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NOTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AS AT 30TH MARCH

In view of the COVID 10 virus outbreak DCC decided to cancel actual Council meetings until further notice. It would nevertheless publish notes updating its situation and any appropriate information

1. There was no police report for this period.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved by email.

3. Matters Arising

a. Minute 1 – the Clerk had advised the two co-optee applicants that the Council had cancelled all meetings until further notice and, as such, the co-optee decision would be put in abeyance until the next formal Council meeting.

b. Minutes 5a and 5c – Inevitably with the outbreak there had been no communication from MCC on either of these matters.

c. Minute 5d - KM had not managed to finalize the paper before he left the Council. The paper would be finalised so that it would be ready to confirm at the next formal meeting of the Council.

d. Minute 5f – the local individual, Martin Leach, had confirmed his insurance cover was appropriate and it was agreed he would be asked to cut Howells Green this year on a monthly basis, although it was appreciated that this might not start for a little time in the circumstances. For the cutting of the Green, Itton Common and Rhid-y-Fedw it was agreed to accepting the contract with MCC. **Action: NJ.**

e. Minute 5h – the planning application for the Masons Arms had been received but there had been no objections from the Council to the plans.

6. Finance

a. Balances for 31st March 2020 were: £3617.62 and £6802.83.

b. The annual audit papers had been distributed apparently but not yet received. The Welsh Audit Office had advised that there would be inevitably delays in completing this year's exercise not only from a local level but also at the external auditors level. They had advised that the Audit would still have to be signed off at a formal Council meeting and appreciated that might not take place for some while. The Clerk however would complete the exercise and have the paperwork ready for the Council as soon as they met formally.

c. The cheque for St Thomas a Becket church had been returned by the bank as it should have been made out to Wolvesnewton Church Fund.

d. Cheques were available for signature when possible as follows: Merlin Waste for February and March for 2 x £52.50– cheque number 101693; HMRC for Jan- Mar for £171 – cheque number 101694; Accountants for end of year administration for £24 – cheque number 101695; Accountants for payroll services for £39.36 -cheque number 101696; Clerk's pay for March for £227.92 - cheque number 101697; Clerk's expenses for March for £11.75-cheque number 101698; Wolvesnewton Church for £100 (see above) – cheque number 101699. The Clerk had contacted the accountants and Merlin Waste who appreciated there would be a delay in receiving payment until signatories were available.

7. Correspondence

a. Information about MCC's Planning Department and recycling operation through the outbreak.

b. Information from MCC trading standards about various scams operating from the start of the outbreak.

c. Notice of a road closure for the Llangwm to Newchurch road from 22nd April for 18 months.

d. Information from the WAO regarding the forthcoming audit.

e. A letter from a local resident about the quality of tree surgery carried out by MCC along the B4293.

f. A note from the Citizens Advice Bureau regarding their operation during the crisis.

g. An offer from a local resident to help with repair/maintenance of hearing aids if required.

h. An update on the support available from MIND at this time.

i. Information from GAVO that it was launching new community awards to replace the best kept village competition.

j. A notice of a public inquiry at Hood Hall to consider Definitive Modification Orders. This has now been postponed.

k. Clerks and Councils direct for March.

8. **Planning**

a. DM/2020/00174 – change of use from public house to one dwelling at The Masons Arms, Devauden – there had been no objections to this application from the Council within the 21 days.

b. DM/2020/00283 – field track to be used as a livestock run, farm vehicle access and temporary works access to construction site at Corn Farm, Devauden – there had been no objections to this from the Council within the 21 days.

b. New and completed enforcement cases for February.

9. **County Councillor's Report**

There was no county councillor's report.

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

a. OVW's Bulletin for March.

b. Details about a vacancy for a policy officer.

11. **Ward Reports**

a. NK advised that there was a bad pot hole and the road had sunk on the R82 outside Winslow Barn near Howells Green. **Action: NJ.**

b. AW advised that he was part of the Devauden Coronavirus Support Group, covering Wolvesnewton and Llanfihangel. He advised that people could communicate with the group using the email address communitysupport@devauden.org.uk.

12. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held when the Government rules regarding the virus outbreak are lifted.