

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: 2012 10 October Minutes

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The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th October 2012 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, June Gunter, Richard Howell, Maldwyn John, Carwyn James, Rhydian Murray and Dewi Branch.

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett and Mike Lewis (Guardian)

1. APOLOGIES Councillors Annette Price, Wynallt Richards and Cath Smith.

2. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2012

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Dewi Branch seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th September 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

CAMBRIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Noel Gallagher and Mr Gwion ap Rhisiart to the meeting.

Mr Gallagher gave a brief update about progress at the site. Most of the building works are nearing completion, which also means that most of the transportation is nearing an end. The sub-station is due to be commissioned within the next few months and linked in to the National Grid. Delivery of the turbines is going well with nearly 50% already on site, with an end date of early November 2012. Erection of the turbines has commenced, with a planned completion by the end of the year. Following commissioning they will be live by about March/April 2013.

Councillors were invited to ask questions, which included a number of topics such as the Community Benefit Fund and its allocation, the name of the local fund co-ordinator, the ancient stones on the site, sponsorship for Betws RFC, and a Local Electric Discount Scheme.

Mr Gallagher promised to contact the Clerk with the name of the fund co-ordinator for Carmarthenshire County Council.

4. DYFED POWYS POLICE

The Clerk read out an e-mail from PCSO Sharee Treharne, in which she informed members that Dyfed Powys Police will no longer be attending the meetings. He had however received the crime figures for September which was made up of 1 assault, 1 criminal damage 7 drug offences and 2 auto crimes, with 9 out of the 11 detected giving a detection rate of 81.8%.

The above was NOTED.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett gave a brief report of his activities since the last meeting.

They included his on-going attempt to get work completed on footpath 3/14a, requesting a feasibility study for a STOP sign on Betws Square, Slow/Araf road markings on Argoed Road, and the latest County Council meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 SHRUBS IN BETWS PARK

Councillor Loreen Lewis reported that she has e-mailed Mr Gerwyn Thomas, and she was awaiting his reply.

There followed a long discussion about a number of issues at the Park and it was agreed to take the following actions.

- 1 Send a letter of thanks to Ammanford Air Cadets for clearing the park.
- 2 Ask PC Kevin Jones if Betws Park could be treated as a priority, the same as Ammanford and Pantyffynnon Parks.
- 3 Ask County Councillor Bartlett to pursue the repair to the Archway.
- 4 Councillor Dewi Branch to make a list of repairs/improvements needed in the park and forward to the Clerk, so that he can inform Gerwyn Thomas.

RESOLVED the above actions be taken.

6.2 SPRING BULBS IN TROUGHS

Councillor Richard Howell reported that Councillor Wynallt Richards had purchased daffodil bulbs and they have also been planted.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Councillor Wynallt Richards for the bill.

6.3 TREES ON PENTWYN ROAD

Councillor Dewi Branch asked if the Clerk could find out if the assessment had been completed.

RESOLVED the Clerk makes enquiries to Mario Cresci.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents NOTED.

- 1 YNNI DA
- 2 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Draft Improvement Plan

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATION

E/27226 – Retrospective application for larger garage at 24, Rice Street, Betws.
Mr & Mrs Keith Griffiths

There were NO OBJECTIONS to the above application.

NEW APPLICATIONS (OUTSIDE AREA)

2012/1221 – 16 Wind Turbines at Mynydd y Gwair, Swansea

The Planning sub-committee OBJECTED to this application.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

E/26934 – Variation of Conditions at land at Colonel Road, Betws.
Green Meadow Homes.

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Stationery £7.14

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Following a short discussion it was agreed that this years Remembrance Service in Betws will be held in Betws Park on Sunday 11th November 2012 at 10.45 am.

Alderman Arnallt James agreed to collect the wreaths.

11. REPORTS.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk gave members an update on the following outstanding issues :-

Maesquarre Playground – Carmarthenshire County Council and TRJones have at last met to discuss the ongoing problems at the park, and negotiations are proceeding.

Yellow lines outside Maesquarre Playground – still chasing Mr John McAvoy for a start date.

PACT

Councillor Annette Price had attended the latest meeting, where she was the only person in attendance. She informed the officers of the problems in Betws Park.

AMMAN VALLEY GROUP

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a short report about the recent Amman Valley Group meeting she had attended. The topics discussed were horse riding and the availability of bridle paths in the area, the refusal of Hywel Dda Health Authority to meet the group, and the official

opening of the new riverside walk on 24th October 2012.

AMMANFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Councillor June Gunter had attended the latest meeting of the above.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 TREE OVERHANGING PAVEMENT

Councillor Richard Howell asked if a letter can be sent to the owners of a property in Betws Road, where a tree is overhanging the pavement and forcing pedestrians to step on to the road.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to the owners.

12.2 COEDCAE FOOTPATH

Councillor Loreen Lewis had received complaints from walkers about an aggressive cow in the fields along the Coedcae footpath.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs the footpath wardens.

12.3 MAESQUARRE ROAD BRIDGE

Councillor Loreen Lewis had concerns about the high level of water at the bridge, following recent heavy rains. Alderman Arnallt James pointed out that a build up of stones and boulders was the likely cause.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs the appropriate body.

12.4 LIGHTS FOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

Councillor Anne Sizmur asked if Councillor Annette Price had managed to purchase an additional set of lights? No one knew whether she had or not.

RESOLVED Councillor Anne Sizmur contacts Annette when she is feeling a bit better.