

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2009 06 June Minutes

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th June 2009 at 6.40 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Betsan Jones (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Carwyn James, Anthony Richards, Maldwyn John, Richard Howell, Annette Price, Loreen Lewis, Catherine Smith, June Gunter, Anne Sizmur and County Councillor Audrey Jones.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Menna Roberts.

The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk sends a get well card to Councillor Menna Roberts.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.
Councillor Annette Price declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in the Citizens Advice Bureau.
Councillor Loreen Lewis declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Planning Application Number E/21142.

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th MAY 2009.

Councillor Catherine Smith proposed and Councillor Arnallt James seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th May 2009 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 the Solicitor who confirmed that the Rugby Club's deeds have now been handed to their Solicitor. Our Solicitor has submitted an application to the Land Registry to register the land. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Llys Cennen Solicitors for an updated report on this matter.

2.2 Community Council Notice Board.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has submitted the Community Council's logo to Atech Graphics and Signs and the notice board should be ready for collection within two weeks. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.3 Donation - Betws CP School.

Councillor Anthony Richards informed the Councillors that the Guardian no longer have a photographer. Therefore Councillor Anthony Richards will take a photo and submit it to the Guardian, Carmarthen Journal, Glo Man and the Community Magazine. The Councillors RESOLVED to meet on Monday at 2.30 in Betws CP School.

2.4 Benches for Pentwyn Road and Treforis.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has placed an order for two benches (one for Pentwyn Road and one for Treforis). The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

2.5 Solar Lights for Betws Park – Sensory & Memorial Garden.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has spoken to 'Sunset Solar' and unfortunately they do not supply the relevant solar lighting. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Gerwyn Thomas from Carmarthenshire County Council to see whether he can

provide names of some companies that supply solar lights.

2.6 Seasonal/Welcome Lights for the Community of Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she is currently waiting for designs to be forwarded onto her. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.7 Highway Safety Meeting.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that a meeting has been arranged with Mr McEvoy of Carmarthenshire County Council for Friday the 12th of June at 11.45am. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.8 Community Council Flower Boxes.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has written to Mr Lewis but has not received a response to date. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

2.9 Footpath 3/14 Leading from Waunddwfn to Wern Olau Road.

Councillor Arnallt James reported that the upper part of footpath 3/14 leading from Waunddwfn to Wern Olau Road has not been cleared. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter with Gary Carlsen/Caroline Furguson of Carmarthenshire County Council.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

- Welsh Assembly Government – Draft Flood and Water Management Bill.
- Carmarthenshire County Council – Public Footpath Diversion Order 2009 (public footpaths 68/13, 51/111a, 51/110, 51/112, Glyn Y Meirch, Pontamman)
- One Voice Wales – Carmarthen Area Committee Agenda.
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Strategic Plan 2010/2015 and Draft Annual Action Plan 2010/2011.
- Aman Group of Local Councils – Agenda – handed to Councillor Catherine Smith.
- Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan – to be passed around the Councillors.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 Betws Community Council objected to the following planning application:-

E/21113 – Outline planning for dwelling house at Dan Yr Allt, Colonel Road, Betws (7-2009/10).

E/21112 – Erection of 2 dwellings, land off Colonel Road, Betws (6-2009/10).

E/21142 – Formation of vehicular access and driveway to existing property at Waun Herod, Betws (8-2009/10).

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

E/20903 – Replacement of existing wooden framed first floor extension with a professionally built conservatory at 5 Park Street, Betws (4-2009/10).

E/20817 – Erection of two storey extension to side of property at 41 Betws Road, Betws (1-2009/10) – The Councillors had concerns regarding the location of the yew trees in the original plans.

E/20854 – Amendment to previously approved turning area to end of existing cul-de-sac, land at Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws (3-2009/10).

