

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2009 11 November Minutes

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11th November 2009 at 7.00 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Catherine Smith, County Cllr. Audrey Jones and PC Kevin Jones.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.
The Clerk declared that her father has moved to Ffordd y Glowyr, Betws.

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th OCTOBER 2009.

Councillor Annette Price had the following amendments to make:-

2.3 The Councillors requested a meeting with the Councillors and not a site meeting.

4.3 The Councillors did not object to the planning application.

10.3 The Councillors wanted a copy of the costing relating to the piece added onto the Park.

10.5 Letter to planning and to Mark James, as this is a health and safety issue.

Councillor Betsan Jones had the following amendment to make:-

3.1 Should be Glan Yr Afon.

Councillor Loreen Lewis had the following amendment to make:-

6. Betws Community Council was concerned regarding 2 tractors within Betws.

Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and confirmed the amendments and Councillor Betsan Jones seconded the amendments. Councillor Richard Howell proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th October 2009 were confirmed and then signed by the Chairperson.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

2.1 Community Council Notice Board.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to her letter regarding placing a light at the top of the notice board. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Councillors that Betws Primary School has a key to the Community Council's notice board.

2.2 Wind Turbines.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to date from ECO2. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter. Councillor Anne Sizmur also proposed that the Clerk writes to ECO2 to ask them to send a representative to meeting with the Councillors. Councillor Annette Price asked whether members of the public should be involved. Councillor Betsan Jones stated that initially it should be a representative from Betws Community Council.

2.3 Footpaths.

The Clerk read a number of emails received from Nigel Powel and Gary Carlsen of Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the footpaths within Betws. Councillor Annette Price stated that at the recent site meeting she asked the officer from Carmarthenshire

County Council whether the footpath can be used as a bridle way and the answer was no. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Head of Leisure and Sport to inform him that Gary Carlsen is refusing to meet with the Councillors.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a response from the Environment Agency regarding the tree trunk that is in the river on footpath 3/11. Which stated that unfortunately they are not responsible for this matter, this needs to be directed at the land owner? The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council to see who owns the land in question.

2.4 Victorian Brick Buildings, Maesquarre Road, Betws.

Councillor Menna Roberts provided photos of the Victorian Brick Building to the Clerk. Councillor Annette Price to provide further information on the building to the Clerk. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.5 Treforis Playground and Heol y Felin Playground.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to date from Clare Tinkler of Carmarthenshire County Council. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

2.6 Section 106 Money.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has not received a response to date from TRJ. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk pursues this matter.

2.7 Change of name for Bryncelyn, Maesquarre Road, Betws.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a response from Carmarthenshire County Council who stated that as a local authority they do not have the powers regarding the naming of individual properties. The proposed name changes are accepted in the majority of cases. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.8 Treforis Housing Estate.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received a response from Carmarthenshire County Council who has stated that they have been unable to identify a large number of scrapped vehicles or unused vehicles on the estate except for one property which is privately owned. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

2.9 Betws Community Council Bus Trip.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has received quotes from bus companies regarding a trip to Cardiff and Bath. Councillor Carwyn James informed the Councillors that before a decision is made the Clerk should corroborate with One Voice Wales. All the Councillors agreed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

3.1 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Policing Plan 2010/13.

Dyfed Powys Police Authority – Community Consultative Meetings November/December 2009.

Welsh Assembly government – Consultation: Local Government (Wales) Measures 2009 – Statutory Guidance.

Welsh Local Government Association – Swine Flu Update – handed to Councillor Annette Price.

Funding Fayre.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Annual Action Plan 2010-2011 and Improvement Plan 2009-2010.

Amman Valley Women's Aid – Annual Report – the Councillors RESOLVED that the Finance Sub Committee would look at this in their next meeting.

Carmarthenshire County Council – Local Development Plan – handed to Councillor Anne Sizmur to be circulated amongst the Councillors – Place on the Agenda for December's Meeting.

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

Councillor Anne Sizmur discussed the planning applications received in detail with the Councillors.

4.1 Betws Community Council offered no objection to the following planning application:-
E/21922 – Removal of planning condition no. 7, at 22 Golwg Y Mynydd, Betws (17-2009/10).

4.2 Betws Community Council required further information with regards to access for the following planning application:-
E/21923 – Construction of one detached 3 bed bungalow and one detached 2 bed bungalow at Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws (18-2009/10).

