

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11th June 2014 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Anne Sizmur (Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Annette Price, Catherine Smith, June Gunter, Carwyn James, and Loreen Lewis.

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett and Mike Lewis (Guardian)

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Maldwyn John, Rhydian Murray, Wynallt Richards and Richard Howell.

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

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2014.**

Councillor Carwyn James proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th May 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

Members of Dyfed Powys Police were not present.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Bartlett gave brief reports about the following :-

- 1 A new traffic survey will be conducted near Betws School this month
- 2 Roof of Archway in Betws Park will be greased to try and stop youngsters climbing.
- 3 Life rings are being vandalised in the park every few weeks.
- 4 Signs at entrance of park will be completed soon.
- 5 Police have agreed to lock Betws Park every night.
- 6 At a transport meeting held in County Hall, Ryan spoke against the cuts to the 127 service.
- 7 A forum is to be set up, to look at transportation to schools.
- 8 Stop sign on square still not in place – Ryan will chase up.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

Item deferred to July meeting due to the number present.

RESOLVED the posts are filled at the July meeting.

6.2 PLAQUE ON ARCH IN MAESQUARRE ROAD

Councillor Anne Sizmur explained she is waiting to meet with Mr Evans in order to resolve this issue. Hopefully there will be something to report at next month's meeting.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.3 CCTV CAMERA TRAINING

The Clerk and Councillor Wynallt Richards met Carl Morgan of Action Surveillance, and were shown how to operate the system. The search for the motorcyclist who went in to the park proved fruitless, due to not having a definite day or time for the incident. The Clerk emphasised that due to the amount of time needed to scroll through the footage, in future a specific day and time is needed to pinpoint any incidences at the park.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.4 VARIOUS ITEMS AT HEOL Y FELIN AND BETWS PARKS

The Clerk gave a report about a number of items he was asked to pursue at the last meeting.

1 The County Council will empty the waste bins at Heol y Felin at a cost of £15 per week/£780pa.

2 The additional waste bin will be installed soon.

3 The County have no funds to carry out any work at the tennis courts.

4 Paul Murray promised again to sort out the graffiti at Betws Park.

5 The estimate from Wrenvale Nurseries to maintain the Sensory Garden area was £1320 pa.

6 Councillors still need to try and find a person to carry out odd jobs.

7 The Clerk was informed by Paul Murray that asset transfers of parks was coming soon, regardless of whether there are covenants in place.

Following a long discussion it was decided as follows :-

RESOLVED - Councillors Loreen Lewis and Annette Price agreed to empty the waste bins, and the Clerk to notify Paul Murray accordingly.

RESOLVED - The Clerk to find out if there are limits on the amount of Precept a Community Council can claim.

RESOLVED - The Clerk to inform Wrenvale Nurseries, that a decision about his estimate will be on hold for the time being, and also ask when he is starting to plant the troughs.

RESOLVED – to arrange a Special Meeting on Wednesday 30th July 2014, to discuss our thoughts/policy on asset transfers.

6.5 BETWS VILLAGE SIGNS

The Clerk was still waiting for a quotation from the County for this work.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.6 TESCO BUSES

Councillor Anne Sizmur had contacted Tesco about providing a bus service from Betws to Tesco, and was still awaiting a reply.

The above was **NOTED**.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

1. Menter Bro Dinefwr
2. Traws Link Cymru
3. One Voice Wales – The Voice

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

E/30222 – Plas y Betws, Hopkinstown
Renovations and Extension
Mr & Mrs W Armstrong

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

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

E/30277 – 16, Betws Road, Betws
Dwelling and Garage
Griffiths Brothers

OBJECT – because of traffic problems in the street.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

E/30017 – Penllech Fach, Cwmfelin Road, Betws
Two Storey Extension
Mr Paul Hoare

9. ACCOUNTS

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| 1 Clerks Salary and Allowances | £1258.26 |
| 2 Clerks Income Tax | £ 257.50 |
| 3 Stationery | £ 23.70 |

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| 4 Chris y Crydd – Plaques | £ 64.00 |
| 5 Tesco – Memory Stick | £ 9.00 |
| 6 Morgan & Morgan – Printer/Ink | £ 187.80 |

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REPORTS.

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Councillors Cath Smith and Anne Sizmur attended the Code of Conduct training, which they found very interesting and informative. They urged all councillors to attend any future events.

CAB

Councillor Annette Price gave a brief report about a recent CAB meeting in which the main topics discussed were staffing and funding.

AMMANFORD JUNIORS AFC

Councillors Loreen Lewis and Anne Sizmur gave a brief account of a very pleasant evening spent at the Ammanford Juniors Presentation Night.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 RANGERS

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members the Rangers were working on clearing footpaths, and she also reported a fallen tree near Wern Terrace

The above was **NOTED**

11.2 MIKE LEWIS

Councillors thanked Mike for attending our meetings, and for reporting fairly and accurately. Mike will be leaving his post as Editor of The Guardian at the end of next week.