

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 8th November 2017 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Betsan Jones.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillors Marie Williams and Wendy Haines.

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

None

3. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2017.**

Councillor Petula Mathews proposed and Councillor Maldwyn John seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11th October 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

PCSO Alex Mullock was in attendance, and gave the following crime figures.

CRIME FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2017

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

Thefts = 0 Auto. Crime = 0 Misc. = 1

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 1

PCSO Mullock informed members he had visited Betws School to educate the children about the dangers of both Haloween and Bonfire Night and was pleased to announce there were no major incidents reported.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Betsan Jones informed members that Mr John McAvoy will be arranging a meeting on site to discuss the speeding problems on both Pentwyn Road and Maerdy Road.

The BETWS road sign which has been removed from Maesquarre Road will be replaced within the next few weeks.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

6.1 BETWS PARK SIGNS

Councillor Betsan Jones informed members that many residents have complained to her about the new signs which asks people to keep their dogs on a lead in the park. Following a long discussion, it was agreed to find out if there were any guidelines available with regards to dogs in public parks.

RESOLVED the Clerk makes enquiries.

6.2 CHRISTMAS TEA

It was agreed to hold a Christmas “Carols and Mince Pie” tea at Capel Newydd Vestry on Tuesday 12th December 2017 between 3.00 and 4.30pm.

RESOLVED the Clerk places an advert in the Guardian, and produces a few posters.

6.3 HEOL Y FELIN

Following an e-mail threatening legal action, Sunshine Playgrounds have agreed to carry out the work after the half-term holiday.

RESOLVED the Clerk monitors the situation.

6.4 TREE SURVEY AT BETWS PARK

The Clerk reported that “Treeworks” would carry out a condition survey of all significant trees in Betws Park, and produce a plan and Tree management folder, including all recommended works at a cost of £791.16 inc VAT. The survey would last for two years.

The subject was discussed at length and it was agreed to ask “Treeworks” to proceed with a survey.

RESOLVED the Clerk informs Treeworks.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

1 CCC – Asset Marketing Team

2 Boundary Commission for Wales – Revised Proposals

3 Xmas Toybox Appeal

4 Betws Common Holdings Ltd. – Application to install Cattle Grid.

5 Review of Community and Town Council Sector

6 Request to join Community Council – Mrs Nolene Williams – Agreed to invite Mrs Williams to the next meeting.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

E/36297 – 30, Caemawr, Betws
Erection of shed for mobility scooter
Mr Gary Jones

E/36366 – Brynderwen Farm, Pontaman Road, Ammanford
Change of use from dwelling to Care Facility
A Thomas

E/36367 – Land adj. Maes y Ffin, Heol Waun Ddwfn, Betws
New Detached Dwelling and Garage
Mr C Smith

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

E/36400 – Land adjacent 61, Colonel Road, Betws
New Detached Dwelling
Mr Davies

There were **NO OBJECTIONS** in principle, but members did have concerns with regards the size of the plot, parking and traffic problems.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

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

E/35982 – 15, Golwg y Mynydd, Betws
Rear extension
Mr Neil Hutson

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Llys Cennen Solicitors	£3889.68
2 Wales Audit Office – External Audit	£ 231.00
3 Parks and Play – Noticeboard	£ 864.00
4 Parks and Play – Playground Inspections 2 nd Qtr.	£ 401.56
5 Stationery – Paper	£ 10.00
6 Wrenvale Nurseries – Grass Cutting at Heol y Felin	£1152.00
7 Donation – Blas ar Fyw	£ 100.00
8 Mr A Williams – work at Betws Park	£ 130.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid

10. REPORTS.

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Annette Price gave members a brief report about a meeting she had attended concerning the Review of Electoral Arrangements. The process started in 2013 and published its recommendations in 2014. The Review was postponed in 2016 due to the election, and has now been restarted with a view of being completed by the 2020 elections. All 22 Counties are under review, but the meeting was looking at Carmarthenshire in particular. After a consultation period, more information will be available.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillor Annette Price informed members about the order of service on Remembrance Day.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.2 LETTERS OF THANKS

The Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to two persons who assisted in the removal of a tree that had fallen in Betws Park.

RESOLVED the Clerk sends two letters of thanks.