

**BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 11 APRIL 2018**

The Chair, Cllr Annette Price, presided over the monthly meeting of Betws Community Council held in the Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws, on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Annette Price, Loreen Lewis, Nolene Morgan, Delyth Richards, Maldwyn John, Shireen Davies, Alex Davies, Wendy Haines and Janet Davies

Mrs Llinos Jenkins – Clerk

**A1. Public questions/Representations**

None

**A2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Marie Williams, Betsan Jones, and Petula Mathews.

**A2a. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**A3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Nolene Morgan, seconded by Cllr Loreen Lewis and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be accepted as a true record subject to the following amendments –

Cllr Janet Davies seconded the motion regarding Maesquarre Park.

The Heol y Felin Contract was awarded to Park and Play.

**A4. Dyfed Powys Police**

PC Tom Draycott advised that the following crimes were reported in Betws over the previous month -

Assault = 5   Harassment = 0   Threatening Behaviour = 0

Thefts = 2 (Oil Theft and Theft of Park Signs)

Malicious Communication = 0

Total Monthly Crimes Reported = 7

## **A5. County Councillor Report**

Cllr Betsan Jones was not present at the meeting

## **A6. Matters Arising**

The Clerk advised that Code of Conduct Training will be held on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Capel Newydd Vestry.

Cllrs present at the meeting with representatives from 'Friends of Betws Park' gave an overview of the meeting and the Clerk advised that a response to the questions raised by the public at the last meeting had been sent to the representatives. Cllr Janet Davies asked that the response be noted in the minutes –

1 *Who told the Council that we were contaminating the river?*

*Betws Community Council were advised by the contractor that any branches etc should be left by the fence opposite the Tennis Courts. I understand that waste was left at the side of the river. The concerns voiced related to the heaped waste that may have polluted the river if it had contained plants such as rhododendrons etc which can be harmful to wildlife.*

2 *Who was the solicitor who advised the Council regarding closing the Tennis Courts?*

*We sought advice on this issue from Gareth Howells, Assistant Grounds Maintenance Manager, Waste & Environmental Services, Environment Department at Carmarthenshire County Council.*

3 *Why did the Clerk ask the 'Friends of Betws Park' to clean the Park only for the Council to deny that they knew about this?*

*The question noted at the meeting (14.02.18) was regarding the Park – but I think that the issue was regarding your cleaning of the Tennis Courts, and I have answered accordingly –*

*The matter was discussed at the meeting on 13th September 2017 –*

### **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*

*The matter was noted and did not have an action or a resolution. Nothing was resolved at this agenda item, Councillors present would not necessarily have expected anyone to act as a result of this minute. However, that is not to say that the Council are not very grateful that the Tennis Courts were cleaned and acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Friends of Betws Park.*

It was agreed that the Council's response should be published fully in the minutes.

## A7. Correspondence

**Mr Andrew Williams** - The Clerk shared correspondence from Mr Andrew Williams regarding Cllr Alex Davies removing and selling logs from Betws Park. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to Mr Williams advising that Cllr Alex Davies had been asked by the Council to cut down branches in the park and dispose of the wood as he saw fit.

**Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – The Clerk advised that this matter would need to be discussed in detail over the coming months. It was agreed that the matter should be put on the Agenda after the Annual Meeting.

**One Voice Wales** – Area Committee has been postponed until the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

## A8. Planning Applications

E/37009 – No objections

## A9. Finance

The following payments were authorised –

Clerks Salary and Expenses	£421.27
Wernvale (Quarterly Payment)	£3564.00
HMRC PAYE	£89.40

It was noted that the payment in February 2018 to CCC for Streetlighting was incorrect and a cheque for £1,013.61 should be issued.

Requests for financial support were received and awarded as –

Cylch Meithrin y Betws	- £100
Welsh Air Ambulance Children's Appeal	- £100
Betws RFC (Defibrillator)	- £100
Kids Cancer Charity	- £100

Donations and payments as above were proposed by Cllr Shireen Davies, seconded by Cllr Loreen Lewis and agreed by all.

## A10. Council Property

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Council's insurers but had not received this information in writing. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek written direction from our insurers ahead of the next meeting.

Cllr Annette Price asked the Clerk to request quotes for the following work –

Moving of the Noticeboard at Betws Park  
Fencing of Tennis Courts at Betws Park

**A11. Reports**

Cllr Annette Price gave an update on the possible grants available to Betws Community Council and regarding the Zebra Crossing on the A474. Cllr Price also offered to invite Gerwyn Thomas to meet with the council to discuss Section 106 funding.

**A12. Any other business**

Cllr Delyth Richards noted that it was disappointing that the issues relating to Betws Park had not been resolved.

**The meeting closed at 8:45pm**

Signed

Date