

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th October 2016 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

The Chairman welcomed our new member, Councillor Shireen Davies.

1. **APOLOGIES.** None
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2016.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Richard Howell seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th September 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

Maesquarre Road Playground – County Councillor Ryan Bartlett informed members that the park has, at last, been taken over by Carmarthenshire County Council.

Pentwyn Road – Councillor Bartlett gave Councillor Dewi Branch information about organising a Community Speed watch in Pentwyn Road.

Councillor Bartlett also reported about the street lights in Betws Road, and the crossing in Foundry Road.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 CLEAN UP OF FOUNTAIN AREA IN BETWS PARK

The Clerk reported the work was nearing completion.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.2 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk reported that Sunshine Playgrounds have agreed to carry out the repair work needed.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.3 BLOCKED FOOTPATH

Members again reported that path 3/12 was still blocked by an electric fence.

RESOLVED that the Clerk reports the problem once again.

6.4 SENSORY GARDEN, BETWS PARK

Councillor Annette Price brought to the attention of members, the poor condition of the wooden sleepers and the memorial stone at Betws Park. The Clerk stated that he had e-mailed Paul Murray about these problems on numerous occasions, without success.

Following a long discussion it was **RESOLVED** as follows:-

- 1 The Clerk instructs Nigel to do a temporary fix on the sleepers to make them safe.
- 2 Councillor Annette Price contacts Mr Rees regarding the repair of the memorial stone.
- 3 The Clerk looks at the Project file to see if the work was covered under a warranty.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Carmarthenshire Sports Personality Awards.

RESOLVED that we nominate the Ammanford AFC Juniors section

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATION

E/34485 – Pant y Betws Farm, Betws Road, Betws
Proposed Cowshed, Barn and Machine shed.
Mr Wynn David Jones

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

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Stationery	£ 16.00
2 Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal	£100.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

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.

BETWS IN BLOOM

Councillor Loreen Lewis thanked all members that attended and helped at the Presentation evening. The event was well supported and successful. The Chair thanked Loreen for all her work in organising the event.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Following a long discussion, it was agreed the Remembrance Service this year will be held on Friday 11th November 2016, at Betws Park to commence at 10.45 am. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Dewi Branch would try to get a bugler to attend once again, and The Clerk was asked to notify the Guardian and to invite members of the Police Force, and the Fire and Ambulance Services to attend. The Chair and Councillor Annette Price agreed to arrange the order of service.

11.2 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Councillor Dewi Branch asked if a plaque to commemorate a Betws man, the late Jim Griffiths could be placed in Betws Park. Other members suggested other famous people from Betws who could also be remembered. Everyone agreed in principle.

RESOLVED the Clerk makes enquiries about the cost of a plaque.

11.3 GRASS CUTTING IN CEMETERY

Councillor Richard Howell had received complaints about the untidy and messy condition of the cemetery, following the recent cut of grass.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs Nick Barroccu.

11.4 PARKING IN TOUT'S GARAGE, BETWS

Councillor Shireen Davies asked if County Councillor Bartlett could find out if a barrier could be installed between the parking area and the river at the above garage.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to Councillor Bartlett.