

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 9th November 2016 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Carwyn James (Chairman), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Annette Price, Richard Howell, Maldwyn John, June Gunter and Shireen Davies.

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Wynallt Richards
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2016.**

Councillor Annette Price proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th October 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not in attendance.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Following a request from the Community Council, (item 11.4 on minutes) County Councillor Ryan Bartlett reported that the responsibility to erect a barrier at the forecourt of Tout's Garage was with the owner, and not Natural Resources Wales. He also reported that the construction of a barrier at this location might need a "Flood Risk Activity Permit"

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Mr Tout, asking if he would consider construction a barrier at this location, and also inform him of the "Flood Risk Activity Permit"

6. MATTERS ARISING.

6.1 SENSORY GARDEN, BETWS PARK

1. The Clerk reported that Nigel had carried out a temporary repair on the sleepers.
2. Following an inspection by Mr Rees, it was found the memorial stone was in need of urgent repairs. After contacting all councillors, it was agreed to proceed with the work which was costed at £1200 +vat. The work was now completed.
3. The Clerk informed members that when the Sensory Garden was constructed, a Partnership Agreement was signed with the County Council, in which the responsibility of maintaining the Sensory Garden lay with the County Council.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Paul Murray asking if we could be reimbursed the cost of the repair.

6.2 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Following a meeting with Mr Rees at the park regarding a plaque, there were many issues to be decided before he could give us a price for the work.

Councillor Branch was not present, and because he suggested the plaque, it was decided to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.3 PARKING IN TOUT'S GARAGE, BETWS.

See County Councillors report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

1 Wales Air Ambulance

2 Removal of BT Payphones – agreed to object to the closure of two payphones in Betws.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes a suitable objection letter.

3 Home Start, Dinefwr

4 Christmas Toybox Appeal

5 Request to become a councillor – Mrs Betsan Jones

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Betsan Jones, and invites her to join the Council.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NONE

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Christmas Tree lights for Eglwys Dewi Sant £65.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REPORTS.

NONE

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 WASTE BIN IN BETWS PARK.

Councillor Annette Price complained about the overflowing bin at the entrance to Betws Park, and she had also been approached by the local PCSO's about the problem.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes once again to Paul Murray to ask for a new bin. It was also suggested that we copy the message to County Councillor Bartlett.