

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9th April 2014 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Loreen Lewis (Chairperson), Cllrs. Anne Sizmur, Annette Price, Catherine Smith, Maldwyn John, Carwyn James, Rhydian Murray, and June Gunter.
Mike Lewis (Guardian)

1. **APOLOGIES.** County Councillor Ryan Bartlett . Councillors Richard Howell, Dewi Branch, Arnallt James and Wynallt Richards

2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2014**

Change word “dogs” to “dog” at 7(1)

Councillor Cath Smith proposed and Councillor Rhydian Murray seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th March 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 **DYFED POWYS POLICE**

There was no one present from Dyfed Powys Police

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett was not present. The Clerk informed members that Paul Murray has agreed to provide signs in Betws Park, and the issue with Section 106 money was still being pursued.

Councillor Rhydian Murray gave a brief report about the recent site visit to Glyncywarch, stating that all tipping and landscaping work at the site should be completed by the end of the year.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

6.1 PLAQUE ON ARCH IN MAESQUARRE ROAD

Councillor Loreen Lewis had met with Mr Evans, and he followed it up by sending a letter to the Community Council. In the letter he again mentioned that he wanted to remember the Betws Drift Mine only, and if we did not agree he would ask someone else to carry out the work for him. Following a short discussion it was agreed that Mr Evans asks someone else to place a commemorative plaque on the arch, but Betws Community Council will be willing to pay for painting the shearer drum.

RESOLVED that Councillor Loreen Lewis passes our decision on to Mr Evans.

6.2 CCTV ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks, and a cheque of £40 had been delivered to Mr Tout, but they did not think we should be given a spare key.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.3 SIGNAGE

The Clerk reported that signs for Heol y Felin Park were on order, and will be erected soon.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.4 RAISED TARMAC

Mr Neil Pigdon of Sunshine Playgrounds has been on leave, and has not been able to visit the park, but will do so as soon as he can.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.5 BINS AND SHELTER

The Clerk is waiting for prices from Sunshine Playgrounds and other sources and will hopefully have some prices by next month's meeting.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.6 BARRIER OUTSIDE PARK GATE

The Clerk reported this work had been completed.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.7 HEOL Y FELIN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

As agreed in last months' meeting, members were notified with a list of quotations received for grass cutting, and playground inspections at Heol y Felin. The details were as follows:-

	<u>Grass Cutting</u>	<u>Playground</u>
Countrywide Ltd	£800	£1200
Sunshine Playgrounds	n/a	£1560
Wrenvale (Nigel Sheldon)	£780-£900	n/a
Carmarthenshire C.C.	£750	£1986.31

The gentleman Rhydian was going to ask was not interested in the job.

The majority of Councillors opted for Wrenvale to cut the grass because they already look after our troughs, and Sunshine Playgrounds to carry out the inspections, because they installed the park and would be able to find any problems that arise themselves, without the need to chase them up.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.8 BETWS VILLAGE SIGNS

The Clerk and the Chairperson have met a representative of Carmarthenshire County Council with regards to purchasing new signs at four locations on entering the village. The quotation will hopefully be received by next month's meeting.

The above was **NOTED**

6.9 ILLUMINATED/FLASHING SPEEDING SIGNS

The Clerk reported that Mr John McAvoy deals with this type of enquiry, and he also found out there is a very long waiting list.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts Mr McAvoy to start the process going.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was acknowledged and the contents **NOTED**.

- 1 One Voice Wales – Devolution of Services Module – Cath to attend
- 2 EGNU –Solar PV Co-op
- 3 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service – Annual Improvement Plan 2014-2015
- 4 Carmarthenshire Biodiversity Action Plan
- 5 CCC – Code of Conduct Training – Cath and Anne to attend
- 6 CCC – Clean up Carmarthenshire Campaign
- 7 CCC – Safe routes in Communities Grant.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATION

E/29789 – Land off Colonel Road, Betws
Reserved Matters
Mr Wynford Davies

There were **NO OBJECTIONS**, but observations were submitted.

E/29805 – 12, Ffordd y Glowyr, Betws
Two Storey Extension
Mr Aled Owen

E/29806 – Double Storey Extension
22, Rice Street, Betws
Mr Steffan Davies

There were **NO OBJECTIONS** to the above applications.

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/29537 – 17, Woodlands Park, Betws
Two New Dwellings
Mrs M Llewellyn

9. ACCOUNTS

1 HOWLTA Membership	£ 10.00
2 Carm CC – Maintenance of Heol y Felin 2013/2014	£3,283.20

RESOLVED that the above be paid

QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

A copy of the quarterly budget monitoring report was sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. All items listed were discussed and agreed.

10. REPORTS.

FRACKING

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a brief report about a meeting she had attended, which gave information about the process of Fracking. The talk was well presented and illustrated, and gave a worrying insight to the problems which could occur.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 MAESQUARRE ROAD PLAYGROUND

Councillor Rhydian Murray had received complaints from parents about the overgrown state of the park. Following a short discussion it was agreed the Clerk should write to T Richard Jones and the County Council for an update of the ongoing problem at the park, and also ask T Richard Jones to cut the grass.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to the parties mentioned above.

11.2 ARCHWAY IN PARK

Councillor Annette Price asked if the County could be informed about youngsters climbing on the roof of the archway, and was there anything they could do to deter them.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs Paul Murray.

