In addition to above, reported the Devauden sign is bent, entering the Village. **Action** Clerk to notify MCC.

**15. Items and date for next meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm AGM then following on at 7pm the monthly

meeting at Itton Village Hall.

Meeting closed by Cllr H Turner @ 9.05pm

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