

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8th October 2014 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Cath Smith, Annette Price, Wynallt Richards and Dewi Branch.

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

Councillor Rhydian Murray

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2014.**

Councillor June Gunter proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10th September 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 **DYFED POWYS POLICE**

PCSO Arwyn Rees was present and he reported the following crime figures:-

CRIME FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Assault = 0 Criminal Damage = 2 Drugs Offences = 1 Burglary = 0

Thefts = 1 Auto. Crime = 0 Misc. = 1

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 5

Councillor Maldwyn John informed the officer that motorbikes are still causing a noise nuisance around the village. PCSO Rees informed members that one small bike has been confiscated, and it would be useful if members could get the registration numbers for the police

Councillor Lorren Lewis also complained about a beer delivery lorry mounting the pavement outside the Welfare Club in Ammanford..

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett gave a brief report about a planning application in Betws Road, and details of some of the meetings he has attended recently, the most important of which was the discussions about next years' budget. He also informed members that speed monitoring will be taking place in Pentwyn Road, following a complaint from Councillor Dewi Branch.

Councillor Rhydian Murray asked if Keith James could re-visit the Glyncywarch site, following the removal of the posts, and the continual construction of an ever increasing bund. Alderman Arnallt James again asked when will tipping cease at the site? County Councillor Bartlett agreed to contact Keith James and ask him to report back.

Councillor Rhydian Murray asked if we should get more Tree Preservation Orders on certain trees in the village.

RESOLVED the Clerk speaks to Stephen Edwards.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 WORLD WAR ONE VETERANS

Councillor Dewi Branch had informed the Clerk that he failed to get the names of Betws people who had lost their lives in WW1. However Councillor Maldwyn John had been able to find the names of six local men who lost their lives.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Sizmur liaises with Councillor Dewi Branch with regards to the remembrance service, and Alderman Arnallt James was asked to order two red and one white wreath for the service.

6.2 SECTION 106. MONEY

Following on from last month's meeting, the Clerk now had further information with regards to the Sect 106 money, and the transfer of assets such as Betws Park.

If the £8,750 being held by the Parks Department is not spent then potentially it could be lost. It's important that we identify an use for the money, and it was generally agreed that due to the impending transfer of assets, spending the money on Betws Park would not be an option. Following a short discussion it was agreed that new railings are needed around Heol y Felin Park, and maybe the money could be spent there.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Paul Murray for a quotation to carry out the work, and also informs County Councillor Bartlett of the proposal.

The Clerk informed members he was told that maintenance costs for Betws Park over the last year amounted to £16, 263, which did not include insurance cover. Insurance cover could be as high as £8 to £10,000 pa. due to the close proximity of the river.

If the Community Council did not take over the park then it would be down to Carmarthenshire County Council to decide on its future.

The above points were **NOTED**.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 A48 Action Group
- 2 Planning Aid Wales
- 3 Abergelli Power

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

E/30908 – Land off Colonel Road, Betws
Reserved Matters to Outline Planning Application.
Kedrick and Wynford Davies.

There were **NO OBJECTIONS** in principle, but there were numerous observations.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

E/30604 – 1, Llwyndu Cottages, Pantyffynnon
Two Storey and Single storey extensions.
Mr & Mrs D Davies

E/30605 – Penllech Fach, Cwmfelin Road, Betws
Two Storey Extension
Mr Paul Hoare

9. ACCOUNTS

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| 1. BDO External Audit | £420.00 |
| 2. Wrenvale Nurseries – planting troughs | £ 72.00 |
| 3. Loreen Lewis – payment for engraving | £ 36.00 |
| 4. Robert Gleaves – painting of boring drum | £140.00 |
| 5. Betws RFC | £600.00 |
| 6. Ammanford Juniors AFC | £600.00 |
| 7. Carmarthenshire Young Farmers | £100.00 |
| 8. Shelter Cymru | £100.00 |

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk informed members that the External Audit Opinion and Approval has been given and a “Notice of Conclusion of Audit” was displayed on the notice board.

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.

AMMAN VALLEY GROUP OF COUNCILS

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members that only 6 people attended. An AGM has been arranged for the end of October, and the subject of Asset Transfer will be on the agenda for the January meeting.

TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM

Councillor Carwyn James gave a detailed report about the recent meeting he attended, which included a presentation by Paul Morris about dog control orders, and fly tipping, and also a presentation by Chris Moore about council budgets, which gave a very bleak picture of the cut backs to services, facing councils over the coming years.

BETWS FAMILY CENTRE

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a brief report about the centre in which she praised the co-ordinator Vicky Thomas, and the activities taking place. The centre has been awarded a Big Lottery grant of £178,438 which will salary 3 members of staff for the next three years.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 HORSE MANURE ON WAUNDDWFN ROAD

Councillor Rhydian Murray had received complaints about the amount of horse manure on Waunddwfn Road.

RESOLVED the Clerk speaks to Paul Morris.