

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th December 2014 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Annette Price, Catherine Smith, Maldwyn John, Carwyn James, Loreen Lewis, Rhydian Murray and Dewi Branch

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Wynallt Richards, June Gunter. County Councillor Ryan Bartlett
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

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

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

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

PCSO's Tom Draycote and Ryan Howells were present and reported the following crime figures.

CRIME FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Assault = 1 Criminal Damage = 0 Drugs Offences = 1 Burglary = 1

Thefts = 0 Auto. Crime = 0 Misc. = 0

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 3

Members raised a few issues with the officers, which included speeding cars in Parc Bwtrimawr, cars with illegal lights on the dashboards and along their sides, and an illegal vehicle parked near Parc Amanwy

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Bartlett was not present but had asked Councillor Sizmur to convey the following points.

- 1 He was still waiting for Keith James to return his call regarding the Glycywarch site, and the issue had not been forgotten.
- 2 The problem with flooding near Llwyndu Cottages was being investigated.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The Clerk explained that Steve Edwards wanted more information about the tree in question, and he had passed the query on to Councillor Rhydian Murray.

RESOLVED that Councillor Murray responds to Steve Edwards.

6.2 FENCING AROUND HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk informed members the cost of installing a fence around all of the playground and playing field would be nearly £21,000.

He also informed members of an alternative suggestion which would involve a new fence around the playground, replacing the chain link fence along Colonel Road, and removing the old metal railings and re locating them between the playground and playing field. Unfortunately he was unable to get a quotation for this second option for tonight's meeting.

RESOLVED to further discuss the matter when the alternative quotation is received.

6.3 VILLAGE SIGNS

The Clerk informed members the signs will now be erected in the New Year.

The above was **NOTED**.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Christmas Toy Box Appeal
- 2 Aging Well in Wales
- 3 Betws RFC

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/30908 – Reserved Matters
Land off Colonel Road, Betws
Kedrick and Wynford Davies

FOOTPATH DIVERSION

RW2/3/12/GSC Footpath Diversion Order
Banc y Wern, Betws

There were **NO OBJECTIONS**, but observations were given

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Clerk's Salary and Allowances	£1259.16
2 Clerk's Income Tax	£ 257.50
3 SLCC Membership	£ 103.00
4 Wrenvale Nurseries (2 nd for troughings)	£ 72.00
5 Wrenvale Nurseries – Heol y Felin grass cutting.	£1152.00
6 CCC – Waste Bin	£ 408.00
7 Donation – Eisteddfod Genedlaethol	£ 50.00
8 Donation – BLAS	£ 150.00
9 Donation - Kids Cancer Charity	£ 150.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REPORTS.

TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM

Councillor Carwyn James gave a detailed report about the meeting he had recently attended. The main point of discussion was the saving of £44 million the County Council need to make over the next three years. Councillor James handed out questionnaires to members to complete, in which the County wanted the thoughts of individuals about their proposals.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 CCTV CAMERA AT HEOL Y FELIN

The Clerk informed members that a tenant had moved in to the building which stores our CCTV equipment. The new occupier had asked the Clerk if the Community Council would consider installing a third camera to cover the yard area, and in return he would not charge for the electricity used. The cost to install an additional camera was approximately £200. Following a short discussion it was agreed not to pay for an additional camera, and to also pay the running costs to the new occupier from now on.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs the new occupiers.

11.2 CLERKS SALARY AWARD 2014-2015

The Clerk informed members of a recently agreed pay award which will increase his salary by .22 pence per hour effective from 1st January 2015.

RESOLVED the increase be implemented.

11.3 MAIL COLLECTIONS

Councillor Maldwyn John informed members that mail will not be collected after 9.00 am. at two locations in the village.

The above point was **NOTED**.

11.4 SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Councillor Maldwyn John complained about a proposed change to bus timetables which will affect children leaving school.

RESOLVED that Councillor Sizmur speaks to the Headmistress, to see if there have been any complaints from parents.

11.5 HEDGE CUTTING AT GLAN YR AFON

Councillor Maldwyn John complained about the mess caused by contractors who cut a hedge at Glan yr Afon, and Councillor Dewi Branch also complained about the poor road traffic management put in place, whilst the work was being done.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Gwalia Housing.

11.6 WASTE BINS

Councillor Annette Price complained about the height of waste bins in certain locations around the village.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts the department responsible.

11.7 PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor Annette Price wanted to arrange a Projects sub-committee meeting to discuss future projects and grants.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7.00pm

11.8 GLYNCYWARCH MINE SITE

Councillor Rhydian Murray informed members that new lagoons, and a deep pool had been constructed at the above site, all of which were unfenced and a danger to children.

RESOLVED that Councillor Murray reports his concerns to County Councillor Bartlett, as soon as possible.