

# BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Title: 2008 04 April Minutes**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9th April 2008 at 7.00 pm.

The Chair welcomed back the Clerk to the Community Council after her absence. The Chair and the Clerk both thanked Councillor Anne Sizmur for taking minutes of the Community Council Meetings in the absence of the Clerk.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Keith Rees and County Councillor John D Evans.

**DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.**  
NOTED that no member declared a Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest.

### 1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th MARCH 2008.

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th March 2008 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 Llys Cennen Solicitors have confirmed that Mr Jones has now signed the Statutory Declaration concerning the land at Heol Y Felin, Betws.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 2.2 Betws School Notice Board.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response from W Savory. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains quotes for a new notice board.

#### 2.3 Naming of new Residential Development for land adjacent to Maesquarre Road, Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Royal Mail Address Management has accepted 'Ffordd Y Glowyr' as the road name for the above site.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 2.4 Water Pipes – Pentwyn Road.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Environment Agency has requested further information regarding the complaint made in relation to the new water system, which will discharge water directly into the River Amman.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the works have now been completed and they do not want to pursue this matter any further at present.

#### 2.5. Missing Road Sign (Maesquarre Road, Betws)

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to her recent correspondence regarding the missing road sign (Maesquarre Road).

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk follows up this matter.

## 2.6. Maesquarre Road Playground.

The Clerk read correspondence recently received from the Planning Department to the Councillors, which stated that the developer was required to commence work on the extended area before occupation of the first dwelling. The Planning Enforcement Manager will now investigate this matter.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

## 2.7 E/17619 – Residential Development (6 Dwellings) land at Colonel Road, Betws.

Councillor Richard Howell asked whether the Clerk could write to Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire whether they could possibly apply for a Section 106 Agreement. All Councillors agreed.

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

## 2.8 Dog Control Order.

Councillor Arnallt James was extremely annoyed as there is a large amount of dog mess on the Maes Y Betws footpath.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Dog Warden to enquire whether the Dog Warden can monitor the footpath and also whether 'dog bins' can be placed along this footpath.

## 2.9 Flooding on the Footpath leading from Maesquarre Road to Colonel Road, Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to date from Carmarthenshire County Council.

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

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1.Thank you letter received from J Smith.

2.Welsh Assembly Government – Draft Fire & Rescue Service National Framework for Wales for Consultation 2008 - 2011.

3.Welsh Assembly Government – Local Vision – Statutory Guidance on developing and delivering Community Strategies.

4.Ombudsman – Principles of Good Administration & Principles for Redress.

5.One Voice Wales – Clarification of dates following the Local Elections.

6.Community Network Meetings 2008.

## 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 The following planning application was approved by Betws Community Council:-  
E/18668 - Formation of surface water detention basin at the former Betws Colliery Site (01-2008/09).

4.2 Carmarthenshire County Council has granted planning permission to the following:-  
E/15851 - Proposed extension to the current Cwm Yr Onnen Colliery, Henrhyd Farm.

4.3 The following planning application has been withdrawn in accordance with instructions received by Carmarthenshire County Council on the 27th March 2008.

E/18283 - Outline planning application for residential development at land opposite the Plough & Harrow, Betws (30-2007/08).

## 5. ACCOUNTS.

5.1 Payments.

1.Carmarthenshire Tourist Association £60.00

2.Capel Newydd (4 x Meetings) £40.00

3. One Voice Wales (Membership for 2008/09) £188.00  
Total £288.00  
The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

#### 6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

Sergeant Charles Gabe attended the Monthly Meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there have been four crimes committed in the Betws area during March, made up of the following:-

Theft of heating oil, assault, theft of vehicle and criminal damage to vehicle.

Sergeant Gabe confirmed that the Police have provided advice to the youngster driving a tractor within the vicinity of Betws (the driver will be prosecuted if he is caught again).

Councillor Richard Howell stated that there are a number of youths playing on the schoolyard after school hours. Sergeant Gabe confirmed that he would look into this matter.

Councillor Anne Sizmur confirmed that the Perrivale Roundabout has been demolished.

The Councillors NOTED the above points.

The Chairperson thanked Sergeant Charles Gabe for the above report.

#### 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

The Chair informed the Councillors that County Councillor John D Evans has sent his apologies, as he is unable to attend this month's Community Council Meeting. He has however provided a report, which the Chair read to the Councillors.

Wind Turbines – He has prepared a presentation that he will deliver to the inquiry in May.  
Anonymous Letter received from Residents of Rice Road – He confirmed that he has dealt with the complaints this afternoon.

Betws Family Centre – He reported that the Treasurer and the accounts have not been audited. He has resigned and he has requested a meeting to discuss the future of the Centre.

Councillor Annette Price reported that the Treasurer is still in place and the accounts have been audited for 2006/07 and they are waiting for the 2007/08 accounts to be audited.

The Councillors NOTED the above points.

#### 8. PROJECT IDEAS.

The Councillors discussed in detail the project ideas and RESOLVED as follows:-

4 x seats (one for Pentwyn Road, one for Waungron Road and 2 for Betws Park)

Bins for Betws Park

Bin for School Yard

Christmas lights for Betws Park

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains quotes from Gerwyn Thomas of Carmarthenshire County Council.

#### 9. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE VACANCY.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received one application for the above vacancy. The Chair read the letter to the Councillors. Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Menna Roberts seconded that the Community Council appoints B Burridge. The Councillors RESOLVED to pay Mr Burridge an annual salary of £1648.

The Clerk to write to Mr Burridge to formally offer him the Footpath Maintenance Post.

#### 10. REPORTS.

10.1 Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Seminar.

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a verbal comprehensive report to the Councillors regarding

the recent planning seminar that she attended together with Councillor Loreen Lewis.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Planning Department to obtain a copy of 'Planning Policy Wales 2008'.

#### 10.2 One Voice Wales Meeting.

Councillors Anne Sizmur, Carwyn James and Menna Roberts recently attended the One Voice Wales Meeting. They updated the Councillors on the Cwm Community & Environmental Fund.

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

### 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

#### 11.1 Footpaths.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Mr Cowell has forwarded a letter onto her regarding the Rights of Way, which was read to the Councillors. The Councillors unanimously agreed that this should be forwarded onto the Director of Regeneration and Leisure.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the letter onto the Director of Regeneration and Leisure.

#### 11.2 Y Felin, Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the Public Lighting Department have contacted her regarding lamp no. 803-13, which is situated along Y Felin, Betws. The Councillors noted that the two cottages along this lane are vacant at present.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquiries to see how much it would cost to replace this lamp.

#### 11.3 Donation.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether the Community Council are prepared to provide a donation to 'Paul Pugh Memorial'. Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Arnallt James seconded that the Community Council provides a donation of £150. Councillor Delyth Richards proposed an amendment, in that the Community Council provides a donation of £200; Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded this motion. The Councillors unanimously agreed that the Community Council provides a donation of £200.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquiries to see whether the Community Council can provide a donation to a Charitable Trust.

#### 11.4 Waungron Road, Betws.

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed the Councillors that a local resident has cut it's hedge but has not cleared the hedge cutting and they have been left on the pavement and on the public bench.

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

The Chair, Clerk and the Councillors sincerely thanked Councillors Anne Sizmur, Delyth Richards and Keith Rees for the work they have undertaken relating to the Community Council during their term in office and wished them all the very best for the future.