

# BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Title: 2005 05 May Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11th May 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Loreen Lewis (Chairperson), Alderman D Arnallt James, Councillors Anne Sizmur, Graham Vaughan, Menna Roberts, Annette Price, Carwyn James, E Audrey Jones, Delyth Richards, Keith Rees and County Councillor John D Evans.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.  
None.

### 1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH APRIL 2005.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th April 2005 were confirmed and signed.

### 2. MATIERS ARISING.

#### 2.1 Dyfed Powys Police Authority - Ammanford Police Station.

The Clerk read response received from Dyfed-Powys Police Authority. It was agreed that no further action would be taken on this until after Councillor Graham Vaughan has attended the Dyfed Powys Police Authority Public Meeting.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.2 Community Website.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has been unable to place the minutes of Betws Community Council Meetings onto the website, Councillor Menna Roberts explained that there is a technical problem, which will hopefully be resolved shortly. Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether the Council would be interested in joining the Tourist Association, there is an annual fee of £25. No decision was made.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.3 Betws Cricket Club.

Councillor Anne Sizmur confirmed that the cricket bats have been delivered, she also confirmed that the cricket nets are up but unfortunately they haven't got new mats. Councillor Delyth Richards expressed her concern, as the training area is very uneven and dangerous. Councillor Annette Price noted this is a Health and Safety issue and suggested that a letter is written to the Parks Department of Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to the Parks Department.

#### 2.4 Planning Matters.

Councillor Delyth Richards informed the Clerk that the name should have read Coetir.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact the Planning Department accordingly.

#### 2.5 Preservation Order - Arch in Betws Park.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a detailed report in relation to the Arch in Betws Park, from Mr Locksmith, who is a resident of Betws. The Clerk has forwarded this onto Gerwyn Thomas of Carmarthenshire County Council, who has acknowledged receipt of the report.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.6 Footpaths.

The Clerk read the reply received from the Community Warden. The Clerk also informed the Councillors that the Warden is prepared to come and introduce himself and also to inform the Councillors of his role within the Community. All Councillors agreed that this would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: the Clerk arranges a meeting with the Community Warden.

#### 2.7 Betws In Bloom.

Councillor Anne Sizmur confirmed that she's spoken to a possible judge, Mrs Gloria Davies, she charges a fee of £25 per session/day. It was agreed to ask Mrs Davies to be the judge of Betws In Bloom Competition 2005.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.8 Breach of Planning Regulations, Unauthorised Tipping - Land at L1ys Havard, off Woodlands Park, Betws.

The Clerk read reply received from Carmarthenshire County Council. The matter will now be investigated by Carmarthenshire County Council to ascertain whether a breach of planning control has occurred. On completion of these investigations, the County Council will inform the Councillors of the outcome. Councillor Annette Price proposed that a letter is sent expressing the Councillors concerns.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to the Planning Department.

#### 2.9 Meals on Wheels.

Councillor Arnallt James reported that they still haven't replaced the two volunteers, and asked whether the Councillors knew of anyone who would be interested?

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.10 Clean Up Carmarthenshire.

The Clerk handed the Clean Up equipment to Councillor Arnallt James. It was decided that Councillor Arnallt James would collect the litter from the footpaths, and the Councillors would meet on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm in Betws Park to collect rubbish.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to liaise with Carmarthenshire County Council re:collection of rubbish.

#### 2.11 Site Visit Betws Mine Site.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she wrote to Hugh Towns requesting a site visit of Betws Mine; she explained that the Councillors wanted a show around visit. Hugh Towns said that he would speak to the landowners and get back in touch. To date the Clerk has not received a response from Hugh Towns.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that County Councillor J D Evans has written a letter to Betws Community Council concerning this matter.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.12 End Of Clerks Probationary Period.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she's drawn up a contract of employment, which is the same as the previous Clerk. The Clerk and the Chair, Loreen Lewis signed the contract.

The above point was NOTED.

#### 2.13 Affordable Housing.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she hasn't received a reply to her letter. Councillor Annette Price suggested that the Clerk writes enquiring why a reply hasn't been received.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to the Housing Department of Carmarthenshire County Council.

#### 2.14 Betws Park.

The Clerk read response received from the Assistant Grounds Maintenance Manger of Carmarthenshire County Council with regards to this matter.

The above point was NOTED.

## 2.15 Grass Collection At Heol Y Felin Park.

The Clerk read response received from the Grounds Maintenance Manger of Carmarthenshire County Council, in relation to the above. Councillor Delyth Richards recommended that the Clerk writes to the Health and Safety Section of Carmarthenshire County Council stating that this is a potential health and safety issues.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to the Health and Safety Section of Carmarthenshire County Council.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE.

### 3.1 BTCV.

Clerk read the letter received from BTCV. Councillor Carwyn James suggested that the Clerk writes to ask who BTCV are.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to BTCV.

