

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Annette Price, Richard Howell, Catherine Smith, Carwyn James, Wynallt Richards, Loreen Lewis, Rhydian Murray, June Gunter and Dewi Branch.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Maldwyn John, and 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 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014.**

Councillor Cath Smith proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

Dyfed Powys Police were not present, but crime figures had been sent to the Clerk..

### **CRIME FIGURES FOR JUNE 2014**

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

Thefts = 0      Auto. Crime = 2      Misc. = 0

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 4

Total Monthly Crimes Detected = 0

Detection Rate = 0 %

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett was not present.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### **6.1 COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEES**

The Clerk informed members the Rights of Way Sub-Committee needed to be filled, together with one additional member to the Projects Sub Committee.

Following a short discussion it was **RESOLVED** the present Rights of Way Sub Committee be re-elected, and Councillor Dewi Branch agreed to stand on the Projects Sub Committee.

## 6.2 PLAQUE ON ARCH IN MAESQUARRE ROAD

Councillor Anne Sizmur reported she had spoken to Mr Evans, and that he again stated his plaque was to commemorate Betws Mine and not mining in general. He has now agreed to sort out the plaque himself, and councillors will look in to the possibility of erecting an information board at a later date.

The above was **NOTED**.

## 6.3 HANDY/ODD JOB MAN

Councillors were still unable to think of anyone to carry out odd jobs for the Council. Councillor Cath Smith had one person in mind, and will report back to the next meeting.

The above was **NOTED**.

## 6.4 COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Clerk reported that currently, there is no limit on the amount of Precept we request.

The above was **NOTED**.

## 6.5 BETWS VILLAGE SIGNS

The Clerk informed members the three village signs on the approach roads in to the village will cost £808 +vat. The fourth sign on the mountain road will be done at a later date.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk orders the signs.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 The Planning Inspectorate
- 2 Local Development Plan
- 3 Nominations for Queens Honours List 2015
- 4 Consultation on Charging for Sports Facilities

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

E/30095 – Land at rear of Cartref Annwyl Fan, Betws  
Four Dwellings  
Mr Teifion Thomas

## APPLICATION GRANTED

E/30243 – 22, Rice Street, Betws  
Single Storey Extension  
Mr Steffan Davies

## NEW APPLICATIONS

E/30380 – 94, Colonel Road, Betws  
Garage  
Mr Simon Pugh

E/30389 – Penllech Fach Farm, Cwmfelin Road, Betws  
Access Track to Dwelling (Retrospective)  
Mr Paul Hoare

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

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Capel Newydd Meetings	£150.00
2 Betws in Bloom – Betws School	£ 50.00
3 Betws in Bloom – Best Garden	£ 50.00
4 Betws in Bloom – Best Large Garden	£ 25.00
5 Betws in Bloom – Best Medium Garden	£ 25.00
6 Betws in Bloom – Best Small Garden	£ 25.00
7 Betws in Bloom – Best Container/Basket	£ 25.00
8 Betws in Bloom – Best Commercial Entry	£ 25.00
9 Betws in Bloom – Judge	£ 20.00
10 Zurich Insurance	£634.96

**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.**

### BETWS SCHOOL

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a brief account of the interview process carried out at the school, to appoint two Assistant Teachers.

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Councillor Annette Price gave a brief update about staffing and resignations at the bureau.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 11.1 BETWS PARK

Councillor Dewi Branch informed members of the problems in both Betws Park and across near the Police Station, with youngsters camping out overnight, causing noise and a litter problem. He also reported a motorbike being ridden through the Park.

Councillor Annette Price also stated the gates to the park were not being closed by the police. It was agreed that Councillors keep a record of all the problems which occur in the park.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk informs PCSO Sharee Treharne.

### 11.2 PENTWYN ROAD

Councillor Dewi Branch asked the Clerk to contact the appropriate department of the County about shrubs which are growing through the railings along Pentwyn Road, forcing pedestrians to walk out in the road.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk contacts Malcolm Davies.

### 11.3 WEEDS AROUND FLOWER TROUGHS

Councillor Carwyn James had received a complaint about weeds growing around the flower trough on the square. Councillor Cath Smith stated that she removed the weeds on her way down to tonight's meeting.

The above was **NOTED**.

### 11.4 MAESQUARRE ROAD PLAYGROUND

Councillor Rhydian Murray complained about the overgrown state of the above park, and asked if we could once again try and find out what the situation regarding the handing over is. Councillor Anne Sizmur suggested we write to the Health and Safety Executive to see if they could intervene.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk writes to the Health and Safety Executive.

