

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 13th July 2016 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Carwyn James (Chairman), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Richard Howell, Maldwyn John, Wynallt Richards, June Gunter and Dewi Branch

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Annette Price
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
None
3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JUNE 2016.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Maldwyn John seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 8th June 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 JUNE 2016

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

Thefts = 0 Auto. Crime = 02 Misc. = 2

Total Monthly Crimes Reported =4

In the general discussion that followed PCSO Rees informed members that a Speed Gun will be used in Maesquarre Road on Friday the 15th July 2016, to check on speeding motorists. Councillor John also complained about bikes being ridden on pavements in Betws Road.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett reported on the following matters.

MAESQUARRE ROAD PLAYGROUND – the grass has been cut at last, and the transfer of ownership from TRJones to the County Council is nearing completion.

FOUNDRY ROAD – having analysed the results of the survey carried out at Foundry Road, the County Council have concluded there is no justification in providing a crossing at this point.

PENTWYN ROAD – the survey at Pentwyn Road has been concluded, and the data is being considered to see if any action is needed.

Councillor Bartlett also mentioned a fallen tree in Pentwyn Road, a parking problem at Betws Road, and strimming work carried out in Betws Park.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 NEW COUNCILLOR

There were still no names put forward to fill the vacancies.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.2 CLEAN UP OF FOUNTAIN AREA IN BETWS PARK

The Clerk read out a quotation from Wrenvale Nurseries to tidy up the area in question. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to carry out the cleaning and rebuilding of the seating area only, but we would also like him to clean the steps and bench near Pentwyn Road and the area around the sensory garden.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Wrenvale to carry out the above.

6.3 BETWS MOUNTAIN PICNIC AREA

The Clerk read out an e-mail from the Rangers in which they stated the repairs/renewal of the picnic site furniture will be carried out, but there is a waiting list at the moment.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.4 FLAGPOLE AT BETWS SCHOOL

Due to concerns with the children's safety the school no longer wish to pursue this matter.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.5 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk and Councillor Loreen Lewis had met with Eamonn Davies regarding the issues raised in the last meeting. The problem with the flooring was being addressed by Neil of Sunshine Playgrounds under the warranty, and Councillor Lewis agreed to clean the apparatus. The ABC stencils had still not been laid.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Eamonn to lay the stencils, and to monitor progress of the warranty work.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Tynged yr Iaith Sir Gar
- 2 Ombudsman Annual Report 2015/2016
- 3 Ammanford Juniors AFC
- 4 Complaint regarding parking in Betws Road.

5 One Voice Wales – Financial Regulations (WALES)

The Model Financial Regulations (WALES) was discussed, agreed, and adopted.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

E/34013 – Removal of Hedgerow to create Pond.
Gilfach Gower, Argoed Road, Betws
Mr Fed Pereira

E/34024 – Conservatory Extension.
102, Colonel Road, Betws
Mr Morris

E/34025 – Conservatory Extension
104, Colonel Road, Betws
Mr and Mrs Pitcher

E/34027 – Discharge of Condition 7 of E/29342
Land adj. 44/46 and 45/47 Treforis, Betws
A Davies

E/34040 – Proposed side extension
47, Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws
Mr Alun Owen

E/34102 – 3 Residential Units – Reserved Matters
Land at Tycoch, Maesquarre Road, Betws
Mr Dylan Davies

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

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/33516 – Roof alterations and single storey extension.
41, Betws Road, Ammanford
C Griffiths

9. ACCOUNTS

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| 1 Betws in Bloom – Betws School | £ 50.00 |
| 2 Betws in Bloom – Best Garden | £ 50.00 |
| 3 Betws in Bloom – Best Large Garden | £ 25.00 |
| 4 Betws in Bloom – Best Medium Garden | £ 25.00 |
| 5 Betws in Bloom – Best Small Garden | £ 25.00 |
| 6 Betws in Bloom – Best Containers/Baskets | £ 25.00 |
| 7 Betws in Bloom – Best Commercial Premises | £ 25.00 |
| 8 Betws in Bloom – Judge's Fees | £ 20.00 |
| 9 Capel Newydd Meetings | £120.00 |

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| 10 Zurich Insurance | £640.97 |
| 11 Donation – Shelter Cymru | £100.00 |
| 12 Donation - Welsh Hearts | £100.00 |
| 13 Donation - Amman Valley Hospital X-Ray machine appeal. | £500.00 |
| 14 Donation - St John Cymru | £100.00 |
| 15 Donation - Guide Dogs Cymru | £100.00 |

RESOLVED that the above be paid

QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

A copy of the quarterly budget monitoring report was handed out to councillors. All items listed were discussed and agreed.

10. REPORTS.

BETWS IN BLOOM

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members there were 16 entries to this years' competition, and that there was no room on the current trophy to add the names of this years' winners. The Chairman thanked Loreen for all her hard work in organising the event, and it was **RESOLVED** that Loreen buys a new trophy to accommodate new winners for the next few years.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The Chairman reported that to date, he had attended the Ammanford AFC Juniors, presentation evening, concerts by the Ammanford Choral Society and Cor Persain, and the inauguration ceremony of the Cwmaman Mayor.

ONE VOICE WALES LIAISON FORUM

Councillor Carwyn James gave a detailed report about the recent meeting he had attended in which there was a presentation by Ruth Mullen – Director of the Environment, and discussions about Trading Standards and Asset Transfers.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 BLOCKED FOOTPATH

Councillor Loreen Lewis reported that an electric fence had been erected across footpath 3/12, Bancywern to Pen Fedw.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs the Rangers.

11.2 BETWS PARK.

Councillor Dewi Branch complained about the weeds growing amongst the shrubs in the Sensory Garden at Betws Park.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs Paul Murray.

11.3 MAINTENANCE AT RICE ROAD FOOTBALL GROUND

Councillor June Gunter praised the good work carried out by volunteers to maintain the football pitch and the surrounding areas at Rice Road

RESOLVED the Clerk writes a complimentary letter to the club.