

## **BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Annual meeting of Betws Community Council was held as a Hybrid Meeting at **Betws RFC** and virtually on **Microsoft Teams** on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Any member of the public who wishes to attend the meeting as a spectator or who has questions to put to the Councillors should contact the Clerk for this to be able to take place and the correct procedure to be followed.

### **The meeting started at 19:03**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Dave Stacey (Chairperson), Cllrs Paul Griffiths, Karen McMinn-Davies, Betsan Jones, Carwyn James, Mike Jones and Peter Comley.

County Councillor: Betsan Jones

Clerk: Miss Angela Brown

Member of the Public Present: No one

PCSO: Not present

The outgoing Chair Dave Stacey welcomed the new Councillor Paul Griffiths to the Community Council. He was introduced to all members who were present at the annual meeting.

### **1. Election of Chairperson**

Councillor Stacey proposed that Councillor James be appointed chair for 2026 - 2027, he had been appointed as chair the year before last. This was seconded by Councillor B Jones.

There were no other nominations.

This was voted on unanimously by those present.

Cllr James accepted the appointment.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr James be appointed Chairperson from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Cllr Stacey will pass on the chain of office to Cllr James.

### **2. Chairperson's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Stacey read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the clerk witnessing his signature.

The new chairperson said a few words to members:

Thanking the retiring Chair, Dave Stacey for his hard work in chairing our meetings over the past year and for the work that he has undertaken on the Council's behalf over the last year. After taking the role on for 2 years prior to last year.

### **3. Appointment of Vice Chairperson.**

It was proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr Comley that Cllr McMinn-Davies be appointed as Vice Chairperson.

There were no other nominations.

This was voted on unanimously by those present.

Cllr McMinn-Davies accepted the appointment asking the new chair if she could shadow him and learn about the role of chair as he has been a councillor and chair for many years which he agreed to do.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr McMinn-Davies be appointed Vice Chairperson from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### **4. Chairperson's report**

The outgoing Chairperson Councillor Dave Stacey read out his report:

#### **Chair's Annual Report 2025/2026**

##### **Dave Stacey Chair Betws Community Council May 2025 - May 2026**

I would like to start by thanking my fellow councillors for the honour of being our chair for the last 12 months. This is a fantastic council that continues to punch above its weight for a small community.

It has been wonderful to see three new councillors join us, and a warm welcome to them. I'd like to thank former councillor Maureen Williams for her work over the last few years, and for her continuing support for Ysgol Betws.

The council continues to build community engagement, links with the PTA for the Christmas lights, taking over the organisation of the 'Picnic in the Park' as well as supporting the ongoing annual November Remembrance Service.

This has been a year of conclusions as we have finally resolved ongoing legal matters around land ownership at the site of the Rugby club. Also, a year of beginnings, with the plans for a new memorial for those people from the village who died during the World Wars which I look forward to seeing come to fruition.

I'd like to thank our Clerk for all her hard work and support. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors. We have a range of skills and experiences but are tied together by a desire to see the best for our community.

Dave Stacey  
Chair Betws Community Council

### **5. Apologies for Absence (to be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting)**

Cllrs Derrick and Waring

## 6. Appointment of members to Committees.

It was proposed by Cllr Stacey that the appointment of members to Committees remain the same this was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all present.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee Members remain the same apart from where the resignations impact and new Councillors join the Council are added.

The committee members are as follows:

<b><u>BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2026/2027</u></b>	
<b>CHAIR</b>	Cllr Carwyn James
<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>	Cllr Karen McMinn-Davies
<b><u>COMMITTEES</u></b>	
<b>10-May-23</b>	<p>A committee must have a minimum of 3 Cllrs plus the Chair or Vice Chair who can be Ex-officio members of committees and sub-committees. Ex-officio is a Latin term meaning by virtue of office or position. Ex-officio members of committees, therefore, are persons who are members by virtue of the position that they hold.</p> <p>N.B. A committee cannot comprise of all Councillors as would be Full Council and not a committee.</p>
<b>Finance and Staffing</b>	<p>Chair (<b>Carwyn James</b>) and Vice Chair (<b>Karen McMinn-Davies</b>), Cllrs. Dave Stacey, <b>Carwyn James (Chair)</b>, and Mike Jones</p>
<b>Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces</b> Betws Park, Heol Y Felin Playground and Green and Maesquarre Playground	<p>Chair (<b>Carwyn James</b>) and Vice Chair (<b>Karen McMinn-Davies</b>), <b>Cllrs. Mike Jones (Chair)</b>, Karen McMinn-Davies, James Derrick, Peter Comley, Betsan Jones and Paul Griffiths</p>
<b>Community Engagement and Events</b>	<p>Chair (<b>Carwyn James</b>) and Vice Chair (<b>Karen McMinn-Davies</b>), Cllrs. Karen McMinn-Davies, Peter Comley, Dave Stacey, James Derrick, Louise Waring and Paul Griffiths</p>
<b>Working Group for</b>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Stacey to close down the working group for the Finance &amp; Governance Toolkit for Town and Community Councils and to work through it as and when something new</p>

<b>the Finance &amp; Governance Toolkit for Town and Community Councils</b>	arises. This was seconded by Cllr M Jones and agreed by those present.
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**Appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies.**

<b>REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</b>
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<b>BETWS FAMILY CENTRE</b>	Karen McMinn-Davies and Betsan Jones (dual hatted role as both are involved with the Family Centre which is run as a social enterprise with 1 other)
<b>ONE VOICE WALES</b>	Dave Stacey
<b>SCHOOL GOVERNOR</b>	Maureen Williams remains on behalf of Betws Community Council
<b>BETWS RFC CHECKS AS PER LEASE</b>	Karen McMinn-Davies, Dave Stacey and Mike Jones

**7. Public Questions Representations**

No members of the public were present.

The Chair thanked everyone and closed the annual meeting.

**Meeting closed at 19:20.**