

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2010 12 December Minutes

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The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8th December 2010 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Carwyn James, Menna Roberts, Annette Price, Maldwyn John. Cerith Griffiths (visitor)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Betsan Jones, Richard Howell, June Gunter, Catherine Smith and County Councillor Audrey Jones.

DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.
NOTED that no member declared a Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interest.

1. TO READ AND CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10th NOVEMBER 2010.

Amendment:-

Agenda 1 paragraph 1 should read "crimes linked to one household".

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Annette Price seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10th November 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Chair received 9 queries, resulting in 7 applications for the post of clerk. All seven were strong applications. Short-listing meeting was held on 17th November 2010, where three candidates were short-listed for interview. All unsuccessful candidates were informed. Interviews were held on Wednesday 24th November 2010 and Cerith Griffiths was the successful candidate. The two unsuccessful candidates were written to and thanked for their interest in the position.

Councillor Maldwyn John proposed, seconded by Councillor Menna Roberts, that Cerith Griffiths be accepted as Clerk to Betws Community Council. The proposal was passed unanimously. Cerith was congratulated on his appointment.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

3.1 BENCHES.

Benches have still not been placed in the village. Anne Sizmur has contacted Gareth Howells of Carmarthenshire County Council, concerning ordering an extra bench. Site meeting to be held in Betws Park in January 2011. Park benches have still not been fixed. Anne to follow up with County Council.

3.2 TR JONES

Letter of thanks sent to TR Jones concerning the improvements to the bridge near Waunherod. The bridge needs levelling out—Gary Carlsen of Carmarthenshire County Council to be advised of the problem.

3.3 BETWS CHURCH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor Annette Price requested a further set of lights to be placed on the tree in Betws Church. Councillors agreed and Anne Sizmur to liaise with TRJ.

3.4 AMMANFORD AFC

Representatives of Ammanford AFC, to be invited to a Council Meeting in the New Year.

3.5 LLOYDS BANK

Lloyds TSB mandate—all signatories should now be recorded on the Bank's record.

3.6 NEWSLETTER

Awaiting Catherine Smith to write up Community Newsletter.

3.7 FOOTPATHS

Footpath 3/14 is still blocked. Gary Carlsen to be advised.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor had given the Chair a verbal report.

- a. Pentwyn Road is being gritted on a daily basis
- b. Bus shelter in Parc Penrhiw. Bus company are ready to erect a bus shelter. Awaiting feedback from local residents if they are happy with shelter location.
- c. Rubbish amnesty to be held in Treforis in January.
- d. Problems with anti social behaviour in Treforis. People are apprehensive. Housing officer of Carmarthenshire County Council aware of the problems.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

5.1 The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents noted.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Ammanford AFC. (Mark Thomas to meet with Council in New Year)
Lloyds TSB circular.
Dyfed Powys Police Authority -- audit of accounts.
Tourist Industry Dinner

6. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications Granted

6.1 E/23679. Extension at 29, Pentwyn Road, Betws.

6.2 E/23742. Extension at 70, Colonel Road, Betws

Applications Withdrawn

6.3 E/23754. Dwelling access to agricultural land off Cwmfelin Road, Betws.

7. ACCOUNTS.

Payment of Invoices

a. Footway Lighting-Carmarthenshire County Council £292.84

b. Annual Audit-BDO Accountants £158.63

Donations

c. Ammanford AFC. Junior Section £600

(Money to be used towards purchase of goalposts)

d. Christian Lewis Trust £100

e. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Wrecsam a'r cylch £50

f. Bopath Cymru £100

g. Dyslexia Cymru £100

h. Blas ar Fyw £150

i. Carmarthenshire Federation of WI. £50

(Loreen Lewis declared an interest and took no part in the decision)

8. PLAQUES TO BE PLACED ON PARK BENCHES.

Some confusion as to where the plaques are? Carwyn James to liaise with previous clerk, to ascertain whereabouts of plaques.

9. PUMP HOUSE.

Pump House is currently in disrepair and dangerous to the general public. Anne to contact Gerwyn at Carmarthenshire County Council, to try and renovate the structure, or if that is not feasible to demolish it.

H Locksmith to be contacted to ascertain the history of the structure.

10. CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Letter received from Mr H L Tout, putting his name forward to be a co-opted councillor.

Councillors agreed to co-opt Mr Tout as a Community Councillor.

11. BETWS ROUNDABOUT.

Concern was expressed at the continuing congestion around the roundabout leading to Betws and Tesco's. Anne Sizmur to write to the Deputy Mayor of Ammanford Town Council,

to discuss the increasing problem with traffic in this area.

Chair to raise matter with Ammanford Twinning—Councillor Betsan Jones had shown an interest.

12. REPORTS.

12.1 Loreen and Annette met with Gerwyn of Carmarthenshire County Council, and other agencies in a meeting held in Llanelli which discussed parks and play areas. Item to be placed on January agenda (Grant situation)

12.2 Amman Valley Group of Councils held an interesting discussion with officers of Carmarthenshire County Council on the future of Parks and Playing areas in the locality. Representatives of Dyfed Powys Police have been invited to discuss the impact of UK Government cuts on policing in the Amman Valley. Annette stated that there should be greater police presence in Treforis and Parc Penrhiw.

Village Communications to be placed on the agenda for January.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

13.1 Annette suggested that the Council look into the purchase of a machine to grit the village pavements.

Clerk to research the costs and the feasibility of purchasing the machine.