

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 11th October 2017 at 7.00 pm.

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

County Councillor Betsan Jones

The Chairperson, Councillor Annette Price welcomed the new members and gave them a general overview of council procedures including declaration of interest, attendance and bilingualism.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Wendy Haines

2. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2017.

Councillor Loreen Lewis proposed and Councillor Betsan Jones seconded, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th September 2017 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 Betsan Jones gave brief reports about probable new yellow lines at Maes Ifan/Maesquarre Road, an overgrown graveyard in Betws Road, anti-social behaviour in Treforus, and overflowing waste bins on the Tesco footpath.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 BETWS PARK VOLUNTEERS

The Clerk asked members if he could place an article in the Guardian, to ask for more volunteers to join Friends of Betws Park.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts the Guardian.

6.2 NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk informed members the noticeboard had been ordered and would be installed soon.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.3 SIGNS FOR BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members the signs were due to be ready next week, and the volunteers had agreed to install them.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.4 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Clerk informed members the Bugler will be attending this years' service.

The above was **NOTED**.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Letter of Support for grant application at Betws RFC. – AGREED
- 2 Cost for Xmas Tree Lights - £509.25 - AGREED
- 3 Cor Meibion Dyffryn Aman – Invitation to Concert.
- 4 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 5 The Independent Review Panel
- 6 Poppy Wreaths – Ken Burton – Annette to collect from Ken, and give donation.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

APPLICATION GRANTED

E/35950 – 38, Colonel Road, Betws.
Single Storey Extension
Mr Edward Hinton

9. ACCOUNTS

1 Morgan and Morgan	£ 54.00
2 Black Mountain Signs	£ 84.00
3 Wrenvale Nurseries – Half Year Invoice for Betws Park	£7128.00
4 Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal	£ 100.00
5 Donation – Macmillan Cancer Support	£ 100.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

A copy of the quarterly budget monitoring report was sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. All items listed were discussed and agreed.

10. REPORTS.

NONE

11. CHRISTMAS TEA

The idea of holding a Christmas Tea was discussed and agreed. The venue would be Capel Newydd Vestry, and the date and time will be decided at next months meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 BENCHES ON BETWS MOUNTAIN

Councillor Delyth Richards reported that two new benches have been installed at the above location.

The above was **NOTED**.

12.2 HEOL Y FELIN

The Clerk informed members that he was making no progress in his attempt to get Sunshine Playgrounds to carry out repair work under the terms of the warranty. He asked members for permission to send a letter to the company threatening legal action if the work is not done within 28 days.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes as above to Sunshine Playgrounds.

12.3 SPEEDING ON PENTWYN ROAD

Councillor Petula Mathews complained about vehicles speeding along Pentwyn Road.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Betsan Jones speaks to John McAvoy.

12.4 BETWS PARK VOLUNTEERS

The Chair, Councillor Annette Price asked Councillor Mair Williams, to pass on the Councils sincere thanks to the volunteers for all their excellent work.

The above was **NOTED**.

12.5 AMMAN VALLEY GROUP OF COUNCILS

Councillor Annette Price and the Clerk explained to members about the lack of notice we had been given to attend meetings of the above group from the Clerk of Ammanford Town Council.

RESOLVED the Clerk writes to ask for at least a weeks' notice for any future meetings.

12.6 TREES IN BETWS PARK

Concerns have been raised by the volunteers about the condition of certain trees in the park. The Clerk informed members that Mr Steve Edwards of Carmarthenshire County Council has suggested a company called "Tree Assured" be asked to carry out a survey of all trees in the park.

RESOLVED the Clerk contacts "Tree Assured" for further information.

12.7 TOUT'S GARAGE

Councillor Annette Price informed members that Tout's Garage had closed once again, but was concerned that certain individuals were suggesting that the Community Council were involved. She unconditionally refuted this accusation, and urged members to do the same.

The above was **NOTED**.

12.8 MAERDY ROAD

Councillor Alex Davies expressed his concerns about the number of accidents that have occurred on Maerdy Road in one spot in particular.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Betsan Jones speaks to John McAvoy.