

# BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Title: 2009 12 December Minutes**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9th December 2009 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Betsan Jones (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, June Gunter, Carwyn James, Anne Sizmur, Menna Roberts, Maldwyn John, Catherine Smith and Annette Price.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Anthony Richards.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.  
Councillor Annette Price declared a non pecuniary interest in the Citizens Advice Bureau.

### 1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th NOVEMBER 2009.

Councillor Annette Price had the following amendments to make:-

2.2 When a funding committee is established, members of the public should be on the committee.

9.1 It was Councillor Arnallt James and some of the other Councillors that placed the remembrance wreath in the Memorial Garden of Betws Park.

9.2 Is there a possibility of opening the railway crossing road and placing a zebra crossing there to enable residents to cross the main road.

Councillor Carwyn James proposed and Councillor Maldwyn John seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11th November 2009 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING.

#### 2.1 Wind Turbines.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a letter from ECO2 which was read to the Councillors. The Project Team of ECO2 would be happy to meet with the Councillors in the New Year. The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillors Anne Sizmur and Catherine Smith would meet with ECO2 in the New Year.

#### 2.2 Footpaths.

The Clerk confirmed that she has not received a response to date from Gary Carlsen. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

#### 2.3 Victorian Brick Buildings, Maesquarre Road, Betws.

Councillor Annette Price informed the Councillors that she has not provided information to the Clerk on the above, as the gentleman concerned is away for a few months. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

#### 2.4 Treforis Playground.

The Clerk read a letter to the Councillors which had been received from Clare Tinkler, she is going to arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility of funding. The Councillors were surprised at the content of her letter, as Carmarthenshire County Council has previously agreed to maintain the Playground. Councillor Annette Price proposed that the Clerk informs Clare Tinkler that a Playground is radically needed as it is in the middle of a council housing estate. All the Councillors agreed.

## 2.5 Betws Colliery Project - Section 106 Money.

The Clerk read a letter received from TRJ to the Councillors. It stated that the Legal Department of Carmarthenshire County Council hold the documentation relating to the Section 106 Agreement which is available to the public. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains a copy of the document.

## 2.6 County Councillor.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received the job profile of a County Councillor. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk make copies of the job profile for the Councillors. Councillor Catherine Smith proposed that the Clerk writes to the County Councillor asking her for a report and also a report on any issues relating to Carmarthenshire County Council.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

Carmarthenshire County Council – Improvement Plan 2009/2010.

Dyfed-Powys Police – New Divisional Commander for Carmarthenshire Division.

WRVS – Volunteers needed.

Play for Wales – handed to Councillor Annette Price.

## 4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Councillor Anne Sizmur discussed the following planning application received, in detail with the Councillors.

4.1 Betws Community Council offered no objection to the following planning application:-

E/21923 – Constriction of two Bungalows, at Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws (18-2009/10).

The Councillors were concerned regarding access as it isn't suitable for residential use, dust control is already in place. Carmarthenshire County Council have confirmed that they have no intention to open Waunddwfn Lane for heavy commercial vehicles. Mr Hugh Towns has suggested placing a 6" high cross bar at the end of the lane, he's going to put this to the County Council. Councillor Catherine Smith asked whether signs could be placed at the bottom of the road stating 'no heavy vehicles/height restriction' also she requested that a public footpath sign is placed at the bottom of the road.

4.2 Carmarthenshire County Council has granted planning permission to the following planning application:-

E/21922 – Removal of planning condition no. 7, at 22 Golwg Y Mynydd, Betws (17-2009/10).

4.3 Planning Sub Committee.

Councillor June Gunter stated that she has been unable to attend the Planning Sub Committee Meetings due to other commitments. Councillor Anne Sizmur asked whether any Councillor would like to sit on the Planning Sub Committee. Councillor Maldwyn John proposed Councillor Arnallt James. Councillor June Gunter proposed Councillor Menna Roberts.

