

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2011 06 June Minutes

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The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8th June 2011 at 7.00 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES County Councillor Audrey Jones, Councillors Richard Howell and Catherine Smith. PC Kevin Jones.

2. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY 2011

Amendments to items:-

CAB Report - should read 30th June 2011.

11.8- should read postal ballot envelope.

Councillor Anne Sizmur proposed and Councillor Maldwyn John seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11th May 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4. DYFED POWYS POLICE

PC Kevin Jones was unable to attend.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Audrey Jones was unable to attend.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 HORSE IN PENTWYN ROAD

This matter has now been resolved. Following the Clerks letter and follow up work by Councillor Betsan Jones the horse has now been removed.

The above was NOTED.

6.2 PUMP HOUSE

The Clerk read out a reply received from Mr Gerwyn Thomas, in which he quotes a sum of £5,000 is needed to repair the structure, and he is waiting to hear from the Property Maintenance Section as to whether funding is available.

The above point was NOTED, until further information is received.

6.3 FINGER POST

Councillor Annette Price expressed concerns about the stability of the post, and asked if it had been set in concrete?

RESOLVED the Clerk raises the question with the appropriate department.

6.4 CHRISTMAS TREE

The Clerk, and Councillors Annette Price and Loreen Lewis met with Mr Arfon Price from the County's Public Lighting Department to discuss the supply of electricity to the newly planted tree. Mr Price will forward a full estimate within the next few weeks.

The above was NOTED.

6.5 PLAQUES

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked for confirmation of the inscription for the plaques, and was asked to order six in total.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur orders the plaques.

6.6 AMMANFORD TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The Clerk read out a reply received from the Transport and Engineering Department regarding our request for one of their officers to attend our meeting to discuss the traffic problems in Ammanford. The invitation was declined because the department have commissioned a specialist traffic advisor to develop a computerised traffic model to alleviate the problem, and it would be better to discuss the matter once the exercise had been completed, and the results known. Councillor Anne Sizmur mentioned that she has also written to the County, but has not as yet received a reply.

RESOLVED that the matter be put on hold until the study is completed.

6.7 LLANGOLLEN EISTEDDFOD

Councillor Maldwyn John was unable to attend, and the ticket application was passed to Councillor Menna Roberts.

6.8 BETWS COLLIERY SITE

The Clerk read out a reply from the Senior Minerals and Waste Monitoring Officer, in which he states that there are no time limits to tipping at this site.

6.9 POTHOLES ON MOUNTAIN ROAD

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Hammett of Technical Services, who stated that the potholes will be repaired on a permanent basis when funds are available, hopefully in the next two months.

The above was NOTED.

6.10 WAUNDDWFN ROAD.

The Clerk reported the problem of dumping rubbish to the appropriate department, and officers will investigate. Alderman Arnallt James reported that the rubbish had been cleared.

6.11 WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BRIDGES IN BETWS

The Clerk reported that there was no weight restriction on the Colonel Road bridge, and that a new bridge was due to be built in Maesquarre Road, with work commencing on 11th July 2011. The Clerk had also been informed that the footpath near to Maesquarre bridge would also need to be closed. The work is due to take 12 weeks.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Councillor Catherine Smith to place the information in the Guardian.

6.12 WASTE BINS

The Technical Services Department have agreed to install a waste bin on Pentwyn Road.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks for an additional bin outside Betws Park.

6.13 POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

The Clerk read out a reply received from the Statutory Services Manager, which satisfied the queries posed.

6.14 BETWS FAMILY CENTRE

The Clerk handed a copy of the constitution to Councillors Annette Price and Loreen Lewis.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents NOTED

- 1 CCC --Bridge at Maesquarre Road
- 2 Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Action Plan
- 3 CCC---Notice of Confirmation re: Footpath Diversions

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

APPLICATIONS

8.1 E/24741 Single storey Extension/Consevatory.
31, Pentwyn Road, Betws

8.2 E/24742 Submission of reserved matters.
Betws Colliery Site.

The Planning Sub-Committee discussed the above applications, and whilst there were minor comments, there were no objections.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

E/24256 6 Dwellings at land at Colonel Road, Betws

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Clerks Salary and Allowances £1006.31
2 Clerks Income Tax £196.83
3 Anne Sizmur—Royal Wedding Mugs £300.00
4 Lyn Llewellyn—Internal Audit £ 75.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

9.1 ANNUAL AUDITS

The Clerk presented the Internal and External Audit for the year ending 31st March 2011, to the council, and both were signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

The above points were NOTED.

10. REPORTS.

AMMAN VALLEY GROUP

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a brief report about the topics discussed in the group's last meeting. She also stated that the Chairmanship of the group had now been passed on to Cwmaman Town Council. The Chairman thanked Anne for her work in representing Betws as Chairperson of the group over the last year.

CAB

Councillor Annette Price gave a brief report about the on-going amalgamation of the offices, and the registering of the Ammanford offices by Ammanford Trustees.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 BETWS BRIDGE

Councillor Annette Price raised concerns about children playing on Betws Bridge.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur raises the concern at the next PACT meeting.

11.2 BETWS PARK

Councillor Annette Price asked if signs could be placed at the park entrance to prohibit, cars, bikes etc.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts Gareth Howells.

11.3 SECTION 106 FUNDS

Councillor Annette Price raised a number of issues regarding Section 106 funds, including allocation and availability.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Mr Eifion Bowen for an explanation about Section 106 funding.

11.4 FOOTPATH BETWEEN COLONEL ROAD AND SCHOOL

Councillor Tout asked why the above footpath was not no longer used ? Councillor Anne Sizmur explained that the school owned the land but failed to register it, and it has now been registered by a local building firm.