

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th July 2006 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Alderman D Arnallt James, Councillors Keith Rees and E Audrey Jones.

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

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JUNE 2006.

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Anne Sizmur seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th June 2006 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Carmarthenshire County Council - Bus Shelters.

Councillor Annette Price reported that there isn't a bus shelter in Treforis at this present time. Councillor Annette Price proposed that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council requesting that a bus shelter is placed in Treforis, Betws. County Councillor John D Evans reported that he has asked for a bus shelter to be placed at Treforis. The Councillors agreed to send a letter to Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council

2.2 Carmarthenshire County Council - Parking Charges.

County Councillor John D Evans reported that short term car parking charges are 20p for half an hour he's put forward for this to be extended to 20p for one hour. This is to be considered by the Executive Board.

The above point was NOTED.

2.3 Betws In Bloom.

Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that the Betws in Bloom Competition has not fallen through for this year. She has received 2 new entries and therefore there are 12 entries in total.

The above point was NOTED.

2.4 Rubbish Collection on Maesquarre Road, Betws.

The Clerk read response received from Carmarthenshire County Council, who apologised for not collection rubbish along the top of Maesquarre Road. Councillor Loreen Lewis reported that collections have been missed again on Betws Road and Wern Terrace. County Councillor John D Evans reported that he would raise this matter with the Relevant Officer from Carmarthenshire County Council tomorrow.

RESOLVED: that County Councillor John D Evans raises this issue with Carmarthenshire County Council.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 Carmarthenshire Local Health Board.

Councillor Peter Cowell noted that he was disappointed that Carmarthenshire Local Health Board have not provided Community Council's with sufficient time for them to respond to the consultation process and therefore they have not been able to provide any input. All Councillors were concerned with this matter and they resolved that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire Local Health Board.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire Local Health Board.

3.2 Resignation Letter

The Clerk read the resignation letter received from Mr Graham Vaughan which was handed to the Chair Councillor Menna Roberts. Mr Vaughan has tendering his resignation as a Community Councillor from the 12th July 2006.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make enquires with Carmarthenshire County Council with regards to appointing a new Community Councillor.

3.3 The following Correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1. Carmarthenshire Partnership Annual Report 2005/06.
2. Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007/10.
3. Welsh Assembly Government - Guidance on providing indemnities to members and officers of relevant authorities.
4. Age Partnership Group.
5. Adam Price re: Restructuring of Police Forces in Wales.
6. Letter from County Councillor John D Evans to the Environment Agency.
7. Seminar Handouts received from County Councillor John D Evans.
8. Certificate for the Tidy Wales Awards 2006.
9. Carmarthenshire County Council, Social Services - handed to Councillor June Gunter.
10. Ombudsman Annual Report 2005/06.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

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

Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed that the Developer makes a contribution towards a Section 106. All Councillors agreed

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council, Planning Department.

E/13539 - Residential Development, Plots 12 & 12A Woodlands Park Phase 2, Betws (7).

E/13538 - Residential Development, Plots 7 & 7A Woodlands Park Phase 2, Betws (8).

E/13537 - Residential Development, Plots 10 & 11 Woodlands Park Phase 2, Betws (9).

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

E/13194 - First Floor Extension, 89 Colonel Road, Betws, Ammanford (4)

4.3 The following application has been withdrawn in accordance with instructions received by Carmarthenshire County Council on the 30th June 2006.

E13371 - Residential Development, Land Opposite the Plough & Harrow Public House, Betws Road, Betws, Ammanford (5).

5. ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk presented the meeting with the audited accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2006. She informed the Councillors that the internal audit was completed and that the external audit was set for the 11th August. The Chairperson signed the Annual Return.

The above point was NOTED.

Councillor Carwyn James discussed the donations received with the Councillors. He explained that Betws CP School has written asking for financial contribution towards

purchasing a picnic table. He proposed that the Clerk speak to the Headteacher to see whether they would like Betws Community Council to purchase a new picnic table and also a frog/dolphin rubbish bin for the School.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk speaks to the Headteacher of Betws CP School.

