

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2006 02 February Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8th February 2006 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Annette Price, E Audrey Jones and June Gunter.

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

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th JANUARY 2006.

Councillor Delyth Richards proposed and Councillor Carwyn James seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11th January 2006 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Crime Evening.

Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Councillors that the crime evening has been rescheduled for the 28th March 2006.
The above point was NOTED.

2.2 Breach of Planning Control.

Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Councillors that she has not received a further response to her letter concerning the above. Councillor Anne Sizmur has spoken to the Planning Department, who informed her that they have lost their file.
The above point was NOTED.

2.3 Footpath 3/16.

Councillor Peter Cowell confirmed that the Planning Officer is looking into the matter of footpath 3/16.
The above point was NOTED.

2.4 Betws Park.

The Clerk read response received from the Environmental Officer of Carmarthenshire County Council. The Councillors suggested that black litter bins could possibly be placed in the following locations:-

Waunddwfn lane, Near the bridge on Maesybetws and Waungron Road.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Environmental Officer of Carmarthenshire County Council.

2.5 Illuminating the Church and Chapel in Betws.

Councillor Keith Rees informed the Councillors that he has spoken to the Gentleman concerning the illumination, who confirmed that the lights are still in the church. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk writes to Llandybie Church to investigate the cost of purchasing lights.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Llandybie Church.

2.6 Margaret Street Practice.

The Clerk read response received from Margaret Street Practice.

The above point was NOTED.

2.7 Heol Y Felin Children's Play Area.

The Clerk read two letters received from Carmarthenshire County Council one from the Legal Department and the other from the Parks Department who confirmed that the pad lock should now have been fitted to the double gates in Heol Y Felin Children's Play Area. It was agreed that Councillor Graham Vaughan visits the play area and confirm this.

The above point was NOTED.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 Correspondence received from the County Councillor.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received correspondence from the County Councillor concerning the Standing Order of Betws Community Council. Graham Vaughan proposed that the Clerk acknowledges the County Councillor's letter. All Councillors were in agreement.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the County Councillor to inform him that the Standing Order of Betws Community Council are currently being looked into and will be dealt with in due course.

3.2 The following Correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1. One Voice Wales.

- Planning Handbook.
- Newsletter - Councillor Keith Rees offered to photocopy the newsletter for each of the Councillors.
- Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.

2. Welsh Assembly Government.

- Appropriate sum under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- The Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2004 - 2005.
- Borrowing by Community and Town Councils Loan Sanction for 2006 - 2007.
- Health Challenge Wales.

3. Betws Cricket Club - The Councillors agreed that this would be discussed in the next Finance Committee Meeting schedule for March 2006.

4. Public Path Diversion Order 3/8.

5. Play Wales Newsletter.

6. Aman Group of Local Councils Minutes and Agenda.

7. Carmarthenshire County Council re: footpath and Bridleway Maintenance Programme 2006/2007.

8. Invitation to Local Health Board Meeting - handed to Councillor Loreen Lewis.

9. Carmarthenshire Unitary Development Plan.

10. The Local Channel.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 Correspondence received from Carmarthenshire County Council:

The plot adjacent to 48 Colonel Road, Betws will be known as Swn Yr Adar, Betws, SA18 2HR.

4.2 The following application was approved by Betws Community Council:-

E/12114 - Conversion of Barn to House, Llwyndu, Betws, Ammanford.

4.3 The following application was objected by Betws Community Council:-

E/12063 - Builders Merchants Yard/Storage/Sales at Units 2 and 3 Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford

5. ACCOUNTS.

1. Councillor Peter Cowell £51.40
 2. Carmarthenshire Tourist Association £40.00
- TOTAL £91.40

RESOLVED: that the above be paid.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there were 6 crimes committed in the Betws area during January, made up of the following:- 1 criminal damage, 3 cannabis possessions, 1 theft of motor vehicle and 1 public order offence. To date 4 have been detected.

The Councillors identified the following as priority points for February:-

- Speeding traffic along Colonel Road.
- Visit to Maes Y Betws Farm.
- Gates in Betws Park.

The above points were NOTED.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor John D Evans reported on the following issues:-

1. Betws Site - he reported that the Director of Regeneration is trying to arrange a meeting with the operator to establish what progress has been made since the last meeting back in October 2005.

The above point was NOTED.

2. Car Parking Charges - he informed the Councillors that the South Wales Guardian completely miss reported his comments and he made it quite clear to the Councillors that he is opposed to any parking charges.

The above point was NOTED.

3. Betws Community Council Standing Orders - he informed the Councillors that the Standing Orders of Betws Community Council are extremely out of date. Councillor Graham Vaughan suggested that a sub group should be formed to look at the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to One Voice Wales asking for a model copy of Standing Orders.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 National Eisteddfod.

Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that there is a Meeting scheduled for the 17th February 2006 in relation to the National Eisteddfod.

The above point was NOTED.

8.2 Planning Seminar.

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed the Councillors that Councillor Anne Sizmur and herself attend the recent Planning Seminar. Councillor Loreen Lewis updated the Councillors accordingly and also notified them that she has received correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council who have stated that the grass would not be collected after it's been cut due to the lack of funding. Councillor Delyth Richards proposed that the Community Council writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to inform them that the Councillors completely objects to leaving the grass cuttings in the Parks etc. The Community Council do however support the recycling policy and could Carmarthenshire County Council confirm why the grass isn't being collected and taken to be recycled? All Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Grounds Maintenance Section of Carmarthenshire County Council.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Betws in Bloom Competition.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked the Councillors whether they wanted to continue with the competition for this year. All Councillors were in favour. It was agreed that Councillor Anne Sizmur is to organise the Betws in Bloom Competition for 2006.

The above point was NOTED.

9.2 Blue Box Recycling Scheme.

Councillor Delyth Richards informed the Councillors that plastics are being left in the blue recycling boxes by the recycling lorry, and that she has to make alternative arrangements to take the plastics to the recycling banks. Councillor Delyth Richards proposed and Councillor Graham Vaughan seconded that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire whether plastics can be placed into the blue recycling boxes and if not could this be incorporated into the blue box recycling scheme.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.