

# **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00 pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES** Councillors Betsan Jones.
2. **DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**  
None
3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Janet Davies seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 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 MAY 2017**

Assault = 0	Criminal Damage = 0	Drugs Offences = 0	Burglary = 0
Thefts = 2	Auto. Crime = 0	Misc. = 1	

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 3

PCSO Rees informed members that he regularly visits Betws Park, and will attend to any problems as they arise.

There were no questions from the members.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Betsan Jones gave brief reports about the possibility of taking over Maesquarre Playground sometime in the future, problems with bins in Betws Park, and problems with failed insulation on properties in Caemawr.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### 6.1 BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that he was still chasing Paul Murray with regards to ongoing issues at Betws Park, in particular the installation of a B-Line and a new waste bin.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk continues to press for these matters to be completed.

## 6.2 SCOTCH PINE PICNIC AREA

The Clerk informed members that a new information board would cost approximately £2500, depending on size and content.

Due to the cost, it was **RESOLVED** that we do not pursue this matter.

## 6.3 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk informed members that an annual maintenance contract would cost £250 per annum.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk asks Eamonn to carry out the work.

## 6.4 MEETING WITH BETWS RFC

Councillors discussed at length, the points raised at the recent meeting with members of Betws RFC. The main request was that we reduce the annual rent to a figure below the current level of £500 pa. Following a long discussion, it was decided that because we now have new and maybe unknown financial commitments with Betws Park, we are not in a position to further reduce the rent at this time.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk informs Betws RFC.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

- 1 CCC – Safe Routes in Communities Grant
- 2 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 3 CCC – Lease for Betws Park

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

### NEW APPLICATIONS

E/35545 – Plot 1. r/o, Tycoch, Pentwyn Road, Betws  
Proposed Residential Development  
Nick Llewelyn

E/35589 – Llwynnwn Cottage, Betws  
Agricultural store/outbuilding.  
Mr Arwyn Thomas

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

### APPLICATION REFUSED

E/35187 – 25, Woodlands Park, Betws  
3x 2 Bedroomed bungalows.  
Mr John Humphreys

## APPLICATION GRANTED

E/35422 – Bryn yr Eithin, Betws.  
Erection of Car Port  
Mr Julian Morris

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

1 Clerks Salary and Allowances	£1321.31
2 Clerks Income Tax	£ 268.48
3 Comcen – Ink	£ 78.12
4 Parks and Play – Inspections 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	£ 401.56
5 Donation – Glo Man	£ 100.00
6 Donation – Guide Dogs Cymru	£ 100.00

**RESOLVED** that the above be paid

## **10. REPORTS.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis informed members that whilst visiting the Wrenvale Nurseries Open Day, she asked Nigel to judge this year's Betws in Bloom competition. He agreed to do so.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 11.1 BRIDGE AT BETWS PARK

Councillor Maldwyn John asked if the bridge was safe and who is responsible for its upkeep. He also asked if the footpath could be extended and continued on the other side of the bridge. The Clerk informed Councillor John the bridge is safe, and is the responsibility of the County Council, and that the land on the other side was actually in Ammanford. Councillors also stated that there is a footpath leading all the way to the bridge.

The above was **NOTED**.

### 11.2 NOTICEBOARD

Councillor Janet Davies asked if it would be possible to install a noticeboard within Betws Park.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk gets some prices.