

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 10th May 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.

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 12th APRIL 2017.**

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Annette Price seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th April 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not present.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Newly elected County Councillor Betsan Jones thanked all the people who had voted for her, and also former County Councillor Ryan Bartlett for a good and clean contest.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Betsan Jones agreed to follow up items such as Chevrons at Penyrheol and speed monitoring at Ffordd y Glowyr, which former County Councillor Ryan Bartlett had been involved with.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.2 BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that he had ordered a new B-Line for the park, and he was still chasing Paul Murray about the promised litter bin.

Councillor Betsan Jones complained about youths drinking and lighting fires in the park.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks the Police to patrol the park on a regular basis.

6.3 SCOTCH PINE PICNIC AREA

The Clerk informed members that the Countryside Recreation Unit are willing to install two new picnic tables at this location, but are unable to fund the purchase of a new interpretation board. The Clerk had asked how much a new board would cost, but was still waiting for an answer.

RESOLVED the Clerk reports back when he gets a reply.

6.4 HEOL Y FELIN PLAYGROUND

The Clerk had passed on a list of problems as identified by Richard to Eamonn Davies. He's ordered a part to sort out the gripper problem and was waiting it's delivery. However, Eamonn did point out that whilst he inspects the apparatus for us, it's not for him to carry out the general maintenance work. He was happy to carry out this work at say twice a year and could provide an estimate of his charges.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Eamonn to provide an estimate for maintenance work.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 New Councillor Training- Delyth to attend.
- 2 Ammanford AFC Junior Section Presentation Evening – Chair and Vice Chair to attend.
- 3 NHS Wales – New 111 non-emergency number.
- 4 CCC – Code of Conduct Training.
- 5 Wrenvale Nurseries – Open Day – Clerk to attend.
- 6 One Voice Wales – Area Committee Representatives – Maldwyn and Annette.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

E/35424 – Tycoch Country Club, Maesquarre Road, Betws
Change of use from Nightclub to 2x Residential units
Mr Dylan Davies

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

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/35126 – Land at Betws Common
Cattle Grid
Betws Common Holdings Ltd

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Chair's Allowance (1 st)	£200.00
2 Lyn Llewellyn – Internal Audit	£230.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

3. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the year ending 31st March 2017, had been completed by Mr Lyn Llewellyn, and no issues of concern were raised. The external audit was due to commence on 4th May 2017.

The Clerk and the Chairperson signed all the relevant documents.

The above was **NOTED**.

10. REPORTS.

COUNTY HALL

Councillor Betsan Jones informed members that a decision has been taken by Plaid Cymru and the Independent group, to form a coalition to run Carmarthenshire County Council.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor Delyth Richards congratulated Betsan Jones on being elected as the County Councillor to represent Betws at County Hall.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.2 MEETING WITH BETWS RFC.

Betws RFC had requested a meeting with the Community Council after the election.

RESOLVED the Clerk arranges a meeting for Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 6.00pm.

11.3 FORMER COUNCILLORS

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the six councillors who did not stand for re-election, and also Ryan Bartlett the former County Councillor.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to all concerned.

11.4 CHANGES TO FINANCE MEETINGS.

Councillor Loreen Lewis referred to the last Finance meeting held in March, where members discussed the possibility of changing the way finance meetings, and the allocation of donations is conducted. This issue was raised due to the amount given in donations increasing by 33% and 50% above our budget over the last two years. There followed a lengthy discussion about the whole meetings/donation procedures, and it was decided to introduce a new format as follows.

1 There will be one finance meeting in October of each year, where the Councils finances will be thoroughly discussed.

2 All donation requests will now be dealt with at the regular monthly meetings, and will have to be supported by an up to date balance sheet.

3 The maximum donation to any organisation annually, will be capped at £250.

RESOLVED the above procedures be adopted.