

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2008 01 January Minutes

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

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting were taken by Councillor Anne Sizmur in the absence of the Clerk Mrs Catherine Brettle.

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

APOLOGIES: County Councillor John D Evans, Councillor Audrey Jones and Community Council Clerk Mrs Catherine Brettle.

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

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

Minute No. 2.2 – The minute was misleading and that the objection was not to the presence of horses but to the condition of the path due to the churning up of the ground, making it completely unsuitable for users – even wearing trainers. The Minute should read “that the presence of horses on the 3rd Section of footpath leading from Waungron Road to Argoed Road, Betws has resulted in the footpath being churned up which is making the ground unfit for walkers”.

Minute No. 6 – Councillor Annette Price stated that at the previous meeting PC Kevin Jones had no objections to placing a spotlight on the Memorial Stone in Betws Park.

Minute No. 7 – should read that the water is on Mountain Road.

After suitably correcting the minutes Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th December 2007 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Land at Heol Y Felin, Betws.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the Community Council have received a letter from Llys Cennen Solicitors, stating that the ‘Statutory Declaration’ needs to be signed in relation to the land at Heol Y Felin, Betws. Councillor Delyth Richard stated that she is prepared to sign the ‘Statutory Declaration’ on behalf of the Community Council.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquiries with Llys Cennen Solicitors, to see who should sign the Declaration.

2.2 Phase 2 – Betws Park Project.

Councillor Annette Price provided the address for the Community Warden.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk invites the Community Warden to the next Community Council Meeting.

2.3 Clerks Additional Travelling Expenses in relating to the Betws Park Grant.

Due to the Finance Committee being voided the matter was referred for discussion in the

February Community Council Meeting.

The Councillors RESOLVED to place this on next month meeting agenda.

2.4 Betws School Notice Board.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains quotes for a notice board to replaced the current notice board at Betws CP School.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 Carmarthenshire County Council – Dog Control Orders.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the Community Council has received a document on Dog Control Orders.

The Councillors RESOLVED that this document be passed around the Councillors and discussed at the next Community Council Meeting.

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

The Councillors discussed the possible road names for the above development. The Councillors decided on the following - Llys Y Glo, Nant Y Celyn and Heol Y Barcud. The Councillors also suggested Ffordd y Glowr and Maes Glynwarch.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk submits the Councillors preferences to Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Councillors also wanted to know how the houses on the new residential development would be numbered and what is the present position regarding the Children's Playground/Park.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk makes enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council.

3.3 Letter received from Mrs Evans.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the Community Council has received a letter from Mrs Evans regarding the footpath leading from Waungron Road to Argoed Road, Betws.

The letter was read to the Councillors. The Councillors agreed that a letter of explanation is sent to Mrs Evans as the minute was misleading.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mrs Evans, follows up this matter with Gary Carlsen and arranges a site meeting to discuss the situation.

3.4 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

1. One Voice Wales – Planning Training Seminar.

2. One Voice Wales – Complaints Handling Seminar.

3. One Voice Wales – Ammanford Youth Council and One Voice Wales.

4. Carmarthenshire County Council – Energy Charges for 2008.

5. Carmarthenshire County Council – Housing Services Division Insight.

6. Carmarthenshire County Council – Review of Polling Districts – handed to Councillor Delyth Richards (Welsh Version) and (English Version) handed to Councillor Annette Price.

7. Correspondence received from County Councillor John D Evans re: Family Centre in Treforis, Betws.

8. Health Council – handed to Councillor Keith Rees.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 The following application was approved by Betws Community Council provided that the conditions regarding materials are kept and particular attention is paid to Hedgerow and tree damage:-

E/18001 – Extension to existing agricultural tracks, land at Llys Havard, Off Woodlands Park, Betws.

5. ACCOUNTS.

Councillor Carwyn James explained to the Councillors that twelve requests for donations had

been received since the last Finance Sub Committee Meeting, which was held in July. These requests were discussed by the Councillors and resolved as below. The Councillors also resolved that no donation be provided to Carmarthenshire YFC at this present time.

5.1 Payments.

1. Mr Betton (Repairs to Flood Lights on Betws Church) £25.00
 2. Donation – Bobath £50.00
 3. Donation – British Red Cross £100.00
 4. Donation – Macmillan Cancer £50.00
 5. Donation – Amman Valley Women’s Aid £100.00
 6. Donation – Christian Lewis Trust £50.00
 7. Donation – Glo Man £50.00
 8. Donation – Marie Curie Cancer £50.00
 9. Donation – Dyfed Victim Support £50.00
 10. Donation – Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru £50.00
 11. Donation – Bobby Van Scheme £50.00
 12. Donation – Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Sir Conwy £50.00
- TOTAL £675.00

The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

5.2 Income Received.

1. VAT Refund (01/11/07 – 30/11/07) £2625.00
2. Carmarthenshire County Council (Betws Park Project) £4750.00
3. Carmarthenshire County Council (Betws Park Project) £9500.00

The Councillors NOTED the above.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones attended the Monthly Meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. He reported that there have been eight crimes committed in the Betws area during December, which were made up of the following:-

1 burglary, 1 possession of cannabis, 5 public disorders events and 1 vehicle damage.

PC Kevin Jones reported that the volume of traffic along Pentwyn Road has decreased considerably since the opening of the new Pontaman Road.

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 sent his apologise as he was unable to attend the monthly meeting, but he did provide a written report to the Chair.

The Chair read the written report to the Councillors.

8. SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2008/2009.

Copies of the annual expenditure and the estimates for 2008/2009 have been sent to all Councillors prior to the monthly meeting. At the monthly meeting all the items listed were discussed in detail. The Councillors unanimously agreed to requests a precept of £14,000 for 2008/2009.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk requests the above figure from Carmarthenshire County Council.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Road Sign.

The Maesquarre Road direction sign at the Junction with the new relief road (A474) is missing.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to the Local Authority to Highlight this matter.

9.2 Dog Fouling Sign.

The dog fouling sign has been removed from the Colonel Road entrance and the path leading to Maesquarre Road.

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

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm