

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 12th July 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Annette Price (Chairperson), Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Maldwyn John, Betsan Jones, Delyth Richards and Janet Davies.
County Councillor Betsan Jones.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairperson asked members to stand and observe a minutes' silence for the victims of the recent Grenfell Tower fire.

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 JUNE 2017.**

Error -remove Betsan Jones from apologies.

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Betsan Jones seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14th June 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE.

PCSO Arwyn Rees was present and gave the following crime figures.

CRIME FIGURES FOR JUNE 2017

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

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

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 2

In the general discussion that followed members discussed the anti-social behaviour of youngsters in Betws Park/ Betws Bridge, and the setting on fire of a bin in the park. PCSO Rees informed members that he patrols the park as often as is possible, and that he was present when a new B-line was installed. He also suggested that the B-line would be better placed near the park entrance. It was also suggested that we install signs to encourage members of the public to ring 101 if they witness any vandalism etc.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Betsan Jones gave a report about various items which included the possible repairs to the tennis courts, the bin which was set alight in the park, speed restrictions at Parc Penrhiw and Ffordd y Glowyr, and the possibility of yellow lines at Maes Ifan.

She also attended a picnic at Parc Penrhiw, and she has been complimented by residents about the appearance of Betws Park.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that a new B-line has been installed in the Park, and following a meeting with the County Council a new waste bin will be installed shortly.

The B-line was installed free of charge by a charity called The Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership. The Chairperson will be meeting with their representative, and the Guardian in the coming weeks to arrange a photo shoot and an article in to be included in the Guardian.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.2 NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk presented members with an estimate of £990 plus VAT for a new noticeboard. Following a long discussion, the Clerk was asked to find out if the board could be installed without the support legs in order to cut down the cost.

RESOLVED the Clerk reports back by the next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Betws Soccer Club – new group.
- 2 NHS Wales Questionnaire – passed to councillors.
- 3 CCC – Planning Services – Tout's Garage.
- 4 Home Start Dinefwr – passed to Annette.
- 5 Planning Services – Street Naming - agreed

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATION

E/35788 – Land adj to 100, Colonel Road, Betws
Surface Water Disposal
Green Meadow Homes Ltd.

There were **NO OBJECTIONS** in principle, as we do not feel suitably qualified to comment.

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/32602 – Land adj. 54, Colonel Road, Betws
Residential Development
Enzo Homes Ltd.

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Capel Newydd Meeting Payments	£120.00
2 Betws in Bloom – Best Garden	£ 50.00
3 Betws in Bloom – Best Large Garden	£ 25.00

4 Betws in Bloom – Best Medium Garden	£ 25.00
5 Betws in Bloom – Best Small Garden	£ 25.00
6 Betws in Bloom – Best Basket/Container display	£ 25.00
7 Betws in Bloom – Best Commercial/Business	£ 25.00
8 Judge’s Fee	£ 20.00
9 Betws in Bloom – Betws School	£ 50.00
10 Zurich Insurance	£621.01
11 Donation – Dawnsywyr Penrhyd	£150.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

A copy of the quarterly budget monitoring report was handed out to councillors. All items listed were discussed and agreed.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk informed members that the Auditor General for Wales’ Audit Certificate and report had been received, and there were no issues to address. A “Notice of Conclusion of Audit” was displayed in June.

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

10. REPORTS.

BETWS IN BLOOM

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members that judging has been completed, with 16 entries which is two more than last year.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 BETWS PARK

Councillor Betsan Jones and Councillor Annette Price had concerns about dogs running loose, and cycling in the park. Following a long discussion, it was decided to price signage to include “No Cycling”, “Dogs must be kept on their leads” and also asking the public to “Phone 101” when they witness any vandalism.

RESOLVED the Clerk gets some prices by the next meeting.

11.2 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

Councillor Annette Price asked if Eamonn could be informed of minor problems at the park.

RESOLVED the Clerk speaks to Eamonn.

