

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2018

The Chair, Cllr Loreen Lewis, presided over the monthly meeting of Betws Community Council held in the Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws, on Wednesday, 12th December 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors:, Loreen Lewis, Betsan Jones, Annette Price, Maldwyn John, Lucy Jones, Wendy Haines and Shireen Davies.

Mrs Llinos Jenkins – Clerk

1. Public questions/Representations

None received

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from : Councillors:, Alex Davies, Nolene Morgan and Janet Davies.

2a. Declarations of Interest

None were made.

3.To confirm and sign the Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Lucy Jones, seconded by Cllr Betsan Jones and resolved that the minutes of the previous Council meeting be accepted as a true record.

With reference to the decision made by council at the previous meeting to hold monthly meetings at 6pm during winter months, Cllr Loreen Lewis advised that she had spoken to Mr Paul Egan from One Voice Wales who advised that the council would be breaking the Code of Conduct by meeting any time other than 7pm as no other councils met at any other time apart from 7pm. Cllr Lewis also advised that any matters that were to be discussed at a council meeting that were not standard items on the Agenda had to be passed by the Chair for inclusion on the Agenda. The Clerk advised that this was not accurate and a matter for Standing Orders and not the Code of Conduct, and would contact Mr Paul Egan regarding the accuracy of the advice given to Cllr Loreen Lewis.

4. Dyfed Powys Police

One theft of a vehicle had been reported in Betws in the last month.

5. County Councillor Report

Cllr Betsan Jones gave a further overview of the use of the Section 106 money available to Betws, and advised that some funds were available for the community. Further information would be available at the next meeting.

6. Matters Arising

Free parking in Ammanford

Cllr Betsan Jones advised that she would take up this matter with the County Council.

Betws RFC

The Clerk advised that she had written to Betws RFC but had not yet received a response.

Safer Routes to School

Correspondence was received from CCC and circulated by email to Councillors. Cllr Lucy Jones had not received the email. The Clerk to pass on the email to Cllr Jones.

Safety at Touts Garage, Betws.

The Clerk advised that she had written to the owner of the garage but had no reply. Cllr Loreen Lewis advised that she had spoken to Robert Tout, and he had not received a letter from the Council. The Clerk to circulate the letter sent to all Councillors.

7. Finance

The following payments were authorised –

Clerks Salary and Expenses	£496.97
HMRC PAYE	£89.40
Payment for Bugler	£100.00

The matters and payments as above were proposed by Cllr Betsan Jones, seconded by Cllr Shireen Davies and agreed by all.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed by vote to defer the Annual Budget setting and to hold a Finance Meeting the following week.

8. Correspondence

Notice of Vacancy – A notice from CCC to advertise a vacancy on Betws Community Council. A letter of interest has been received from Mr J.P with regards to the vacancy and the Council noted that this letter had been received. The Clerk will advertise the vacancy with contact details for Cllr Loreen Lewis.

Applications for the post of Clerk – Two applications were received and it was agreed that both should be interviewed. After a considerable discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Loreen Lewis, Janet Davies, Lucy Jones and either Nolene Morgan or Maldwyn John would interview. Interviews to be held at 6pm and 6:30pm on Wednesday 19th December.

Appropriate Sum Under Section 137(4)(a) Expenditure Limit for 2019/20 – It was noted that this is £8.12 per elector.

9. Planning Applications

E/38097 – Discharge of Conditions - Noted

10. Council Property

None.

11. Reports

None

12. Any other business

None .

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm

Signed

Date