Councillor Carwyn James also explained to the Councillors that the Clerk has received a copy of a Bank Statement from Betws Cricket Club. The Councillor discussed this matter and it was resolved that if Betws Cricket Club can raise money up to £300 then Betws Community Council will look at the possibility of match funding this amount.

The above point was NOTED.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether the Betws In Bloom prize money to be paid to Betws School could be increased from £50 which was the amount paid last year. All Councillors were in favour of increasing the Betws In Bloom prize money to £100.

RESOLVED: to present Betws CP School with the prize amount of £100 (Betws In Bloom Competition).

1. Lyn Llewellyn (Internal Audit) £55.00
 2. Capel Newydd Meetings (x5) £50.00
 3. Roger Lewis Footway Maintenance £800.00
 4. Roger Lewis (Flowers) £34.00
 5. Donation - Glo Man £50.00
 6. Donation - Mid & West Wales Fire £50.00
 7. Donation - Wales Air Ambulance £100.00
 8. Donation - Child Line Cymru £100.00
 9. Betws CP School (Betws In Bloom) £100.00
- TOTAL £1339.00

RESOLVED: that the above be paid.

The Clerk also asked if a resolution could be passed in that she can make payments in August should they arise for example Community Council Insurance. All Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk can process payments in August.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there were 12 crimes committed in the Betws area during June, made up of the following:- 1 Assault, 2 possession of cannabis, 1 Offensive weapon, 2 Thefts, 3 Criminal damage to vehicles, 2 Public Order offences and 1 Threat to Kill. To date 3 crimes have been detected.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

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

1. Parc Nantfelin - The onus is on the Developer to erect road signs. County Councillor John D Evans has sent an email to an officer of Carmarthenshire County Council concerning rubbish collection on Nantfelin but has not received a response to date.

2. Road Markings - Councillor Delyth Richards asked County Councillor John D Evans whether he raised the issue with the relevant Councillor with regards to the road markings along Iscennen Road, in Ammanford as the road markings are not bilingual. County Councillor John D Evans reported that he did raise this matter with the Councillor concerned. The Councillors resolved that the Clerk writes to the Planning Department of Carmarthenshire County Council.

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

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Betws In Bloom.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked the Councillor if she could get the Shield and the Cups

engraved. All Councillors agreed. The Councillors also agreed that they would hold a Betws in Bloom presentation evening on the 19th of September in Capel Newydd.
The above point was NOTED.

8.2 Betws Park Project.

Councillor Annette Price updated the Councillors with regards to the Betws Park Project. She stated that the Community Council could apply for an 80% grant through the One Fund and 20% from WREN. Councillor Annette Price stated that there is a gentleman which has been recommended by the Parks Department of Carmarthenshire County Council who is willing to work out the costing of the entire Project for the Community Council i.e. materials etc. Amy Hawkins has confirmed that this service has been paid for.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends a cover note to the gentleman concerned.

8.3 Heritage Walks

Councillor Peter Cowell stated that an information board concerning the heritage walks will be placed in Betws Park. Councillor Peter Cowell asked whether the Clerk had received the coloured logo from Fattorini. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received the coloured logo to date.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk chases up this matter, and as soon as the coloured logo is received it is passed onto Martin Murray in Ty'r Nant, Trostre.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Clean Up Campaign.

Councillor Carwyn James asked when the Councillors are available to undertake to clean up campaign as the last scheduled clean up was cancelled due to bad weather. The Councillors decided that the Clean up campaign would take place on the 19th of July at 6.30pm, cleaning the path from Colonel Road to Betws CP School.

The above point was NOTED.

10. STANDING ORDERS.

County Councillor John D Evans emphasised again that the following addition should be made to the Standing Orders:-

“that the County Councillor must declare a pecuniary and non pecuniary interest” Councillor Peter Cowell proposed and Councillor June Gunter Seconded that the above should be amended in the Standing Orders. All Councillors agreed.

Councillor Delyth Richards asked whether the Standing Order are available in Welsh.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk makes enquires with One Voice Wales.