

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held at Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws on Wednesday the 13th September 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Annette Price (Chairperson), Cllrs. Loreen Lewis, Betsan Jones and Delyth Richards.

County Councillor Betsan Jones.

1. **APOLOGIES.** Councillors Maldwyn John and Janet Davies

2. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2017.

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

4 DYFED POWYS POLICE

Officers from Dyfed Powys Police were not present.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

TOUT'S GARAGE

County Councillor Betsan Jones had received an e-mail from Mr Keith James of the Planning Department, with regards to the complaints received about ongoing work at the rear of Tout's Garage. The Planning Officer has issued Planning Contravention Notice, and is currently monitoring the situation with the owners.

BETWS PARK VOLUNTEERS

County Councillor Betsan Jones informed members that she has been successful in persuading Mr Andrew Williams to take on the role of a lead volunteer in Betws Park, together with her husband Mr Graham Jones. Andrew and Graham are happy to talk to friends and neighbours about their work, and hopefully recruit more help over the coming weeks. The Clerk met the volunteers at the park and explained what was needed, and they were more than happy to help, and were eager to get started. They had suggested that they be known as "Friends of Betws Park".

The Clerk informed members that he had spoken to Zurich Insurance, and that the volunteers are covered for any accidents. He also asked members about allocating a small budget in order to cover minor costs.

RESOLVED the volunteers be given a budget of £100, and the councillors agreed with the suggested name of "Friends of Betws Park"

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that at last the new waste bin has been installed, and Annette informed members that she had met The Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership, and the Guardian, and an article and photo was published a few weeks ago.

The above was **NOTED**.

6.2 NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk informed members that we are able to purchase a board without the support legs in order to cut down the cost.

RESOLVED the Clerk asks Eamonn to order and erect the noticeboard.

6.3 SIGNS FOR BETWS PARK

The Clerk informed members that he could get three each of the suggested three signs for £70 + vat.

The signs required were:-

1. NO CYCLING IN THE PARK
2. DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD
3. CONTACT 101 TO REPORT ANY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

RESOLVED the Clerk orders the above signs.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

- 1 Review of Electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire.
- 2 Petula Mathews – Request to join Community Council
- 3 Alex Davies – Request to join Community Council
- 4 Inspector James Davies – Request to attend Council meeting.
- 5 HOWLTA Newsletter
- 6 Shireen Davies – Request to join Community Council
- 7 Heating Oil Club
- 8 Mair Williams – Request to join Community Council
- 9 Wendy Haines – Request to join Community Council

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

E/35982 – 15, Golwg y Mynydd, Betws
Rear Extension

Mr Neil Hutson

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

9 ACCOUNTS

1 Clerk's Salary and Allowances	£1303.07
2 Clerk's Income Tax	£ 268.48
3 Wrenvale Nurseries – Troughs	£ 72.00
4 Land Registry Fees	£ 45.00
5 Donation – Capel Newydd Cemetary	£ 200.00
6 Donation – Eglwys Dewi Sant Cemetary	£ 200.00
7 Orchardweb – Domain Name	£ 14.00
8 Loreen Lewis – payment for trophies	£ 22.25
9 Donation – Dinefwr Indoor Bowls Club	£ 100.00
10 Donation – Carmarthenshire Young Farmers	£ 100.00

RESOLVED that the above be paid.

10. REPORTS.

BETWS IN BLOOM

Councillor Loreen Lewis reported on yet another successful competition, and a well-attended presentation evening. The Chairperson, Councillor Annette Price thanked Councillor Loreen Lewis, for all her hard work in organising the event, and also the councillors who helped on the night.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 LAND REGISTRY

The Clerk informed members that he had submitted the necessary documents to the Land Registry office, and was now waiting for approval. When registration is received, this will complete the transfer of Betws Park from Carmarthenshire County Council to Betws Community Council.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.2 FOOTPATHS

County Councillor Betsan Jones had received complaints about the condition of footpath 3/1 – Coedcae to Pantyffynnon. The Clerk informed her that he had already dealt with a complaint about this path, and he would send her a copy of the reply he had received from the rangers.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.3 BETWS PARK TENNIS COURTS

Councillor Annette Price asked if anything could be done about the poor condition of the tennis courts in Betws Park. The Clerk informed her that the volunteers were happy to clean the area sometime over the next few months.

The above was **NOTED**

11.4 TREFORUS ESTATE

Councillor Annette Price was concerned about the anti-social problems, which are present at the estate. Councillor Betsan Jones agreed to investigate the councils' policy to the type of people being housed in the estate.

RESOLVED County Councillor Betsan Jones reports back to the next meeting.

11.5 CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES TEA

Councillor Annette Price reminded members that they have agreed to hold a Christmas mince pies tea this year.

The above was **NOTED**.

11.6 REMEMBERANCE SERVICE

Councillor Annette Price reminded members that we will once again be holding a service in Betws Park.

RESOLVED the Clerk makes enquiries about the services of a bugler.

