

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

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

Councillors Carwyn James, Arnallt James, June Gunter and Loreen Lewis – discussion about donation to Capel Newydd Cemetery.

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

Councillor Richard Howell proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not present, but they had supplied the following crime figures.

### **CRIME FIGURES FOR AUGUST 2016**

Assault = 0      Criminal Damage = 1      Drugs Offences = 3      Burglary = 0

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

Total Monthly Crimes Reported =6

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett and the members discussed a number of issues, including a disputed piece of land in Woodlands Park, speeding in Maesquarre Road, parking problems in Betws Road and Colonel Road, complaints about loud music coming from the Coopers Arms, the Foundry Road crossing and street lighting in Betws Road.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### 6.1 NEW COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Shireen Davies who was asking to be considered for co-option to one of the current vacancies we have on the community council. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to invite Mrs Davies to join the council at our next meeting.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk writes to inform Mrs Davies of our decision.

### 6.2 CLEAN UP OF FOUNTAIN AREA IN BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that Wrenvale have been very busy over the summer months, but will hopefully finish the work by the end of September.

The above was **NOTED**.

### 6.3 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk reported that Sunshine Playgrounds were still investigating the problem with the wetpour at the park have not replied to date.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk continues to pursue the matter.

### 6.4 BLOCKED FOOTPATH

Members reported that footpath 3/12 was still blocked by an electric fence. The Clerk had reported the matter to the authorities twice over the summer without any success.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk reports the problem once more.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 Betws Primary School – Change of age range.
- 2 One Voice Wales Conference
- 3 CCC -Safe Route in Communities Grant.
- 4 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 5 Police and Crime Commissioner
- 6 NHS Wales – Let's Talk Health
- 7 CCC – Asset Transfer
- 8 British Heart Foundation Seminar
- 9 SEEcontracting – Xmas Tree Lights
- 10 Boundary Commission for Wales
- 11 Betws RFC

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

E/31908 – Land at Bodyst Uchaf Farm  
Farm Buildings and slurry lagoon  
Mr R Thomas

### **APPLICATION GRANTED**

E/33831 – 13, Golwg y Mynydd, Betws  
Rear Extension  
Cartref Designs Ltd – Mr Daryl Thomas

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

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

E/34040 – 47, Parc Bwtrimawr, Betws  
Side Extension  
Mr Alun Owen

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

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Clerk's Salary and Allowances	£1299.99
2 Clerk's Income Tax	£ 226.06
3 Wrenvale Nurseries – Planting of troughs	£ 54.00
4 Parks and Play – Heol y Felin Inspections	£ 382.20
5 Loreen Lewis – Inscriptions on Betws in Bloom trophy	£ 18.25
6 Donation – Capel Newydd Cemetery	£ 200.00*
7 Donation – Eglwys Dewi Sant Cemetery	£ 200.00*

\*Following a short discussion it was agreed to increase the annual donations for the cemeteries to £200 per annum.

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid.

## EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk informed members that the Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report had been received, and the only point raised was the need to have a letter of engagement from our Internal Auditor every year. This point will be addressed next year. A "Notice of Conclusion of Audit" was displayed in August.

Councillor **RESOLVED** the Annual Return be approved and accepted.

## **10. REPORTS.**

### BETWS IN BLOOM

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members the Betws in Bloom presentation evening will be held at Capel Newydd Vestry on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6.30 pm. She also informed members that a new trophy was not required because additional places have been added to our current trophy.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 11.1 BETWS PARK

Councillor Annette Price rose a number of complaints about the condition of Betws Park, including graffiti on the archway, rotten sleepers around the sensory garden, weeding around the sensory garden and the promised new waste bin. The Clerk stated that he has e-mailed Paul Murray on numerous occasions about the bins and weeding with no success.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk writes to Paul Murray again with regards to all the above problems.