

**BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 9 MAY 2018**

The Chair, Cllr Loreen Lewis, presided over the monthly meeting of Betws Community Council held in the Capel Newydd Vestry, Betws, on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Annette Price, Loreen Lewis, Nolene Morgan, Petula Matthews, Marie Williams, Betsan Jones, Delyth Richards, Maldwyn John, Shireen Davies, Alex Davies, and Janet Davies

Mrs Llinos Jenkins – Clerk

### **1. Public questions/Representations**

Public questions were received prior to the Annual Meeting which preceded the usual Monthly Meeting.

Ms Lucy Jones addressed the Council and asked them to reconsider their decision not to accept the Asset Transfer of Maesquarre Park from Carmarthenshire County Council.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wendy Haines.

#### **2a. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Alex Davies declared an interest as an employee of TRJ Ltd.

### **3.To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Anette Price, seconded by Cllr Delyth Richards and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 be accepted as a true record.

### **4. Dyfed Powys Police**

There was no update from Dyfed Powys Police however the Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from PC Tom Draycott advising that the life preserver on the bridge in Betws Park had been vandalised. Adam Whitehouse from Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership has been advised and the Clerk would contact him for an update. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr Whitehouse regarding the purchase of a second life preserver.

### **5. County Councillor Report**

Cllr Betsan Jones advised that an Open Day to discuss the changes within Hywel Dda University Health Board in LLandybie Hall between 2 and 7pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Jones also advised that she had met with Cllr Hazel Evans and Emily Hughes from CCC regarding the closure of Maesquarre Park, and regrettably there is no money available in

relation to the Asset Transfer. Cllr Jones had approached Jonathan Edwards MP and Adam Price AC regarding the matter and they advised that the Community Council should consider increasing its Precept to cover the cost.

## 6. 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.

The Clerk provided clarification regarding Footway Lighting and advised that CCC undertake the repair, servicing, insurance and electricity for the 15 lamps.

A quote of £150 for a notice board and £1800+VAT had been received from Wrenvale.

## 7. Correspondence

**Independent Review Panel** – An invitation to hold a drop-in event on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It was agreed that session would be held at Capel Newydd Vestry.

**NALC GDPR Guidance** – Noted. The Clerk would update the Council at the next meeting.

**One Voice Wales – Code of Conduct Training** – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, 6pm, St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen.

**Friends of Betws Park** – Advice that the Friends of Betws park will continue volunteering after the Annual Meeting.

**NALC National Salary Award** – Advice of changes.

**Ms L Sarginson** – A letter opposing the closure of Maesquarre Park.

**Mr N Davies** – A letter supporting the installation of fitness equipment in Betws Park.

**Ms L Jones** – A letter opposing the closure of Maesquarre Park.

The above items were noted.

Correspondence from Betws RFC regarding a Legal Matter was moved to the end of the meeting.

## 8. Planning Applications

E/37115 – No objections

E/37194 – 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	£449.17
Parks and Play	£803.11
HMRC PAYE	£89.40
CCC (Election Costs)	£230.32

The first Precept payment of £9,000 was received on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Payments as above were proposed by Cllr Janet Davies, seconded by Cllr Alex Davies and agreed by all.

## **10. Council Property**

Nothing to note.

## **11. Reports**

Cllr Annette Price gave a report on the unsafe routes to school in the Betws area. It was agreed that we would invite Mr John McAvoy from CCC to a site visit.

Cllr Price gave an overview of the site visit held with Mr Eamon Davies (Parks and Play) at Maesquarre Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the Asset Transfer and it was agreed that the Council would plan to meet with the group led by Ms Lucy Jones, whilst County Councillor Betsan Jones would take up the matter further with CCC to ensure the upkeep of the Park over the coming year.

## **12. Any other business**

It was proposed by Cllr Annette Price, seconded by Cllr Loreen Lewis that the Public and Press should be excluded from the meeting under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 196 & the Local Government Act 1972 subsections 100 and 102.

A confidential matter was discussed relating to the correspondence from Betws RFC. It was agreed that there was no action to be taken as the areas outlined in the letter were covered by a lease. It was agreed that a letter of response should be sent to Betws RFC.

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

Signed

Date