## 5. ACCOUNTS.

5.1 Payment of Invoices.

1. Capel Newydd (4 x meetings) £40.00
2. Inland Revenue (Clerk Income Tax) £192.21
3. Clerks Salary & Allowance £1025.19
4. S.L.C.C. (Membership) £82.00
5. Donation – Ammanford Sports Association £100.00
6. Donation – Ammanford Life After Stroke £100.00
7. Donation – Aman Valley Womens Aid £100.00
8. Donation – Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru £100.00
9. Donation – Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Local) £100.00

10. Donation – Wales Air Ambulance £100.00
  11. Donation – Christian Lewis Trust £100.00
  12. Donation – Age Concern £100.00
  13. Donation – Bobath £100.00
  14. Donation – Ammanford Citizens Advice Bureau £100.00
- Total £2,339.40

The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

#### 5.2 Income Received.

1. S.L.C.C. (Training Bursary) £37.50

#### 5.3 Betws Community Council – Accounts.

Councillor Carwyn James reported that WAG have produced a 'Good Governance' Report. Betws Community Council have the relevant procedures in place with regards to their Accounts.

#### 6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones was not present at the Community Council Meeting.

#### 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor Audrey Jones was not present at the Community Council Meeting.

#### 8. CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The Councillors were unaware of which Councillor currently had the plan. Councillors Betsan Jones and Annette Price have not seen the plan. Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that the plan was very similar to the draft copy. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Councillor Anthony Richards to see whether he has the plan.

#### 9. BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL – DINNER.

Various locations for the Community Council's Dinner were discussed by the Councillors. The Councillors RESOLVED to place this on the Agenda of the January Meeting.

#### 10. REPORTS.

1. Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that she recently attended the Old Aged Pensioners Dinner in the absence of the Chair.

2. Councillor Anne Sizmur stated that the Carol Singing will be held on the 16th of December, inside the main entrance to Betws Primary School. Pupils from the Primary School will be singing 2 carols in Welsh.

3. Councillor Anne Simur and Councillor Loreen Lewis recently attended a meeting with Mr Hugh Towns. They updated the Councillors accordingly.

4. Councillor Catherine Smith recently attended a meeting of the Aman Group of Local Councils. Carmarthenshire County Council have received confirmation that Carmarthenshire County Council will be the host Authority for the 2014 Eisteddfod. The exact location is to be decided by the Eisteddfod Committee in due course.

5. Councillors Catherine Smith and Annette Price recently attended a seminar in Ffos Las. They updated the Councillors on the various workshops they attended.

6. Councillors Annette Price and Loreen Lewis attended a meeting in Llandeilo regarding rural grants. Unfortunately the rural grant scheme stops at Ammanford, the Councillors did not understand why as there are over 30 farms within the vicinity of Betws.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

### 11.1 Glan Yr Afon, Betws.

Councillor Annette Price reported that the top layer of tar on the pavement has come away. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

### 11.2 Tesco Store, Ammanford.

Councillor Annette Price stated that Tescos have started to clear the site in preparation for their new store. She asked whether trees could be planted on the bank of Bwtrimawr estate to keep the noise down. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Tescos.

### 11.3 Betws Park.

Councillor Annette Price reported that Gerwyn Thomas has been to Betws Park regarding the Christmas Tree. The cost of the trees is approximately £250. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

### 11.4 Betws Community Council – Carol Singing.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked the Councillors whether she can purchase chocolate coins for the children who attend the carol singing. The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur could purchase chocolate coins to the value of between £30 and £50.

### 11.5 Footpaths.

Councillor Carwyn James reported that the footpath sign from Maesquarre Road to Colonel Road has been removed. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk informs Carmarthenshire County Council.

### 11.6 Ffordd y Glowyr, Betws.

Councillor Catherine Smith asked whether Carmarthenshire County Council had adopted the road on the above housing estate. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council. Councillor Catherine Smith was extremely concerned as residents are placing their rubbish bags on the entrance into the estate a few days prior to the rubbish being collected. This is a concern as rubbish is blocking the pavements and it is also being blown onto the road. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Meeting Ended 9.10pm