

# BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Title: 2009 05 May AGM Minutes**

The Annual General Meeting of Betws Community Council was held in Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 13th May 2009 at 6.20 p.m.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Maldwyn John and Richard Howell.

2. CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2008.

Councillor June Gunter proposed and Councillor Betsan Jones seconded that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 14th May 2008 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

3. CHAIRPERSONS ADDRESS.

The Chairperson, Councillor Annette Price addressed the Councillors and thanked the Vice Chair, the Councillors and the Clerk for their support during her year in office. She updated the Councillors on the various events that she has attended during the past year in her role as the Chair.

The Chair concluded by asking the Councillors to write down 'what being a Community Councillors meant to them', these were then read out to the Councillors. The Chair wanted to ensure that the Councillors had the same interests in mind.

4. CLERKS REPORT.

The Clerk gave a brief account of the Council's achievements/work during the year 2008/2009.

1. INCOME/EXPENDITURE

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the Council's financial affairs:

Income - Precept received from Carmarthenshire County Council for 2008/2009 was £14,000 - VAT refund was £106.79 - Bank interest was £383.65 - footpath maintenance was £2,224.80.

Total Expenditure for 2008/2009 was £13,735.77.

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24 applications were received in 2008/09 with 17 being completed. This is a decrease of 6 applications compared to the previous years.

3. DONATIONS

22 organisations plus Capel Newydd and Eglwys Dewi Sant, benefited to a total of £2,589.75, an increase of £311.49 on the previous year.

4. PERSONNEL

Following on from the Community Council Elections in 2008, 3 new Councillors commenced with the Community Council in May 2008, Councillors Anthony Richards, Maldwyn John and Catherine Smith.

Councillor Audrey Jones resigned from the Community Council and Councillor Anne Sizmur was co-opted onto the Community Council.

#### 5. OUTLOOK OVER THE PAST YEAR

- The Community Council has received an award for the Betws Park Sensory and Memorial Garden.
- The Community Council has purchased benches and a bin to be placed within the Community of Betws.
- The Community Council has also purchased a picnic table/bench for Betws CP School.

#### 6. FUTURE EVENTS

- The main items, which will probably take up a lot of the Council's time over the next year are as follows:-
- On-going issue with regards to the land at Heol Y Felin, Betws.
- Looking into various funding options to enhance Heol y Felin Playground and Treforis Playground.

The Clerk concluded by thanking the Chair and the Councillors for their support during the past year.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Carwyn James and seconded by Councillor Loreen Lewis that Councillor Betsan Jones be appointed Chairperson for 2009/2010, all Councillors agreed. The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Betsan Jones be appointed Chairperson for 2009/2010. The newly elected Chairperson read and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

#### 6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Carwyn James and seconded by Councillor June Gunter that Councillor Anne Sizmur be appointed Vice Chairperson for 2009/2010, all Councillors agreed. The Councillors RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur be appointed Vice Chairperson for 2009/2010. The Vice Chairperson read and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

#### 7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

##### 1. PLANNING

It was moved and seconded that the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Councillors June Gunter, Catherine Smith and Loreen Lewis be elected onto the Planning Sub Committee. It was RESOLVED accordingly.

##### 2. FINANCE

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Carwyn James, Annette Price, Richard Howell and Anthony Richards be elected onto the Finance Sub Committee. It was RESOLVED accordingly.

##### 3. BETWS IN BLOOM

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Loreen Lewis and Anne Sizmur be elected onto the Betws In Bloom Sub Committee. It was RESOLVED accordingly.

##### 4. PROJECTS

It was moved and seconded that the Chair and Councillors Arnallt James, Loreen Lewis, Menna Roberts, June Gunter and Annette Price be elected onto the Projects Sub Committee. It was RESOLVED accordingly.

#### 5. RIGHTS OF WAY

It was moved and seconded that Councillors Arnallt James, Richard Howell and Anthony Richards be elected onto the Rights of Way Sub Committee.

It was RESOLVED accordingly.

#### 8. REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

It was RESOLVED as follows:-

1. Dyfed Powys Police. Dinefwr Community Consultative Committee  
Councillors Carwyn James, Betsan Jones, Anne Sizmur and Annette Price.

2. Local Implementation Group (Community Network).  
Chair, Councillors Loreen Lewis and Menna Roberts.

3. Betws Family Centre  
Chair and Councillors Loreen Lewis, Menna Roberts and Annette Price.

4. Amman Valley Group of Local Councils  
To be confirmed.

5. Amman and District Citizen Advice Bureau  
To be decided once court case has ended.

6. One Voice Wales  
Councillors Anne Sizmur, Carwyn James and Menna Roberts.

7. Ammanford Twinning Association  
To be confirmed.

8. Local Health Board  
Councillors June Gunter and Annette Price.

Meeting Terminated at 6.50pm.