

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 11 JULY 2018

The Chair, Cllr Loreen Lewis, presided over the monthly meeting of Betws Community Council held in the Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws, on Wednesday, 11th July 2018.

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

Mrs Llinos Jenkins – Clerk

1. Public questions/Representations

None received

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Petula Matthews

2a. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Annette Price declared an interest in the land at Betws Rugby Club – as one of the trustees of the land.

3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 13th June 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Annette Price, seconded by Cllr Delyth Richards and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th June be accepted as a true record.

4. Dyfed Powys Police

There were no representatives from DPP but reports had been received by Councillors regarding young people in the park late at night. PCSO's have been to the park and warned those involved with regards to their behaviour.

Concerns were raised with regards to the safety of members of the public parking at Touts Garage. The Clerk advised that as this was private land the Community Council has no power to enforce measures. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the owners of Touts Garage advising of our concerns

5. County Councillor Report

Cllr Betsan Jones noted that Cllr D T Davies had been awarded with the freedom of the County of Carmarthenshire in a ceremony at County Hall earlier on the day.

6. Matters Arising

It was noted that a tree had fallen in Betws Park which Nigel had seen to very quickly. It was noted by several members that Nigel had worked very hard to maintain the park during the recent good weather.

The Clerk advised that a meeting has been arranged at 8am on the 17th of July. Cllrs able to attend should meet outside the Primary School. It was noted that the issue of child safety children walking from Parc Penrhiw should be raised with Mr McAvoy at the meeting.

The Clerk advised that a 'Notice of Vacancy' would be displayed from the 16th of July for a period of 14 days to advertise the vacant seat left by Mrs M Williams.

7. Correspondence

DPP Police and Crime Commissioner – July 2018 Newsletter – Noted

Abergelli Power Plant – It was agreed that the Clerk should register an interest with a view to applying for Section 106 funding at the appropriate time.

Cllr Alex Davies left the meeting.

Safer Routes to School Application Pack – After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should apply for funding for a Zebra Crossing at two identified points and seek written support from the schools in the local area.

Cllrs Betsan Jones and Cllr Maldwyn John left the meeting.

8. Finance

The following payments were authorised –

Wrenvale Nurseries	£3,564.00
Chair's Allowance to Cllr Loreen Lewis	£100.00
Clerks Salary and Expenses(July)	£420.57
HMRC PAYE (July)	£89.40
Clerks Salary and Expenses (August)	£397.15
HMRC PAYE (August)	£89.40 (£178.80 total in ledger)
Lyn Llewellyn (Internal Audit Services)	£275.00

The Clerk advised that the insurance was due for renewal on the 16th of August and a proposal of £647.14 had been received from Zurich Insurance. The Clerk advised that she would look for other comparable quotes if possible and arrange payment.

Payments and insurance matters as above were proposed by Cllr Wendy Haines, seconded by Cllr Janet Davies and agreed by all able to vote.

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Lyn Llewellyn advising that the Internal Audit had been passed.

The Clerk advised that no rent payments have been received from Betws Rugby Club during the current financial year. It was proposed by Cllr Janet Davies, seconded by Cllr Wendy Haines and agreed that the Clerk should write to Betws Rugby Club asking for an explanation.

9. Planning Applications

E/37455 – No objections

E/37375 – No objections

As with all planning applications, a reminder should be made with each response regarding the poor infrastructure in Betws.

10. Council Property

It was noted that the bins in Betws park were overflowing because of the increase in footfall due in part to the good weather. It was noted that CCC had agreed that a new bin should be provided for the park. The Clerk to chase this matter.

The sleepers in the sensory garden were in a state of disrepair. It was noted that Nigel (Wrenvale) was aware of this and would pressure wash the area over the coming weeks.

11. Reports

None received.

12. Any other business

Cllr Annette Price raise the issue of Maesquarre Park. It was proposed by Cllr Noleen Morgan, seconded by Cllr Janet Davies and agreed by all that the Council should approach Mr Mike Jones (Surveyor) who had previously offered to undertake a survey of Maesquarre Park to have a survey of the proposed asset transfer.

It was agreed that the Clerk should chase Mr Jonathan Ferne for a response to a letter sent regarding Maesquarre Park by Mr Jonathan Edwards (MP).

Cllr Janet Davies asked that the Council consider having a Facebook page to keep the community updated of our work. This was seconded by Cllr Noleen Morgan and agreed by all.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed

Date