

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Carwyn James (Chairman), Cllrs. Annette Price, Richard Howell, Maldwyn John, Loreen Lewis, June Gunter, Shireen Davies, Betsan Jones a Wynallt Richards.

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Arnallt James
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

NONE

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017.**

Councillor Richard Howell proposed and Councillor Maldwyn John seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

PC Sharon Davies and PCSO Ryan Howells were in attendance, and gave the following crime figures.

### **CRIME FIGURES FOR MARCH 2017**

Assault = 3      Criminal Damage = 0      Drugs Offences = 4      Burglary = 0

Thefts = 3      Auto. Crime = 0      Misc. = 2

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 12

The officers gave a brief summary of the crimes committed, and also apologised for not being able to attend every meeting. There were no other items discussed.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett gave brief reports about the following.

1 Dog Fouling at Caemawr – the enforcement officer had visited the estate, and requested that residents provide him with names and addresses of the offending dog owners.

2 Betws Park – dog fouling signs have been placed on the gates into Betws park.

3 Ffordd y Glowyr – speed monitoring will be carried out after Easter.

4 Penyrheol – chevrons and Slow/Araf signs will be installed in due course.

There were no other items of discussion. The Chairman wished Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Betsan Jones the best of luck in the forthcoming County Council election.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### 6.1 BARRIER AT TOUT'S GARAGE

It is understood the garage is due to re-open soon, and it was agreed to write to the new owners about the barriers at that time.

The above was **NOTED**.

### 6.2 ASSET TRANSFER

The Clerk informed members that Betws Park transferred into the Community Council's ownership as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, and that he had asked Wrenvale Nurseries to start maintaining the grounds. He also stated that he would contact Paul Murray with regards the maintenance and replacement of the life buoy, and the promised litter bin

**RESOLVED** the Clerk contacts Paul Murray

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 The Good Councillors Guide
- 2 Community Council Elections

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### NEW APPLICATION

E/35318 – Reserved Matters.  
Land at 24, Woodlands Park, Betws  
Mr Jonathan Garland

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

### APPLICATIONS GRANTED

E/34963 – Shed, Canopy and decking.  
111, Ffordd y Glowyr, Betws  
Mr Selwyn Morris

E/35125 – Single Storey Extension  
10, Ffordd y Glowyr, Betws  
Mr M Jones

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Stationery

£20.30

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid.

### INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk informed members that Mr Lyn Llewellyn was again prepared to carry out the Internal Audit for 2016/2017.

Following a short discussion, it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk asks Mr Llewellyn to start the audit.

### 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.**

Councillor Carwyn James gave a detailed report of the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting he had recently attended.

The main presentation was by Dafydd Llewelyn the Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys Police, in which he covered a range of items including the need for improvements within the service, budgets, recruitment, cybercrime, CCTV cameras, drug related problems, safeguarding communities, and the problems with the 101 service.

Other topics discussed were One Voice Wales's response to consultation documents, the Welsh Language, OVW conference, OVW website and training.

### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

#### 11.1 SCOTCH PINE PICNIC AREA

Councillor Betsan Jones reported the information board at this location has been removed by vandals.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk informs the Rangers.

#### 11.2 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

Councillor Richard Howell reported a number of issues that need attention at the above playground.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk passes the concerns on to Eamonn.

The Chairman Carwyn James closed the meeting by giving thanks to all the councillors who were standing down, especially June Gunter who had given over 20 years' service to the community, and also Arnallt James who had been in local politics for over 50 years. He also thanked the Clerk for his good work over the years.