5. ACCOUNTS.

5.1 Internal Audit.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that Mr Lyn Llewellyn has completed the Internal Audit of the Community Council's Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009 and there were no points to address. The Chairperson signed and dated the working ledger. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

5.2 External Audit.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the External Audit is set for the 4th September 2009. The Chairperson signed and dated the Annual Return. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

5.3 Payment of Invoices.

1. Mr Lyn Llewellyn (Internal Audit) £60.00

2. Clerks Income Tax £186.59

3. Clerks Salary and Allowance (1st Instalment) £935.95 Total £1182.54

The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

5.4 Income.

1. HM Revenue and Customs (VAT Refund) £520.80

The Councillors NOTED the above point.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PCSO Sharee Treharne attended the meeting on behalf of Dyfed Powys Police. PCSO Sharee Treharne reported that there were 13 crimes committed within the Betws area during the month of May. 9 of these crimes have been detected.

The Councillors reported on the following:-

- The Councillors thanked the Police for visiting Maesyberllan and Treforis.
- The Councillors noted that they have received a number of complaints from residents at Woodlands Park; people living in Treforis are going through the gardens of houses in Woodlands Park instead of going around the road.
- Youngsters are riding their bikes at night but do not have any lights.
- The Councillors were concerned as the summer holidays are approaching and many youngsters have disregarded the Highway Code.
- The Councillors are once again concerned as the driver of the tractor is parking with his tractor and trailer on the bridge which is obstructing the traffic.
- The Councillors have received complaints with regards to remote control petrol driven cars being used in Betws Park.
- Teenagers have been camping in Betws Park and have left a mound of rubbish all over the Park.

PCSO Sharee Treharne confirmed that she will report all the above issues to PC Kevin Jones. The Chairperson and the Councillors thanked PCSO Sharee Treharne for her report.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor Audrey Jones reported on the following:-

- There is going to be a new bridge located between Waungron and Parc Penrhiw.
- Maesquarre Road and Waungron are going to have new road surfaces.
- The graffiti on the slide at Heol y Felin Park has now been removed.
- The Farmer has agreed to donate the land that the footpath leading from Parc Penrhiw to Treforis is situated on.
- Residents in Parc Penrhiw have asked for a bus shelter, Carmarthenshire County Council have been out to the site but the County Councillor is waiting for a response.
- There is no pavement from Parc Penrhiw to Treforis, the County Councillor reported that Carmarthenshire County Council will be placing a pavement there.
- The County Councillor recently attended an Education Seminar and she confirmed that year 10 pupils in Comprehensive Schools will have access to 30 different courses starting in September.
- The County Councillor attended an ECG Meeting – the topic was how recovering drug users and alcoholics manage in the Community. The next meeting will be held in two months.

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked what was happening with regards to luncheon clubs within the County? The County Councillor had not heard anything.

Councillor Anthony Richards asked what was happening regarding the merging of the Comprehensive Schools. Councillor Anne Sizmur stated that there will be a public inquiry in October. The County Councillor was not aware of what's happening.

Councillor Annette Price was concerned regarding the flooding on Maesquarre Road and wanted to know when the work was going to commence. County Councillor Audrey Jones confirmed that she had not heard anything; the cost of the scheme would be in the region of £200,000. County Councillor Audrey Jones confirmed that she will look into this matter.

The Clerk read a response received from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the condition of the road at Colonel Road. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk replies to Malcolm Davies to inform him that during severe weather the condition of the road at Colonel Road is very bad and extremely dangerous.

8. REPORTS.

8.1 Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor Annette Price updated the Councillors on the outcome of the Citizens Advice Bureau Court Case. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

8.2 Betws in Bloom.

Councillor Loreen Lewis stated that it was too late to arrange the Betws in Bloom Competition for this year. The Councillors RESOLVED to defer it until next year. The Clerk to put it on the Agenda for April's Meeting.

8.3 Treforis and Heol Y Felin Playgrounds.

Councillor Annette Price reported that the plans for Treforis and Heol Y Felin Playgrounds cost in the region of £1,000 but Betws Community Council did not have to pay for these plans. She also reported that it does not look very likely that Heol y Felin Playground will receive funding, she is unsure about Treforis Playground. She is also looking into the possibility of placing a footpath from Parc Penrhiw to Treforis. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Betws CP School.

Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that a huge crack has appeared in the playground of Betws CP School. Carmarthenshire County Council has placed a safety fence surrounding the area. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

Meeting Terminated 9.45pm.