

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Annette Price(Vice-Chairperson), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Richard Howell, Maldwyn John, Wynallt Richards and June Gunter.

1. **APOLOGIES** Councillors Dewi Branch and Carwyn James, County Councilor Ryan Bartlett and Dyfed Powys Police.

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> MAY 2016.**

Alderman Arnallt James proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not present, but the Clerk had received a list of the monthly crimes.

### **CRIME FIGURES FOR MAY 2016**

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

Thefts = 1      Auto. Crime = 0      Misc. = 4

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 7

There were no issues raised to pass on to the Police

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor was not present and had sent his apologies.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### **6.1 NEW COUNCILLORS**

Members did not know of anyone interested in joining the council. The two persons who showed an interest last month did not attend.

The above was **NOTED**.

## 6.2 CLEAN UP OF FOUNTAIN AREA IN BETWS PARK

The Clerk had spoken to Paul Murray who stated that it was very unlikely that the County Council would be able to repair/ clean up the fountain area.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk asks Nigel Sheldon if he would be interested in doing the work.

## 6.3 BETWS MOUNTAIN PICNIC AREA

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for a reply to this item.

The above was **NOTED**.

## 6.4 FLAGPOLE AT BETWS SCHOOL

The Clerk reported that he was waiting for the Headmistress to come back with prices for flagpoles.

The above was **NOTED**.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 2 Centenary Fields
- 3 Invitation to Inauguration Ceremony of Cwmaman Mayor
- 4 Safer Communities Newsletter

### 5 Clerks National Salary Award

The Clerk informed members of a new salary award for the next two years.

His pay scale would rise by 10.5 pence per hour, as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, and a further 10.7 pence per hour as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Following a short discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Arnallt James and seconded by Councillor Loreen Lewis that the increases be approved and adopted.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk adjusts his pay scales accordingly.

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### **NEW APPLICATION**

E/33831 – 13, Golwg y Mynydd, Betws  
New extension and removal of conservatory.  
Mr & Mrs Thomas Page

There was **NO OBJECTION** to the above application.

## APPLICATION GRANTED

E/33507 – Land adjacent 24, Woodlands Park, Betws  
Detached Bungalow and Garage  
Jovic Steel UK Ltd – Mr John Humphreys

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Clerks Salary and Allowances	£1301.10
2 Clerks Income Tax	£ 263.17
3 Parks and Play	£1176.00

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid

## **10. REPORTS.**

### AMMAN VALLEY GROUP OF COUNCILS

Councillor Annette Price gave a brief report about the meeting she had recently attended, in which the main topics of discussion were Asset Transfers and the campaign by Kevin Madge to raise funds to buy an X Ray machine for the Amman Valley Hospital at Glanaman.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 11.1 MAESQUARRE ROAD PLAYGROUND

Alderman Arnallt James complained about the overgrown state of the grass at the above playground.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk asks County Councillor Bartlett to inform TR Jones.

### 11.2 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

Councillor Richard Howell raised concerns about a number of minor issues of disrepair at the playground, and he also asked if the apparatus could be cleaned.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk passes on these concerns to Eamonn Davies so that they can be addressed, and also ask him to clean the apparatus, providing the cost is not to excessive.