

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 JUNE 2018

The Chair, Cllr Loreen Lewis, presided over the monthly meeting of Betws Community Council held in the Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws, on Wednesday, 13th June 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors: Annette Price, Loreen Lewis, Petula Matthews, Marie Williams, Wendy Haines, Betsan Jones, Delyth Richards, 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 Maldwyn John, Alex Davies, and Nolene Morgan, .

2a. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Petula Matthews declared an interest in Agenda item 7 as a member of the Friends of Betws Park

3.To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 9th May 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Petula Matthews, seconded by Cllr Janet Davies and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th May 2018 be accepted as a true record subject to changes to the English version to bring in line with the Welsh version.

4. Dyfed Powys Police

Representatives arrived after item 6 on the Agenda and gave the following update on crimes reported –

2 – Drug related	2 - Thefts (other)	1 – Assault (Domestic)
1 – Theft of Vehicle		

It was noted that PC Huw Jenkins will be covering the Betws and Ammanford area.

5. County Councillor Report

Cllr Betsan Jones advised that new affordable homes in Maesquarre Road and Treforis have been added to the stock. A 4 bedroom and 3 bedroom house.

The sad passing of Cllr Alun Davies, Saron was noted. Cllr Davies had served as a County Councillor for many years. It was agreed that a card of condolence would be sent to Mrs Davies.

6. Matters Arising

Code of Conduct Training was held on May 10th 2018.

The Clerk gave an overview of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report and discussed the implications of the recommendations on our budget. It was proposed by Cllr Janet Davies, seconded by Cllr Annette Price and agreed by all that the £150 allowance to members would be considered at the Finance Meeting in October.

The Clerk gave an overview of the General Data Protection Regulation and advised that policy documents would be circulated over the summer for Councillors to review.

The Clerk had not been able to set a date for a site visit with John McAvoy CCC but would continue to try and set a date.

7. Correspondence

Friends of Betws Park – A letter advising that the group had disbanded and would not be volunteering at Betws park.

Foundry Road, Ammanford – A letter from Mr Stephen Pilliner to Jonathan Edwards MP advising that there is no funding available at present to undertake work on a footpath on the C2133.

Maesquarre Park – A letter from Jonathan Edwards MP to Jonathan Fearne (Head of Planning CCC)

Rights of Way Initiative CCC – A letter asking BCC to maintain five paths in the area – Cllr Wendy Haines agreed to look into the matter.

Public Meeting – A letter from a member of the public advising of a public meeting to abolish Betws Community Council – The Clerk gave an overview of the process and responsibilities of the council in relation to the matter and circulated a copy of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Previous Council Meeting 9th May 2018 – A letter from a member of the public who attended the previous council meeting

The above items were noted.

8. Planning Applications

E/37330 – No objections

E/37271 – No objections

E/37366 – No objections

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

9. Finance

The following payments were authorised –

Clerks Salary and Expenses	£454.09
One Voice Wales	£399.00
HMRC PAYE	£89.40
Donald Owen & Co	£60.00

A request for funding from Dinefwr Bowls Club £50.00

Payments and requests for funding as above were proposed by Cllr Wendy Haines, seconded by Cllr Shireen Matthews and agreed by all.

10. Council Property

Following a meeting preceding the council meeting, with members of the 'Save Maesquarre Park Group', it was proposed by Cllr Betsan Jones, seconded by Cllr Wendy Haines and agreed by a show of hands that the matter should be investigated and discussed further in October with a view to adopting the Park if any required works were undertaken by CCC and all is in order.

After a discussion regarding issues relating to Betws Park and the proposed dissolution of Betws Community Council, Cllr Marie Williams resigned and left the meeting.

11. Reports

None received.

12. Any other business

It was noted that the verge at the top of Pentwyn Road needed to be cut back.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

Signed

Date