4.3 The following planning application is being discussed by the Planning Sub Committee of Betws Community Council:-
E/21871 – Construction of agricultural building, stables and paddock at Betws Colliery, Betws (19/2009/10).

4.2 Carmarthenshire County Council has granted planning permission to the following planning applications:-
E/21721 – Variation of condition 1 to extend period of time for submission of reserved matter for a further 24 months, at Betws Colliery, Betws (14-2009/10).
E/21839 – Variation of condition 2 to allow amendments to previously approved plans, at Tyn Y Cwm, Garnswllt, Ammanford (16-2009/10).
E/20333 – Discharge condition 14 of planning permission at Glyncywarch Washery, Betws (12-2009/10).
E/20841 – Discharge condition 19 of planning permission at Glyncywarch Washery, Betws (13-2009/10).

5. ACCOUNTS.

5.1 External Audit.

The Clerk confirm that the external audit for the year ending 31st March 2009, was completed on the 4th September 2009 and there were no points to raise. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

5.2 Payment of Invoices.

1.Carmarthenshire County Council (Community Council Notice Board) £172.50
2.BDO LLP (External Audit) £155.25
3.Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Wreaths) £40.00
4.One Voice Wales (Training Course) £25.00
Total £392.75

The Councillors RESOLVED that the above be paid.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has opened an account with SET (Swansea) and she will purchase stationery from the cheapest supplier. The Councillors NOTED the above point.

6. DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT.

PC Kevin Jones was unable to attend the Community Council Meeting.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

County Councillor Audrey Jones was unable to attend the Community Council Meeting.

Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that she recently attended a Carmarthenshire County Council Meeting, she informed the Councillors that Carmarthenshire County Council have won a platinum award for promoting environment and food.

Councillor Anthony Richards informed the Councillors that he has sent an email to County Councillor Audrey Jones regarding various issues and he has today received a short note from her, which stated:-

1. Maes Yr Yrfa – Children from Betws.
 2. Bins – Carmarthenshire County Council do not supply bins, they only supply green and brown bins.
 3. Price recycling bags – Blue recycling bags are free.
 4. Compost bins – Can be purchased at Ammanford and Llandeilo at a cost of £10, but there is a 6 weeks waiting list.
 5. Mountain Signs – Waiting for a response from Mario Cresci. Carmarthenshire County Council needs to move the sign down towards Betws at the bottom of the Mountain Road.
- Councillor Anne Sizmur reported that there was a problem with Swansea a few years ago, and they wouldn't correspond with Carmarthenshire County Council. She proposed that the Clerk writes to Swansea City Council's Highways Department, to inform them that the road is not suitable for heavy goods vehicles.

Councillor Anthony Richards was extremely disappointed as County Councillor Audrey Jones has not answered Councillor Richards' queries. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the Democratic Services of Carmarthenshire County Council for a copy of the County Councillors job profile.

8. CAROL SINGING.

Councillor Anne Sizmur informed the Councillors that she has spoken to the Head teacher of Betws Primary School, who confirmed that the children could attend the carol signing provided that their parents agree. Councillor Loreen Lewis also confirmed that she has spoken to a lady who is prepared to open the Church. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the Vicar to see whether the Community Council can hold carol singing around the tree outside the Church.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 Remembrance Services.

Councillor Betsan Jones informed the Councillors that she placed a remembrance wreath in Ammanford Park at the Remembrance Services last Sunday, she also placed a remembrance wreath in the Memorial Garden of Betws Park.

9.2 Railway Road, Ammanford.

Councillor Annette Price informed the Councillors that she has received a number of complaints from residents regarding the length of time it takes to get from Betws to the roundabout on Foundry Road and also the roundabout near Tesco. Is there a possibility of opening the Railway Road to Ammanford? The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Carmarthenshire County Council.

9.3 Nantyllyn Brook on Colonel Road.

Councillor Annette Price provided photos to the Councillors of a lorry trying to manoeuvre on Colonel Road and how close the lorry is to the parked vehicles. The Councillors RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards copies of the photos onto Carmarthenshire County Council.

9.4 Betws Community Council – Christmas Dinner.

Councillor Annette Price asked the Councillors whether they are having a Christmas Dinner this year. Councillor Anthony Richard proposed to have a late dinner in January, Councillor Betsan Jones seconded this motion. The Councillors RESOLVED to place this on the

Agenda of the December Meeting.

9.5 Wind Turbine Report.

Councillor Loreen Lewis handed a copy of the Wind Turbine report received from Dr John D Evans to the Clerk.

Meeting Ended 9.20pm