

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillors Catherine Smith, June Gunter and Wynallt Richards
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016.**

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Rhydian Murray seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

PCSO Arwyn Rees was present and gave the following crime figures.

### **CRIME FIGURES FOR JANUARY 2016**

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

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

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 4

There were no questions from the members, and in the general discussion that followed truancy and the public use of speed guns were discussed.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett informed members that no action was deemed necessary following the speed monitoring carried out in Ffordd y Glowyr, and that the monitoring on Pentwyn Road was still ongoing.

Andrew Francis has visited the Maesquarre Road development and could not find anything which contravened any planning regulations. Councillor Bartlett suggested that Councillor Murray talks directly to Andrew if there are any other issues.

Councillor Dewi Branch complained about the lack of progress on a property in Pentwyn Road, and Councillor Rhydian Murray complained that work on the Glyncywarch site had still not been completed. Councillor Bartlett agreed to talk to Owain Jones about both matters. The Clerk was also asked to write regarding Pentwyn Road.

Councillor Bartlett concluded by saying he was still trying to get the owner of a property in Treforis to remove the cars in his front garden.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### **6.1 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND**

The Clerk informed members that work in the playground should start within four to six weeks.

The above was **NOTED**.

### **6.2 STREET LIGHT IN WAUNDDWFN**

Councillor Rhydian Murray reported the faulty street light had been repaired.

The above was **NOTED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 Saint David's Parade, Carmarthen
- 2 Aman Group of Local Councils – Asset Transfers
- 3 One Voice Wales – Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### **APPLICATIONS GRANTED**

E/32650 – Land at 35, Betws Road, Betws.  
Four Detached Houses and parking  
Messrs Griffiths Bwtrimawr

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Bangor University – Cysgair	£ 30.00
2 CCTV Rent Payments	£ 40.00
3 One Voice Wales Membership	£287.00
4 Stationery – paid to C W Griffiths	£ 14.80

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid

## **10. REPORTS**

### **AMMAN GROUP OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillor Anne Sizmur gave a brief account of matters discussed at the meeting, and the Clerk read out a letter from the group asking if Betws Community Council would discuss the idea of pooling resources (without commitment) in order to look after the parks, playgrounds and sports pitches of all member councils.

The item was discussed at length and it was agreed to accept the proposal in principle for the time being, but emphasising that it is without commitment.

### **ONE VOICE WALES MEETING**

Councillor Carwyn James gave a detailed report about the meeting he and Councillor Sizmur had attended, where the guest speakers were staff from Trading Standards.

Other topics discussed were the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, the Archives Department, CAB, CAVS, Hywel Dda Health Board, Carers, Training and the OVV Audit.

### **TYNGED YR IAITH**

Councillor Maldwyn John gave a brief account of the meeting he had attended, where the main point of discussion was the use of the Welsh language in County and Community Councils

## **11. RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY 2016-2017**

The Clerk read out a list of all the activities of Betws Community Council as listed on the Risk Assessment Schedule for 2016/2017, and following a short discussion, all points were agreed.

**RESOLVED** the Risk Assessment Schedule for 2016/2017 be adopted.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12.1 POTHOLES**

Councillor Rhydian Murray asked the Clerk who he should contact regarding potholes caused by motorists using the recycling skips in the club car park.

The Clerk said he would find out and let him know.

The above was **NOTED**.