### 3.2 Following Correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

#### 1. Carmarthenshire County Council

##### 1.1 Bus Shelter Provision Policy.

##### 1.2 Minutes of the Amman Valley Railway Steering Group Meeting.

##### 1.3 Strategy for Physically Disabled people - given to Councillor Annette Price.

#### 2. Welsh Assembly Government

##### 2.1 Account and Audit Regulations.

##### 2.2 Review of Model Code of Conduct document - given to Councillor Loreen Lewis.

#### 3. One Voice Wales 3.1 Agenda.

##### 3.2 One Voice Wales nominated representative.

#### 4. Trafalgar Weekend

#### 5. Community Safety Strategy for Carmarthenshire 2005 -2008.

#### 6. CAVS L1ais Myrddin Spring 2005.

#### 7. Society of Local Council Clerks.

#### 8. Rhiwfawr Action Group.

#### 9. Npower Renewables.

#### 10. EC02.

11 Letter from Mrs A Shepherd, and also a letter from Carmarthenshire County Council in response to Mrs A Shepherds letter.

## 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

The following applications were approved by Betws Community Council:-E/09880 -

Proposed Bungalow

Plot of land next to Pencoed Villa, Maesquarre Road, Betws Mr Geraint Jones

E/09981 - Construction of Highway Cui De Sac Land at Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws, Griffiths Bros

Following a short discussion the following application was objected by Betws Community Council:-

E/09809 - One Dwelling, Plot of Land at 2 Waungron Road, Betws Mr Schofield

The following application is in discussion with Betws Community Council:-E/09980 -

Proposed conversion - 4 industrial units, Former Betws Colliery Site, T Richard Jones

(Betws) Ltd

The following applications have been granted by Carmarthenshire County Council:-

E/09281 - Extension to existing Factory Betws Park Workshop, Profab 2000 Ltd

E/09395 - Proposed Alternations and rear/side extension 10 Pentwyn Road, Betws, Mr H Jones

E/08869 - 2 Three-bedroom houses Waungron Road, Betws, MrJ Woodall

## 5. ACCOUNTS.

- 1.Lyn Llewelyn - Internal Audit Service £52.50
- 2.Capel Newydd Meetings (x6) £60.00

## 6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there were five crimes committed in the Betws area during April, made up of the following:-  
2 possession of cannabis, 1 burglary at LBS, 1 damage to vehicle at LBS 1 theft of mobile phone

PC Jones reported that 180 youngsters had attended the Blue Light Disco that was held in April. The next disco is scheduled for the 25th May.

Councillor Arnallt James informed PC Jones that vehicles are still speeding along Maesquarre Road, and also on Heol y Felin and Cae Mawr. PC Jones confirmed that he would mention this to the Traffic Officers.  
The above point was NOTED.

## 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor John D Evans reported on the following:-

Carmarthenshire County Council is placing a new bus shelter near the Plough and Harrow. Betws Mine Site was discussed in detail.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to Mr Hugh Towns and Mr Mike Nicholas of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Wind Turbines - application will be submitted shortly, County Councillor Evans suggested that a joint meeting takes place to prepare a paper.

## 8. REPORTS.

Footpaths

Councillor Graham Vaughan gave a report on footpaths in the absence of Councillor Peter Cowell.

The above point was NOTED.

Park Project

Councillor Annette Price informed the Councillors that she's spoken to the Parks Department of Carmarthenshire County Council and they haven't forgotten about the project, they will come back to her in the next month.

The above point was NOTED.

Councillor Annette Price also informed the Councillors that CADW have been in the Ammanford area last year recording the listed buildings. It was suggested that the Clerk writes to CADW to see whether the Councillors can have a copy of their findings.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to CADW.

## 9. DISCUSSION PAPER.

Councillors discussed the above. Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Council that Councillor Peter Cowell is going to mention the road matter to the WDA. Councillor Annette Price suggested including Section 106.

The above point was NOTED.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Audrey Jones informed the Councillors that residents using the path are leaving the gate on the footpath running between 3/4 and 3/5 near Maesllech Farm open. The Farmer is concerned as the animals are getting out. Councillor Audrey Jones suggested that the Clerk writes to the Rights of Way Officer, asking whether a sty gate can be placed there.

RESOLVED: the Clerk writes to the Rights of Way Officer.

Councillor Annette Price stated that she's received complaints from residents in relation to the recent election. There were no boxes available in which postal votes could be placed. The postal votes were handed to one officer and then another. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Electoral Services of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Councillor Loreen Lewis asked whether the Rugby Club could be suggested, as a future polling station as there is plenty of room to park and the location is more accessible than Capel Newydd.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Electoral Services of Carmarthenshire County Council. 1. Postal vote boxes. 2. Suggesting Betws Rugby Club as a future Polling Station.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether there could be a rota for the Councillors Surgeries. It was agreed that this is to be placed on next month's agenda. It was also agreed that Councillors Arnallt James and Annette Price would attend the next surgery starting at 6.30 pm on Wednesday the 8th of June. The above point was NOTED.