

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2006 05 May Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th May 2006 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Cowell and Delyth Richards.

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

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th APRIL 2006.

Councillor Anne Sizmur stated that she had an amendment to make - page 5, 8.2 should read that One Voice Wales has lost some of its members.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk amends the minutes accordingly.

Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and Councillor June Gunter seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th April 2006 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Footpath 3/14 and 3/16.

The Clerk read response received from Carmarthenshire County Council concerning the temporary closure of footpath 3/14 and 3/16, as far as Carmarthenshire County Council are concerned they are not aware of any closure order granted for the above footpaths.

The above point was NOTED.

2.2 Church Illumination.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has spoken to W Kingsbury who stated that in order to calculate the cost of the electrical equipment needed they will require the size of the cross. Councillor Keith Rees asked whether a steel cross would be better than a wooden cross. All Councillors agreed to look at the cost of a steel cross.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Annette Price obtains the measurements of the cross on Llandybie Church and then Councillor Keith Rees will make enquires with regards to the cost of a steel cross.

2.3 Safe Routes to School.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she's spoken to Mr Thomas from Carmarthenshire County Council concerning the Safe Routes to School Scheme.

Mr Thomas stated that unfortunately only Betws CP School can apply for the funding, but Betws Community Council can assist the Headteacher if the School requires assistance.

The above point was NOTED.

2.4 Carmarthenshire County Council - Clean up Carmarthenshire Campaign.

Councillor Carwyn James asked the Councillors whether the date for the clean up campaign could be changed to the 24th of May as he's unable to make the 25th of May. All Councillors agreed that the clean up Carmarthenshire Campaign will take place on the 24th of May at 6.00 pm, meeting near the bridge on Colonel Road, Betws.

The above point was NOTED.

2.5 Footpath 68/11.

Councillor Arnallt James asked the Clerk whether she has received a response to her letter concerning footpath 68/11, as he reported that there is still a dip at the end of the footpath near the part which has been covered with small stones. The Clerk informed the Councillors that to date she has not received a response from Carmarthenshire County Council. Councillor Carwyn James proposed and Councillor Anne Sizmur seconded that the Clerk pursues Carmarthenshire County Council for a response to the above. RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 Davies Craddock - Insurance Premium.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received correspondence from Davies Craddock in Llanelli asking whether Betws Community Council would be interested in having a quote for insurance. This was discussed by the Councillors, and all the Councillors agreed that the Clerk obtains a quote for insurance from Davies Craddock.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk obtains a quote for insurance from Davies Craddock.

3.2 Carmarthenshire County Council - Bus Shelters.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council asking whether Betws Community Council own or maintain any bus shelters within Betws. Betws Community Council does not own nor maintain any bus shelters within Betws. The Councillors did however report that there are two bus shelters in Betws that are in a poor condition. One opposite the Plough and the other on Waungron Road, Betws.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to inform them of the two bus shelters mentioned above.

3.3 The following Correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1 Carmarthenshire County Council - Parking Strategy.

2 Carmarthenshire County Council - Carmarthenshire Unitary Development Plan - Proposed modifications and statement of response to Inspectors Report - April 2006 handed to Councillor Menna Roberts.

3 Welsh Assembly Government - A good Practice Guide for Community and Town Councils in Wales were handed to each of the Councillors.

4 One Voice Wales - Representative for Area Committee Meetings.

5 Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and well being partnership road show handed to Councillor Menna Roberts.

6 Local Health Board - Consultation Review.

7 Mr Lewis - re: Maesquarre Road Play Area.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 An appeal has been lodged with the National Assembly for Wales against the Enforcement Notice issued by Carmarthenshire County Council concerning the land adjacent to Aman Engineering Workshops, Pentwyn Road, Betws.

4.2 The National Assembly for Wales has dismissed the appeal concerning the plot of land part of 2 Waungron Road, Betws, Ammanford.

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

E/11135 - Extension to existing funeral parlour at 39 Betws Road, Betws (2005/17).

4.4 Carmarthenshire County Council has refused planning permission to the following:-

E/12279 - Two Storey Shop Extension, Park Street Filling Station, Betws (2005/28)

5. ACCOUNTS.

1. Chair Allowance (3rd and Final Instalment) £100.00

2. Resq (Software) 41.13

3. Sara Thomas (Financial Donation) £100.00

TOTAL £241.13

RESOLVED: that the above be paid.

A request was received for financial assistance from Sara Thomas, she is representing Wales at an International Girl guiding event which is taking place in Canada during July. It was discussed by the Councillors and Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Carwyn James seconded that a donation of £100 be provided to Sara Thomas. Usually this would be discussed by the Finance Committee, but the next meeting is scheduled for July and it would be too late to provide financial assistance. All Councillors were in favour.

RESOLVED: to provide a donation of £100 to Sara Thomas.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there were 7 crimes committed in the Betws area during April. To date 4 crimes have been detected.

336 Youngsters attended the Blue Light Disco that was held in April. The next disco is planned for the 25th of May.

PC Jones updated the Councillors on the issues that were raised in last months meeting:-

- Girls throwing stones in Parc Bwtrimawr.
- Mini Motors - Woodlands Park.
- Invalid Carriages.

The above points were NOTED.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

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

1. Ammanford No. 1 Colliery - He has received correspondence from The Coal Authority who has confirmed that the owner of the land has authorised them to carry out remedial works.

The above point was NOTED.

2. Flooding at the bottom of Colonel Road - He expressed his concern that during heavy rainfalls water is being diverted into Nant Y Fin brook and this is causing residents great concern especially along Maesquarre Road. Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and Councillor Keith Rees seconded that a letter should be written to the Environment Agency and also the Environmental Department of the Council.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Environment Agency and also to the Environmental Department of Carmarthenshire County Council.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Footpaths.

In the absence of Councillor Peter Cowell, Councillor Menna Roberts updated the Councillors with regards to the footpaths within Betws.

The above point was NOTED.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Parc Nant-Y-Felin, Betws.

Councillor Audrey Jones informed the Councillors that there are no street signs stating the name 'Parc Nant-Y-Felin', there are no street lights on the site and also residents have to bring their rubbish from the site onto the main road as the rubbish is not being collected from the street. Councillor Carwyn James proposed that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire

County Council. All Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

9.2 Golwg Y Mynydd.

Councillor Audrey Jones informed the Councillors that many residents have been complaining about the strong smell of sewerage coming from the site 'Golwg Y Mynydd'. The Councillors resolved that the Clerk writes to the Environmental Health Department and asks them to investigate the above.

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

9.3 Heol Y Felin Children's Play Area.

Councillor Keith Rees was concerned as children are collecting the grass cuttings from the Play Area and are trying to set the grass alight. The Councillors all agreed that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to ask if the grass could be cut more often and also could the grass cuttings be collected after they have been cut.

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

9.4 Betws Park - Lease.

Councillor Annette Price asked the Clerk whether she has received a response from Carmarthenshire County Council concerning the lease to Betws Park. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response from the Legal Department of Carmarthenshire County Council. The Councillors resolved that the Clerk follows up this matter.

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

9.5 Pentwyn Road, Betws.

Councillor Annette Price informed the Councillors that the Overweight sign (heavy load sign) on Pentwyn Road has been covered by brambles. The Councillors resolved that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to ask if the brambles can be cut back.

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

9.6 Walkway leading from Pentwyn Road to Ty Coch Night Club.

Councillor June Gunter asked the Clerk whether she has received a response concerning the above. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to date; the Clerk also informed the Councillors that she has follow up this matter last month, but has not received a response to date. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk sends another letter to Carmarthenshire County Council.

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