

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2011 05 May Minutes

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The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11th May 2011 at 7.00 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES County Councillor Audrey Jones

2. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th APRIL 2011

Amendments to items :-

6.5 Should read ---- "taken over by First Cymru as an interim measure until resolved by the County"

10.1 Add----- "also a problem for substance misuse".

13.6 Delete house number of property.

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th April 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4. DYFED POWYS POLICE

PC Kevin Jones was in attendance, and reported there were 9 crimes committed in April, made up of 1 assault, 2 thefts, 3 criminal damage, 2 drug offences and 1 public order. Five cases have been detected giving a 55.6% detection rate.

Councillor Betsan Jones asked about the problem with the horse being kept in a garden in Pentwyn Road. PC Jones stated that it is not a police matter, but he has informed the RSPCA. Councillor Jones went on say that she has been in touch with a number of organisations, including Animal Health, Lluest Animal Sanctuary and World Horse Welfare. Lluest have promised to investigate and report back.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the occupier, with copies to the landlord and Lluest.

Councillor Annette Price raised the subject of dog fouling. The Clerk stated that he has

informed the dog wardens, and they have promised to investigate.
Councillor Betsan Jones asked if signs could be erected along Pentwyn Road, where the issue is a problem.
PC Jones agreed to arrange the installation of signs along Pentwyn Road.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Jones had given the Clerk a verbal report.

1. The benches have now been installed.
2. The Finger Post will be erected this week.
3. The Grit Bin on Colonel Road will be installed in the Autumn.
4. Pump House—still awaiting results of survey.
5. Wicker gate on footpath from Colonel Road to school is damaged, and she is in the process of getting it seen to.

Councillor Annette Price asked if the Clerk could chase up the Pump House survey.

RESOLVED the Clerk gets in touch with Gerwyn Thomas

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 BENCHES/FINGER POST/PUMP HOUSE/CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

For benches, Finger Post and Pump House---see County Councillors report.

The Clerk reported that he has arranged a meeting with Mr Arfon Price, of the Public Lighting Department to discuss the Christmas Tree lights, and will report back to the next meeting.
Councillors Annette Price, Menna Roberts and Loreen Lewis agreed to attend the meeting.

6.2 PLAQUES

The shop supplying the plaques is now open.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur calls at the shop and orders new plaques.

6.3 RAILWAY BARRIERS

The Clerk read out an acknowledgement from Network Rail. There followed a long discussion about the general problems associated with traffic congestion in the area, which have an adverse effect on Betws residents.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks the Head of Highways to attend a future meeting.

6.4 LLANGOLLEN EISTEDDFOD

RESOLVED that Councillor Maldwyn John takes the complimentary tickets.

6.5 BETWS COLLIERY SITE

Alderman Arnallt James was not happy with the reply given by Mr Keith James and asked the Clerk to find out if there are any time limits, and when will the tipping stop.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts Mr James again.

6.6 POTHOLES ON MOUNTAIN ROAD

Councillors Annette Price and Cath Smith asked when are the potholes to be repaired on a permanent basis.

RESOLVED the Clerk .contacts Streetscene

6.7 GLO MAN

The Clerk read out a letter from Glo Man, which stated that no articles will be printed in future, unless they have been signed.

The above was NOTED

6.8 FOOTPATH 3/14

The Clerk read out a reply received from Mr Gary Carlsen. Work is due to start on the footpath soon, and will be completed as soon as possible. They might however be of a temporary nature at the beginning.

The above was NOTED.

6.9 ROYAL WEDDING MUGS

Councillor Anne Sizmur was able to purchase the mugs for all the pupils, and was joined by other members of the council to present them to the children. The general response was very good, with all children thrilled with their gift.

Chairman Carwyn James thanked Councillor Sizmur for purchasing the mugs and organising their distribution.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents NOTED.

1. Armed Forces Day
2. HOWLTA Newsletter—passed to Carwyn

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

APPLICATIONS

8.1 E/24673 Allow substitution of house types at Plots 164 & 165, Land at Betws Colliery Site, Betws.

RESOLVED that there are no objections to the above.

APPEAL DECISION

8.2 APP/M6825/C/10/2141316. Appeal Refused for Land off Cwmfelin Road, Betws

The above was NOTED

9. ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS

9.1 Chairman's Allowance (1st) £200.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

INCOME.

1. VAT Refund £722.81
2. Precept -1st Instalment £5,500.00

The above was NOTED.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that he has made arrangements with Mr Lyn Llewelyn to carry out the Internal Audit, and the External Audit is due to be held on 5th August 2011.

10. REPORTS.

PACT

Councillor Cath Smith gave a detailed report on an interesting discussion with members of the County's Environmental Enforcement Unit, where the main topic of discussion was dog fouling.

CARMARTHENSHIRE HEALTH COUNCIL

Councillor Annette Price gave a report about a meeting she had attended, which included the proposed extensions being built at Glangwili Hospital, plus other issues such as parking, staffing and funding.

CAB

Councillor Annette Price reported that the merger of the CAB offices will commence on the 16th May 2011, with 4 members elected from each office.

AMMAN VALLEY GROUP

Councillor Anne Sizmur reminded members that the next meeting/AGM will be held on Thursday 27th May 2011, where speakers will discuss the Western Valleys Regeneration scheme.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 WAUNDDWFN ROAD

Alderman Arnallt James was concerned about the amount of rubbish being dumped in

Waunddwfn Road.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs the appropriate department.

11.2 MYNYDD Y BETWS WIND FARM

Alderman Arnallt James informed the meeting that residents in Rhydyfro were strongly opposing the route being proposed to transport the wind turbines. There followed a long discussion where it was

RESOLVED the Clerk asks the appropriate department if there is a weight restriction on two bridges at Maesquarre Road and Colonel Road.

11.3 FLOWER TROUGHS

Councillor Betsan Jones asked if the Council was buying bedding plants for the troughs ?

RESOLVED that Councillor Jones purchases plants and passes to Carwyn and Arnallt for planting.

11.4 AMMANFORD RFC

Councillor Betsan Jones asked if a letter of congratulations can be sent to Ammanford RFC for their successful season, especially as a few of their players live in Betws.

RESOLVED a letter of congratulations be sent.

11.5 POSTERS ABOUT DOG FOULING

Councillor Cath Smith suggested that we ask the pupils of Betws School to provide posters depicting the problem with dog fouling.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur speaks with Mrs James.

11.6 GUARDIAN NEWS

Councillor Cath Smith asked for items to include in the Guardian. Members agreed to include items about Betws in Bloom, Royal Wedding Mugs, and the Council surgery.

11.7 WASTE BINS

Councillor Annette Price and Betsan Jones asked for waste bins to be placed outside the park and also in Pentwyn Road.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks the appropriate department.

11.8 POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

Councillor Annette Price had received complaints from constituents about the awkward seal, and the small logo's on the ballot forms.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to the Statutory Services Department.

11.9 BETWS FAMILY CENTRE

A discussion followed about the problems at the Family Centre, especially the arrangements for meetings.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to St. David's Diocese, asking for a copy of their constitution or standing orders.