

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2012 12 December Minutes

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- The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th December 2012 at 7.00 pm.
- PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, June Gunter, Annette Price, Catherine Smith, Maldwyn John, Carwyn James, and Dewi Branch.
- County Councillor Ryan Bartlett and Mike Lewis (Guardian).
- APOLOGIES. Councillors Rhydian Murray, Wynallt Richards and Richard Howell.
- DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS
- None
- TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2012
- 10.3 - Should read Medi Williams and not Mandy Williams.
- Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT
- County Councillor Ryan Bartlett gave a brief report about his activities since the last meeting.
- 1 He reported on his recent meeting with Mr Keith James, together with Alderman Arnallt James, at the Glyncywarch site. He and Arnallt were happy to report there were no problems with safety at the site, but there were still some outstanding issues to be resolved with regards to the footpaths. He is working with Gary Carlsen and TR Jones and he's been informed that TRJ will start work on reducing the ramp on footpath 3/14a shortly and the other works will be finished by next Summer.
- 2 The roof of the Archway in Betws Park is due to be renewed in January.
- He also reported that he is due to meet with John McAvoy at Argoed Road, the zig-zag lines outside Maesquarre Road playground, and a footpath diversion.
- He also stated that he attended the School Christmas concert, and that he will be holding a surgery at Capel Newydd Vestry on Thursday 13th December 2012.
- 5. MATTERS ARISING
- 5.1 FOOTPATHS AND TIPPING
- Alderman Arnallt James was still not happy about the slow progress at restoring footpaths,

and the continuing tipping at the former Betws Mine site, despite being given a full explanation by the County Councillor. Following a short discussion it was suggested that we invite Mr Dafydd Jones of TRJones, to address our next meeting.

- RESOLVED the Clerk invites Mr Jones to attend our next meeting.

- 5.2 AMMAN VALLEY GROUP OF COUNCILS

- Councillor Anne Sizmur informed members, a meeting has been arranged for Monday 17th December 2013, to discuss the County Councils plans to pass their assets to the Community Councils.

- The above was NOTED.

- 5.3 TREES ON PENTWYN ROAD

- The Clerk informed members that work on removing trees on Pentwyn Road had started. County Councillor Ryan Bartlett also added that 10 trees are to be felled. Councillor Annette expressed her concerns at possible subsidence at the site.

- The above was NOTED.

- 5.4 SHRUBS IN BETWS PARK

- Councillors Annette Price and Loreen Lewis informed members that they had met Mr Gareth Howells, and from their discussions it seems as if the County will pay for new shrubbery and also tidy up the area at the entrance to the park.

- RESOLVED the Clerk contacts Gareth and thanks him for meeting the Councillors, and agreeing to the work.

- 5.5 GRANT APPLICATION

- Councillor Annette Price and Loreen Lewis gave a brief report about their recent positive meeting with Medi Williams and Charles Gabe, with regards to a grant application for Treforus park. It now appears that we could be eligible for grants to cover both Treforus and Heol y Felin parks, because they cater for differing needs, and age groups. Medi and her team propose to hold an Open Day in Treforus in January to meet the residents and children, to discuss their thoughts on the matter. She will then start the application process, at which time she will ask to meet us again.

- Councillor Annette Price also mentioned that Medi will look in to the Section 106 money which was supposed to be allocated to repairing the tennis courts in Betws Park. She also asked County Councillor Bartlett to make enquiries.

- The above points were NOTED.

- 6. CORRESPONDENCE.

- The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents NOTED.

- 1 National Assembly for Wales – Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill – agreed Anne and Clerk will complete the questionnaire.

- 7. PLANNING MATTERS.

- NEW APPLICATION

- E/27421 – Agricultural Building at Bryn Cathan, Betws
- G Mainwaring

- There were NO OBJECTIONS to this application

- PLANNING GRANTED

- E/27226 – Garage and Caravan cover at 24, Rice Street, Betws
- Mr & Mrs Keith Griffiths

- E/26857 – Outline Planning for 9 dwellings opposite 31a-53, Maesquarre Road, Betws.
- Mr Alan Roberts

- 8. ACCOUNTS

- 1 Clerk's Salary and Allowances £1237.90
- 2 Clerk's Income Tax £254.95
- 3 Christmas Tree Lights £162.00
- 4 SLCC £100.00
- 5 Donation – NSPCC £150.00
- 6 Donation – Marie Curie £150.00
- 7 Donation – Carmarthenshire Young Farmers £100.00
- 8 Donation – Bobath £150.00
- 9 Donation – Christian Lewis £150.00

- RESOLVED that the above be paid

- NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

- The Finance Sub-committee also suggested that we contact the Eisteddfod office, and ask if we could donate money towards a cup, shield or just prize money for one of the competitions.

- RESOLVED the Clerk contacts the Eisteddfod office.

- 9. REPORTS.

- PACT

- Councillors Cath Smith and Anne Sizmur gave a brief report from the recent meeting. The main topics discussed were anti-social behaviour, especially over the Christmas period, the police presence in Ammanford now that the Police Station is closed, and the homeless people using Betws Park. Councillor Anne Sizmur agreed to inform the Housing Department of the problem.

- PLANNING SEMINAR

- Councillor Anne Sizmur and June Gunter gave a brief report of the seminar they had attended at Parc y Scarlets. They both agreed it was a well informed day, and well worth attending.

- 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 FOOD BANKS

- Councillor Annette Price asked how the Food Banks worked? Councillor Sizmur informed her that recipients will be given vouchers.

- The above was NOTED.

- 10.2 ANNWYL FAN CAROL SERVICE

- Unfortunately the children from Betws School will not be performing at Cartref Annwyl Fan this year. Councillor Sizmur agreed to ask Mrs James if something could be arranged at some other time of the year.

- RESOLVED Councillor Anne Sizmur speaks to Mrs James.

- 10.3 COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER

- Councillor Anne Sizmur asked members to report back by the next meeting, if they wish to have an annual dinner, and if so where and when.