

Devauden Community Council

Draft Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 28 April 2025 7.15 pm at Hood Memorial Hall, Devauden

1 Apologies: Clerk

2 In attendance: Cllr J Williams

Cllr H Turner

Cllr M Powell

Cllr A Williams

Cllr P Kenington

Cllr J Lucas via video link

Cllr A Kitson Smith via video link

3 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda - None declared

4 The following amendments were made on the paper copy of the minutes before being signed. Item 14 Cllr Turner (and being advertised to ramblers as such) is replaced with (being advertised to motor cyclists as such). The final sentence in Cllr Turner's report 'The change is illegal so needs to be rectified' is changed to 'The published status is not legally correct so needs to be rectified'. Cllr A Williams made the above changes on the document in the shared area.

5 No members of the public present.

6 County Councillor's Report. Cllr Buckler was unable to make the meeting. Will be asked to email her report to Cllrs.

7 OVW - Cllr J Williams and Cllr Powell attended meeting in April. A representative from Warm Wales and Catherine Fookes MP were speakers at the meeting. Contents of their presentations will be circulated to councillors when OVW produce the minutes.

8 Website. Cllr A Williams and Cllr Turner talked us through the website and invited comments on how it should be amended. Some suggestions were given on what else should be included. Discussion took place on how the minutes/Draft minutes/Notes should be displayed. Cllrs were asked to read through the current information on the site and feed back to Cllr A Williams and Cllr Turner. Cllr Kenington asked that documents be posted on the site as PDF documents. Photos of councillors and brief information was requested. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs A Williams and Turner and

the Clerk who have spent a great deal of time developing the web site. The web site address was circulated to all Cllrs.

9 Ward reports

Cllr Kitson Smith - Best wishes were sent to Gary Digby wishing him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Cllr H Turner – attended a meeting in the village on Wednesday 9 April 2025 with Catherine Fookes to discuss road safety issue in the village. Cllrs J Williams and R Buckler attended along with a local resident. It is disappointing the report published by the MP's office did not mention the attendance of DCC or MCC representatives at that meeting. Has items to be raised with Cllr Buckler which will be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr P Kenington – will be attending a MCC planning course.

Cllr A Williams – Reported on the new bilingual signs that will be placed in Itton.

Cllr M Powell - Has placed a sign on the Itton telephone box informing the public that the defibrillator is not working. Has been asked when the removed defibrillator in Howick will be replaced. It will be discussed at our next budget meeting. A resident has questioned why DCC is spending money on the pollarded tree in Devauden. It was reiterated that a donation has been promised towards the cost of a tree sculpture and voluntary donations are being requested. He had attended a meeting in the village with Cllr Buckler and local residents regarding road safety and speeding.

CllrJ Lucas - The expiry date on the pads on the recently installed defibrillator in Newchurch is in 12 months' time. The specification with machine says the pads would last for 3- 5 years. Clerk to be asked to contact the supplier and request ' fresh pads' to replace the current ones.

Cllr J Williams - Agreed with Cllr Turner that it was disappointing that our attendance was not included in the report on Catherine Fookes visit to the village in view of our ongoing concern over road safety/speeding in the villages. Has items to be raised with Cllr Buckler that will be carried over to the next meeting. The very best wishes of all the council were sent to our Clerk.

Date of next meeting- AGM and Ordinary Meeting at Itton Village Hall at 6.30 on Tuesday 27 Mayf 2025.

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