

# BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Title: 2007 12 December Minutes**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th December 2007 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Keith Rees, Audrey Jones, Richard Howell, Anne Sizmur and Betsan 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 NOVEMBER 2007.

Councillor Carwyn James had an amendment to make to the Welsh Minutes in that No. 8 should read that the Community Council Surgeries are held every Two months and not three months as stated in the minutes. The Councillors agreed to the above amendment. Councillor Arnallt James proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th November 2007 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING.

#### 2.1 Land at Heol Y Felin, Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she is still waiting to receive confirmation that the transfer of land on Heol Y Felin has been completed. Once the Clerk receives confirmation she will contact the Community Council's Insurers to arrange insurance for the land on Heol Y Felin. All the Councillors agreed.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 2.2 Footpath leading from Waungron Road to Argoed Road, Betws.

Councillor Delyth Richards informed the Councillors that there are horses on the third section of footpath leading from Waungron Road to Argoed Road, Betws.

The Councillor RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Gary Carlsen of Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire into this matter.

#### 2.3 Betws Community Council Precept.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Betws Community Council has received an advance of their precept from Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 2.4 Betws Church.

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed the Councillors that one of the flood lights is not working on the Church in Betws. Mr Peter Cowell has asked Mr Betton to repair the flood light. Mr Betton will invoice the Community Council for the work carried out to repair the light in due course.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 3.1 Correspondence received from a Resident of Maesguarre Road Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received correspondence from a resident of Maesguarre Road, Betws which was read to the Councillors. The Chairperson raised this

matter with PC Kevin Jones, who stated that there is a low crime rate within Betws but he will raise this issue with his Inspector.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk replies to the letter received from the resident of Maesquarre Road.

3.2 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

- Adjudication Panel for Wales - Annual Report for 2006-2007.
- Waiting Restrictions and Speed Limits - Ammanford.
- Carmarthenshire County Council - Revised Publication Scheme.
- Carmarthenshire County Council - Park & Ride at Carmarthen.
- Carmarthenshire County Council - Council Budget 2008/09 - 2010/11.
- Carmarthenshire County Council - Christmas Refuse Collection.
- One Voice Wales - 2007/08 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks.

#### 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 Carmarthenshire County Council have given full planning permission to the following:-  
E/17610 - Variation of planning condition to include attic storage area to proposed extension at 89 Colonel Road, Betws (26/2007-08).

E/16846 - Taking down existing kitchen/utility and rebuilding kitchen/utility bedroom extension at 94 Colonel Road, Betws (21/2007-08).

#### 5. ACCOUNTS.

- 1.Carmarthenshire County Council (Inv No. 91553751 - Betws Park Project) £11,750.00
- 2.Carmarthenshire County Council (Inv No. 91603577 - Betws Park Project) £5,875.00
- 3.Carmarthenshire County Council (Inv No. 91603610 - Betws Park Project) £5,875.00
- 4.Carmarthenshire County Council (Inv No. 91603540 - Betws Park Project) £5,875.00
- 5.Carmarthenshire County Council (Inv No. 91603568 - Betws Park Project) £5,678.95
- 6.Capel Newydd Meetings (x 5 Meetings) £50.00
- 7.Clerks Salary and Allowance £884.60
- 8.Clerks Income Tax £194.78
- 9.SLCC Membership (Society of Local Council Clerks) £80.00
- 10.BOO Stoy Hayward (External Audit) £158.63

#### 5.2 Income Received.

- 1.VAT Refund (01/10/07-31/10/07) £1750.00
- 2.Betws Park Project £9500.00
- 3.Precept (Final Instalment from Carmarthenshire County Council) £4333.00

#### 5.3 External Audit.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the External Audit for 2006/2007 has been completed and there were no points to raise.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 5.4 Betws Park – One Fund Grant.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has spoken to the Grants Department of Carmarthenshire County Council who have stated that all the paperwork relating to the Betws Park Grant must be submitted to the Grants Department by the 31st December 2007.

Councillor Annette Price proposed that the Clerk should receive travelling expenses for her additional travelling incurred as a result of reclaiming the Betws Park Grant. All the Councillors agreed.

The Councillors RESOLVED that this should be raised in the next Finance Meeting which is being held next month.

#### 6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that

there were four crimes committed in the Betws area during November, three burglaries and one theft other. All three burglaries have been detected.

County Councillor John D Evans reported on the road network in Betws. He has met with an Officer from the Highway Department of Carmarthenshire County Council as there have been a number of accidents on Betws Road. The Officer from CCC has agreed to put a bend sign near Cymer House on Betws Road to try and reduce traffic speeding along this road. CCC has stated that they intend to place a 30 mph rounded sign near Wern Terrace on Betws Mountain. There was a fatality on Betws Mountain in June and County Councillor John D Evans has written to Carmarthenshire County Council and Swansea City Council, apparently they do not consider this a danger.

The Councillors NOTED the above points.  
The Chairperson thanked PC Kevin Jones for the above report.

#### 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor John D Evans attended the Monthly Meeting of Betws Community Council and reported on the following issues:-

- There is water on the road which is situated lower down than the cattle grid; the Council have now repaired the culverts.
- The Planning Application for the Wind Turbine has been submitted to the Welsh Assembly, he does not know when the Welsh Office Inspectorate will look at this planning application.

The Councillors NOTED the above points.  
The Chairperson thanked County Councillor John D Evans for the above report.

#### 8. REPORTS.

##### 8.1 Betws Park Sensory/Memorial Garden.

Councillor Annette Price updated the Councillors on Phase 2 of the Betws Park Project. Councillor Annette Price reported that when the Projects Sub Committee attended their last meeting with Amman Valley Enterprise there was a Youth Worker present in the meeting who had different ideas to the Projects Sub Committee on Phase 2 of the Betws Park Project. Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Arnallt James seconded that the Community Council invite the Youth Worker to attend a Meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the Betws Park Project. All Councillors agreed.  
The Councillor RESOLVED that the Clerk invites the Youth Worker to attend a meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the Betws Park Project.