

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2007 05 May AGM Minutes

The Annual Meeting of Betws Community Council was held in Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9th May 2007 at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor O Menna Roberts (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Councillors C M Annette Price, Betsan Jones, Keith Rees, Carwyn James, Anne Sizmur, Audrey Jones, Delyth Richards, June Gunter, Loreen Lewis and County Councillor John D Evans.

1. APOLOGIES: None.

2. CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 10th OF MAY 2006.

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Carwyn James seconded that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 10th of May 2006 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

3. CHAIRPERSONS ADDRESS.

The Chairperson, Councillor Menna Roberts addressed the Councillors and thanked the Vice Chair, the Councillors and the Clerk for their support during her year in office. She thanked Councillor Keith Rees for assisting her with the Public Meeting, and also for attending the Meeting with the Solicitor from Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Chair stated that the Betws Park Project is well underway and also work is in progress regarding the land at Heol Y Felin.

The Chair concluded by welcoming Councillor Betsan Jones to the Community Council.

4. CLERKS REPORT.

The Clerk gave a brief account of the Council's achievements/work during the year 2006/2007.

1. INCOME/EXPENDITURE

The Clerk presented the meeting with the audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007. The Internal Audit had been completed by Mr Lyn Llewellyn and no points of concern were raised. The External Audit is due on the 10th August 2007.

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the Council's financial affairs and invited the Councillors to examine the bank statements and the ledger.

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

30 applications were received with 29 being completed.

3. DONATIONS

22 organisations plus Capel Newydd and Eglwys Dewi Sant, benefited to a total of £2357.50.

4. PERSONNEL

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Councillor Peter Cowell has now retired from the Community Council, and she had made enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the Councillor Vacancy, and Carmarthenshire County Council will be issuing notices shortly.

The above point was NOTED by the Councillors.

The Clerk concluded by thanking the Chair and the Councillors for their support during this year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Sizmur and seconded by Councillor Annette Price that Councillor Carwyn James be appointed Chairperson for 2007/2008, all Councillors agreed. The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Carwyn James be appointed Chairperson for 2007/2008.

The newly elected Chairperson read and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Delyth Richards and seconded by Councillor Betsan Jones that Councillor Annette Price be appointed Vice Chairperson for 2007/2008, all Councillors agreed.

The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Annette Price to be appointed Vice Chairperson for 2007/2008.

The Vice Chairperson read and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

1. PLANNING

It was moved and seconded that the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Councillors June Gunter, E Audrey Jones and Loreen Lewis be elected again.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

2. FINANCE

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Carwyn James, Delyth Richards and Annette Price be elected again.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

3. BETWS IN BLOOM

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Anne Sizmur and Arnallt James and Mr Bryan Lewis be elected again.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor Anne Sizmur stated that she would like another Councillor to take over organising the Betws In Bloom Competition for 2008/2009. Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Anne Sizmur seconded that Councillor Loreen Lewis be appointed the Betws In Bloom Organiser for 2008/2009. All Councillors agreed.

The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Loreen Lewis be elected the Betws In Bloom Competition Organiser for 2008/2009.

4. PROJECTS

It was moved and seconded that the Chair and Councillors Arnallt James, Loreen Lewis, Annette Price, Anne Sizmur and Menna Roberts be elected.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

5. RIGHTS OF WAY

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Arnallt James and Keith Rees be elected.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

8. REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

It was RESOLVED as follows:-

1. Dyfed Powys Police. Dinefwr Community Consultative Committee

Councillors Audrey Jones, Delyth Richards and Betsan Jones.

2. Local Implementation Group (Community Network).
Chair and Councillor Loreen Lewis.

3. Betws Family Centre
Chair and Councillors Annette Price, Loreen Lewis and substitute Delyth Richards.

4. Amman Valley Group of Local Councils
Chair and Councillor Anne Sizmur.

5. Amman and District Citizen Advice Bureau
Councillor Annette Price.

6. One Voice Wales
Chair, Councillors Anne Sizmur and Menna Roberts.

9. CHAIR ALLOWANCE

Councillor Menna Roberts stated that as a Chair she required more of her Chair Allowance around the Christmas period. Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and Councillor Annette Price seconded that the Chair Allowance is paid in two instalments of £250 and then £50. It was also proposed by Councillor Delyth Richards and seconded by Councillor Betsan Jones that £200 is paid to the new Chair in the May Community Council Meeting and then a further instalment of £100 is paid to the Chair in the January Community Council Meeting. The Councillors RESOLVED that £200 is paid to the new Chair in the May Community Council Meeting and then £100 is paid to the Chair in the January Community Council Meeting.

Meeting Terminated at 6.45pm.