

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Carwyn James (Chairperman), Alderman Arnallt James, Cllrs. Annette Price, Maldwyn John, Loreen Lewis, Richard Howell, Shireen Davies, Betsan Jones, June Gunter and Dewi Branch

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 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016.**

Councillor Shireen Davies proposed and Councillor Loreen Lewis seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

## **4 DYFED POWYS POLICE**

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not present.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Ryan Bartlett discussed briefly a problem with parking in Betws Road, and a Planning Application at Bodyst Uchaf.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### 6.1 BARRIERS AT TOUT'S GARAGE

Mr Tout was still unwell, and it was agreed to discuss this matter again at a later date.

The above was **NOTED**.

### 6.2 ASSET TRANSFERS

The Clerk had contacted Emily Thomas on a number of occasions, but was still waiting for a reply to our request for further information.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk keeps requesting the information, and to also ask who is responsible for the bridge in the park.

### 6.3 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Members discussed at length the idea of placing a commemorative plaque in Betws Park. It was proposed by Arnallt James and seconded by Annette Price, that the plaque should take the form of a "Roll of Honour", to include all well known people who were born in Betws and have since passed away.

**RESOLVED** that members think of suitable individuals to be included, and bring their names to the next meeting.

### 6.4 PARKING NEAR BETWS SQUARE

The large vehicle parking close to Betws square was still a problem, even though the police had spoken to the owner.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk writes to the PCSO'S again to see if the matter can be resolved.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 2 Town and Community Council Elections 2017

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS.

### NEW APPLICATIONS

E/34893 – Plas y Betws, Wernoleu Road, Betws  
Barn conversion to Holiday Let  
Mr and Mrs Armstrong

**NO OBJECTIONS** but to comment that this should remain as holiday let and not be used as a residential dwelling at a later date.

### TEMPORARY APPLICATION

TA/ /77041 – Land formerly part of Bodyst Uchaf, Betws  
New Farm complex with buildings and a slurry lagoon.  
Mr R Thomas

**RESOLVED** we discuss this application when it is registered

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Stationery	£ 46.80
2 Chairman's Allowance	£ 100.00
3 Donation - Capel Newydd Xmas Lights	£ 45.00
4 Donation – Eglwys Dewi Sant Xmas Lights	£ 500.00
5 Wales Audit Office – External Audit Fee	£ 231.00
6 Parks and Play (replacement cheque)	£ 382.20
7 Parks and Play – Inspections 2016/2017	£1663.20

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid

### **PRECEPT FOR 2017-2018**

A copy of the annual expenditure, and the estimates for 2017/2018 were sent to Councillors prior to the meeting, in which the Clerk had suggested a precept request of £22,000. All the items listed were discussed in detail, and there were no amendments.

Councillor Dewi Branch proposed, and Councillor Richard Howell seconded, that a precept request of **£22,000** be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council.

Following a show of hands, the proposal was carried and it was agreed to request **£22,000**

**RESOLVED** the Clerk requests a precept of **£22,000**

## **10. REPORTS.**

There were no reports.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11.1 RENT REVIEW OF BETWS RFC LEASE**

Councillor Annette Price rose the matter of the rent review which is due in April 2017. Following a short discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should contact the solicitor, and ask for guidance.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk speaks to Mr Davies.