

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2007 10 October Minutes

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th October 2007 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Keith Rees.

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

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th SEPTEMBER 2007.

Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and Councillor June Gunter seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th September 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 has spoken to Llys Cennen Solicitors, who have confirmed that they are happy for the Chair and the Clerk to sign on behalf of the Community Council. All Councillors agreed that they were happy for the Chair and the Clerk to sign for the land on behalf of the Community Council. The Clerk also informed the Councillors that she has spoken to One Voice Wales regarding this matter and they had no reservations to make.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk makes an appointment to see the Solicitor.

2.2 Erection of 16 Wind Turbine Generators on Betws Mountain.

The Clerk read response received from the Welsh Assembly Government who confirmed that this planning application is currently under consideration.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.3 Amman Valley Comprehensive.

Councillor Annette Price was still concerned as the younger children from Amman Valley Comprehensive School are wandering around Ammanford Town Centre during the day. Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed that she will raise this issue with the Chair of Governors from Amman Valley Comprehensive School and report back to the Community Council. All Councillors agreed.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.4 Betws Park Summer House/Arch.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has submitted a request to CADW to see whether a preservation order can be placed on the Summer House/Arch in Betws Park. To date the Clerk has not received a reply.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.5 Disposal of Betws Community Council Documents.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has disposed of the following documents:-
Bank Statements 1970 – 2000

Invoices 1997 – 2001
Copy of Planning Decision Notices 1987 – 2001
Audit of Accounts 1997 – 2001
The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.6 Footpath 68/11.

Councillor Arnallt James confirmed that a representative from Welsh Water has been out to visit footpath 68/11 regarding the manhole which is above the level of the footpath.
The Councillors NOTED the above point.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 Carmarthenshire Sports Personality Awards.

The Clerk asked the Councillors whether they wanted to nominate a person/team for the Carmarthenshire Sports Personality Awards. Councillor June Gunter proposed and Councillor Betsan Jones seconded that the Community Council nominate Phil Harry from Betws Football Club. All Councillors agreed.
The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillors June Gunter and Betsan Jones completes and returns the nomination form to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Councillor Richard Howell also proposed that copies of the nomination forms should be sent to Betws Rugby Club and also Betws Football Club in order that they can submit a nomination if they require. All Councillors agreed.
The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards copies of the nomination forms onto Betws Rugby Club and also Betws Football Club.

3.2 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1. Welsh Assembly Government - Fire & Rescue Authorities – Performance Indicators.
2. Community & Volunteer News.
3. Aman Group of Local Councils - Agenda & Minutes – handed to Councillors Carwyn James and Annette Price.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 The following planning application was approved by Betws Community Council:-
E/17351 – Demolition of existing garage & porch and erection of new garage and porch at 31a Maesquarre Road, Betws (25/2007-08).

4.2 Carmarthenshire County Council have given full planning permission to the following:-
E/17016 – Resubmission of planning application to convert existing garage into study room at 16 Golwg y Mynydd, Betws (23/2007-08).
E/16909 – Footway to be deleted along side on land adjacent to 74 Maesquarre Road, Betws (22/2007-08).
E/16847 – Front Conservatory at 8 Treforis, Betws (20/2007-08).

5. ACCOUNTS.

5.1 Payments

1. Tumble Forge (Betws Park Project) £2620.25
 2. Carmarthenshire County Council (Betws Park Project) £11,750.00
 2. Roger Lewis (Flower Bulbs) £15.96
- TOTAL £14386.21

The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

5.2 Income Received.

1. Betws Park Project £275.26

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Jamie Lang attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He apologised that PC Kevin Jones was unable to attend this meeting.

PC Lang was concerned to hear that Police vehicles are speeding along Pentwyn Road. Councillor Audrey Jones stated that she has received a number of complaints from local residents, regarding Police vehicles travelling at high speeds along Pentwyn Road. PC Lang asked if the Councillors could forward onto him details of the speeding Police vehicles.

Councillor Arnallt James asked PC Lang if the Police would be able to deal with the matter of overhanging branches on Maesquarre Road. Councillor Arnallt James also stated that there is a horsebox situated on the road outside this property which is causing an obstruction. PC Lang confirmed that he will call at this address tomorrow.

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 and reported on the following issue:-

He has requested a site meeting of Betws Colliery but has not received a response to date from the Head of Planning. He confirmed that he has met with the Housing Developer and has secured sponsorships for Betws CP School.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

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

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURGERIES.

Councillor Anne Sizmur confirmed that no members of the public have been present in the Community Council Surgeries for an extremely long time. Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether the Councillors wanted to continue with the Community Council Surgeries. Councillor Delyth Richards proposed that the Community Council continue with the bimonthly Surgeries and Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed to change to time of the Surgeries to 6.45pm. All Councillors agreed.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Community Council Surgeries continue on a bimonthly basis starting at 6.45pm.

9. REPORTS.

9.1 Betws Park Sensory & Memorial Garden.

Councillor Annette Price updated the Councillors on the Phase 2 Project of Betws Park Sensory & Memorial Garden which is currently in the consultation stage.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

10.1 Betws Park

Councillor Arnallt James was concerned with leaves falling off the trees in Betws Park, and proposed that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire whether the leaves can be cleared from the footpaths.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

10.2 Public Meeting – November 2006.

Councillor Menna Roberts asked the Councillors whether she could forward her file of papers on the Public Meeting held in November 2006 onto the Clerk. All Councillors agreed.

The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Menna Roberts forwards the Public Meeting file

onto the Clerk.

10.3 Clerk Absence Cover.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she will be having an operation within the next few months and she will not be able to attend the Community Council Meetings. The Clerk stated that she has spoken to One Voice Wales who have suggested that one of the Councillors takes the minutes of the meetings while the Clerk is unavailable. Councillor Anne Sizmur confirmed that she was happy to take the minutes of the meetings and Councillor Delyth Richards confirmed that she would translate the minutes of the meetings. Councillor Carwyn James stated that he would administer the meetings with the assistance of the Councillors. All Councillors were in agreement.
The Councillors NOTED the above point.

10.3 Remembrance Wreaths.

The Councillors approved the purchase of a wreath for the Poppy Appeal.

Councillor Annette Price asked whether a wreath should be placed on the stone in Betws Park. Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Anne Sizmur seconded that the Community Council would also purchase a remembrance wreath to be placed in Betws Park. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Community Council will purchase two remembrance wreaths.

Meeting terminated at 8.35 pm