

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2005 11 November Minutes

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The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th October 2005 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Keith Rees.

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

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th SEPTEMBER 2005.

The following amendments were made:-

2.2 Councillor Carwyn James said that the issue in Parc Penrhiw is unacceptable.

8.1 Removal of the goldfish pond, pump house, commemorative garden in commemoration, of the Mining Community of Betws.

8.2 Councillor Loreen Lewis was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th September 2005 were amended and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Walkway to Betws CP School from Colonel Road, Betws.

Councillor June Gunter asked for an update in relation to the above. Councillor Peter Cowell reported that the walkway to Betws CP School from Colonel Road has been cleared.

Councillor Peter Cowell also informed the Councillors that County Councillor John D Evans has written to Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire whether the County Council can make this a hard surface footpath.

The above point was NOTED.

2.2 Betws Park.

The Clerk read an email received from Tanja James concerning funding for Parks - Trim Trail. Councillor Annette Price confirmed that she would try and obtain further information from Tanja James.

The above point was NOTED.

2.3 Betws In Bloom.

Councillor Anne Sizmur stated that she has paid out £37.60 for the engraving of the Betws In Bloom trophy cups. All Councillors agreed to reimburse Councillor Anne Sizmur.

RESOLVED: to pay Councillor Anne Sizmur the sum of £37.60.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 The Stile Company.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a request from the Stile Company asking for permission from Betws Community Council to place an oak seat or bench on the

Common Land behind Full moon. The Councillors had no objections, but they did suggest that the Stile Company should also consult with the Commoners.
RESOLVED: the Clerk to notify the Stile Company that the Councillors had no objections.

3.2 Amman Group of Local Councils.

The Clerk read the letter she has received from the Amman Group of Local Councils asking if Betws Community Council can put a formal proposal before its Councillors stating that it wishes to join in extending the invite to the National Eisteddfod to the Amman Valley in 2012. Councillor Anne Sizmur read a proposal to the Councillors. This was discussed and all Councillors were in favour of supporting this.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends the proposal to the Amman Group of Local Councils.

3.3 Wind Turbine Planning Application.

Councillor Graham Vaughan questioned the previous decision made by Betws Community Council concerning the Wind Turbine Planning Application. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received correspondence in relation to the Wind Turbine Planning Application. Councillor Peter Cowell said that the decision put forward by Betws Community Council couldn't be overturned within six months. It was decided not to discuss the matter further.

The above point was NOTED.

3.4 Following Correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1. Carmarthenshire County Council.

1.1 Care Homes for Older People Newsheet - copy given to Councillor June Gunter.

1.2 Meeting request re: Betws Colliery 11th October 2005.

1.3 Seasonal Decorations consent form.

2. One Voice Wales - Carmarthen Area Committee Agenda and Minutes.

3. Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association Newsletter - given to Councillor Carwyn James.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 The following applications were approved by Betws Community Council:-

E/11173 - Bedroom Extension

48 Woodlands Park, Betws

Adele Sparks (18)

E/11253 - Single Story Extension

16 Treforis, Betws

Mrs Donna Dennings (19)

E/11348 - Change of use of existing storage unit

Profab 2000 Ltd, Betws Park Workshops

Profab 2000 Ltd (20)

4.2 Full Planning Permission has been granted by the County Council to the following:-

E/10763 - Phase 2, 8 Residential Development dwellings

Woodlands Park, Betws

Griffiths Brothers Builders (13)

E/09324 - Discharge Restoration Condition

Betws Colliery

Betws Anthracite Ltd (21 2004/2005)

5. ACCOUNTS.

1. BDO Stoy Hayward LLP (External Audit Fees) £141.00

2. Councillor Anne Sizmur £37.60

TOTAL £178.60

RESOLVED: That the above be paid.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the External Audit has been completed and there were no issues raised.

The above point was NOTED.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Geoff Harries attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that the following crimes were committed in the Betws area during September:- .

2 assaults, 1 possession of ecstasy, 2 possessions of cannabis on Betws Mountain, 1 theft of mobile phone and 1 theft of vehicle. To date they have not been detected.

255 youngsters attended the Blue Light Disco that was held in September. The next disco is on the 20th of October. Councillor June Gunter commended the Police on the tremendous job they are doing with regards to the Blue Light Discos.

County Councillor John D Evans reported that he has received a complaint in relation to vehicles speeding on Maesquarre Road and Betws Mountain between the hours of 8-9 am and 5-6 pm. PC Harries stated that he would pass this onto PC Kevin Jones.

The above points were NOTED.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor John D Evans updated the Councillors with regards to the Betws Mine Site.

The above point was NOTED.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Footpaths.

Councillor Peter Cowell updated the Councillors in relation to the footpaths. He reported that Roger Lewis and himself have met with the Paths Officer concerning 68/11, and has since been out on 3/8, he's hoping that the footpath will be opened as this will be a great asset to the Village.

The above point was NOTED.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Betws Park Arch.

Councillor Peter Cowell asked whether the Clerk has received a response in relation to the preservation order on the Arch in Betws Park. To date the Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response from Gerwyn Thomas.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Gerwyn Thomas.

9.2 Crime Evening.

Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Councillors that she has organised the Crime Evening. The above point was NOTED.

9.3 Betws CP School.

Councillor June Gunter asked whether the Clerk has received a response from the Headteacher of Betws CP School with regards to her attending the monthly meetings of Betws Community Council to update the Councillors on what's happening in Betws CP School. The Clerk apologised as she thought Councillor Anne Sizmur was going to speak to the Headteacher.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to invite the Headteacher of Betws CP School, to the next Meeting of Betws Community Council.

9.4 Betws Community Council Surgeries.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked the Councillors whether they wanted to continue with the Council Surgeries. The above was discussed and resolved that Councillors Arnallt James and Audrey Jones would attend the next months Council Surgery starting at 6.30 pm and that Councillors Arnallt James and Anne Sizmur would attend the surgery in December. The above point was NOTED.

9.5 Meeting of the 4th October 2005.

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed the Councillors that the Clerk has received a letter of complaint, which concerns one of the Councillors from Betws Community Council. The clerk has referred the letter onto One Voice Wales and is currently waiting for legal advice. The Councillors will be notified of the advice received in due course. The above point was NOTED.