

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 13th December 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Annette Price (Chairperson), Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Maldwyn John, Shireen Davies, Betsan Jones, Janet Davies, Alex Davies, Marie Williams, Petula Mathews, Wendy Haines and Delyth Richards.

County Councillor Betsan Jones.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillor Nolene Williams

2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER 2017.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Petula Mathews seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 8th November 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 **DYFED POWYS POLICE**

PCSO Arwyn Rees was in attendance, and gave the following crime figures.

CRIME FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 2017

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

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

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 1

There followed a general discussion about the laws relating to the use of fireworks. No other issues were raised.

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Betsan Jones informed members that the Betws road sign had been installed, and that John McAvoy will be visiting Maerdy Road and Pentwyn Road on Friday 15th December 2017. She also gave brief reports about the new proposals for allocation of Blue Bags, the allocation of Council Houses, and Section 106 money.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

6.1 BETWS PARK SIGNS

The Clerk reported there were no specific guidelines with regards to dogs in public parks and it was our decision as to what type of signage we use. However, as a Community Council we have no authority to enforce our ruling, but the County's Enforcement Officers

would intervene if we had a persistent offender. Following a long discussion, and because we have only received one or two complaints, it was agreed to leave the signs as they are for the time being.

The above was **NOTED**

6.2 BETWS PARK TREE SURVEY

The Clerk informed members that the tree survey had been completed by Treeworks, and there were no major problems identified. The survey will be in place for two years.

The above was **NOTED**.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1 Double yellow Lines at Maes Ifan/Maesquarre Road.
- 2 NHS Wales – Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys
- 3 Clerk's Resignation Letter.
- 4 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 5 Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party

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

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATION

E/36453 – Land adj. 90, Colonel Road, Betws
2 x Detached Bungalows.
Mr Morris

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

APPLICATION REFUSED

E/36297 – 30, Caemawr, Betws
Shed in front of house
Mr Gary Jones

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Clerks Salary and Allowances	£ 1323.23
2 Clerks Income Tax	£ 268.48
3 Andrew Williams – Work at Betws Park	£ 38.50
4 Donation – Payment to Bugler	£ 100.00
5 Comcen – Ink for printer.	£ 51.96
6 SLCC Membership	£ 100.00
7 Re-issued Cheque. Parks and Play – Noticeboard	£ 864.00
8 Re-issued Cheque. Parks and Play – Inspections -2 nd Qtr.	£ 401.56
9 South Wales Guardian – Job Advert	£ 316.80

10 Morgan & Morgan – Printer	£ 186.00
11 Betws RFC	£ 20.00
12 Donation – Llangollen Eisteddfod	£ 50.00
13 Donation – Urdd Eisteddfod	£ 100.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REPORTS.

NONE

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 BETWS PARK/LAND REGISTRY

The Clerk reported that he had now received a communication from the Land Registry. They were unable to register the whole park because a very small piece of land near the front gates had not been registered by anyone. Carmarthenshire County Council confirmed that they were in the process of registering the land, and as soon as the process is completed we can then include this into our lease. This information was passed on to Land Registry.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.2 NOTICEBOARD IN BETWS PARK

Councillor Janet Davies asked about the re-siting of the new noticeboard in Betws Park. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Janet will liaise with Eamonn with regards a suitable location.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Eamonn to contact Janet.

11.3 PERMISSION TO USE METAL DETECTOR IN BETWS PARK

Councillor Petula Mathews asked if her son could have permission to use a metal detector in the park. The councillors agreed.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.4 FRIENDS OF BETWS PARK

Councillor Mair Williams and Shireen Davies expressed their concerns that there was a certain amount of disquiet by some councillors towards the newly formed group. During the discussion that followed it was agreed as follows.

1 A notice of thanks is posted in the noticeboard to Friends of Betws Park and all others that have given their time to the work.

2 A sub-committee be elected to meet regularly with Friends of Betws Park.

The Chairperson, The Vice Chair, Alex Davies, Shireen Davies and Wendy Haines were duly elected.

The above was **NOTED**

11.5 CHRISTMAS TEA

The Chairperson thanked everyone who helped with the recent Christmas Tea. It was agreed the Clerk writes a letter of thanks to Mrs John, the manager of Tesco, and include a thank you to all who attended in the Guardian.

RESOLVED the Clerk undertakes the above.

11.6 INFORMATION BOARD IN BETWS PARK

Councillor Annette Price asked the Clerk to remind Nigel of his promise to repair the above.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts Nigel.