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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

The Monthly Meeting of the Community Council will be held as a Hybrid Meeting at **Betws RFC** and virtually on **Microsoft Teams** on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be 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 contact the Clerk for this to be able to take place and the correct procedures to be followed

AGENDA

1. Public Questions/Representations
2. Apologies (to be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting)
3. To receive disclosures of of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
4. County Councillor Report.
5. Confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 14th February 2024 and Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on 5th July 2023.
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for January 2024 and link to for Councillors and Residents to access the figures.
[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)
7. a) Payments/Invoices received
b) Donations –
 - i) HoWLTA AGM 17/02/24 and donation request (email sent 21/2/2024)
 - ii) Carmarthen Ploughing Society donation request (email sent 5/3/2024)

8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

PL/07182 - Woodland area off Argoed Road, Argoed Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HS
The proposal is for a steel frame agricultural store primarily for farm machinery including 3no tractors and animal trailers, a mini digger and excavator etc with provision to store hay and animal feed in a dry and secure environment for livestock grazing neighbouring land. An area for livestock will be secure from the machinery.

This application is in review awaiting a decision by CCC.

PL/06407 - Re-instatement of the previously granted outline planning which has lapsed (previous planning reference E/21113 – granted on 21/5/2009 – see letter in documents on [Documents for reference e/21113: Public Access \(msappproxy.net\)](#)) - Former Dan Yr Allt, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HW

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/07182 Woodland area off Argoed Road, Betws SA18 2HS regarding the proposal is for a steel frame agricultural store primarily for farm machinery including 3no tractors and animal trailers, a mini digger and excavator etc. with provision to store hay and animal feed in a dry and secure environment for livestock grazing neighbouring land. An area for livestock will be secure from the machinery. **Decision made 23/2/2024: Prior Approval Planning required.**

- 9. Correspondence/Matters for Information/Action (emails sent out to members)**
- a) **Event invitation - Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales - what's next? (OVW) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - b) **Pethau Bychain - Next event (OVW) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - c) **Free Portrait of His Majesty the King for Community, Town and City Councils in Wales (OVW) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - d) **The National Forest for Wales (OVW) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - e) **Free Event - Innovative funding and procurement (OVW) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - f) **SNN/01851 - Development of a new site with 9 new addresses and 1 new street name (CCC) (email sent 21/2/2024 + 5/3/2024))**
 - g) **Draft Modernising Education Programme Strategy Consultation (CCC) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - h) **Public Rights of Way Project (CCC) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - i) **EED Forward Planning - Further consultation on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal & Habitats Regulation Assessment (Local development plan)(CCC) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - j) **Victim Support - Hate Crime and Engagement Support - February and March training dates reminder (CCC) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - k) **JOINT EVENT ONE VOICE WALES AND PLANNING AID WALES – THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 2.30PM (REMOTE) (email sent 21/2/2024)**
 - l) **Opportunity to join the Fourth Iteration of the South West Wales Regional Contractors Framework 2024 (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - m) **Social Farms and Gardens/CLAS - !photos for film footage (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - n) **D-DAY 80 FLAG OF PEACE - COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCILS (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - o) **Cannabis Farm awareness leaflet (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - p) **Promoting Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - q) **Business Renewable Energy Fund (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - r) **Consultation on Modernising Education Programme and discussion on Local Community Enterprises as drivers of the local economy (responses requested) (email sent 5/3/2024)**

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- s) **GWR Customer & Community Improvement Fund now open for bids (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - t) **REQUEST FOR PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME AT THE JUNCTION OF CAEMAWR/BETWS ROAD, AMMANFORD – responses by Friday 29th March 2024 (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - u) **Town & Community Councils update (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - v) **Comms Guide: Voter Registration Week (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - w) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2024 (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - x) **Versus Arthritis - New contact/referral form (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - y) **REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE KING'S NEW YEAR HONOURS 2025 (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - z) **Coetiroedd Bach, Tiny Forest funding is open! 21st Feb – 8th May (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - aa) **Ammanford Help Centre & Foodbank newsletter (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - bb) **Bottle / recycling banks (Phase 3) – Removal from Betws RFC car park (CCC) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - cc) **Utility Aid - Jargon Busting in the Energy World! (OVW) (email sent 5/3/2024)**
 - dd) **One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27 March 2024 (email sent 6/3/2024)**
 - ee) **Intensive Summer Course 2024 – Welsh courses for all levels (email sent 6/3/2024)**
 - ff)
10. **To approve the report from Betws RFC annual lease check for 2023 – 2024 as carried out by Councillor McMinn-Davies during January 2024.**
11. **To consider a motion to exclude the public and members of the press with regards to matters in point 13 due to the confidential nature under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) 1960, s.1 (2) and Local Government Act 1972, s.100(2)**
12. **Exempt Matters –**
- a) **Betws RFC and Land issue at Heol Y Felin (if any correspondence received)**
 - Correspondence received 29/2/2024 ref Betws RFC for consideration (email sent 4/3/2024).
13. **Feedback from Committees/Working Group/Outside Bodies (all minutes of the Committee Meetings can be viewed on the Community Council Website where the Full Council Meeting minutes are also available):**
- a) **Recreation Ground Committee –**
 - Betws Park –
 - i) Correspondence
 - a) Rubbish, household food /peelings left inside Pentwyn Rd fence of park (email sent 4/3/2024 + 5/3/2024)
 - b) Keep Wales Tidy fund (email sent 4/3/2024)
 - c) Extension to grounds maintenance contract – Wrenvale (email sent 4/3/2024)
 - d) Waterlogged Betws Park (email sent 4/3/2024)

- ii) Update – Cllr Phillips
 - iii) Update regarding painting of Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley
- b) **Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground** – update –
- i) **Annual Playground Inspection Reports –not covered in December meeting. Rec meeting due 27 Feb 2024 item to be placed on the agenda and await feedback** – meeting cancelled due to Chairs work commitments to be re-convened.
 - ii) **Correspondence - Extension to current playgrounds inspection and maintenance contract – Parks and Play (2 emails sent 4/3/2024)**
 - iii) **To confirm the playground inspection training for Councillors Comley and Derrick along with their commitment to undertake the fortnightly inspections along with the associated and necessary documentation to show due diligence during their term of office. Training is week commencing 8th April 2024 days to be confirmed.**
- c) Finance and Staffing Committee – **waiting for minutes from Dave from the meeting held 17th January 2024.**
- d) Community Engagement and Events Committee – Evaluation of Community Engagement Surgeries January 2024 – Cllr Allchurch to report back on way forward – meeting 2/3/2024 – not quorate notes made by the 2 Councillors to be circulated.
- e) Toolkit working group - Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and consider future reviews to take place once per election period and/or when updates are received (see 14 June 2023 minutes point 9d Revised Standing Orders This was **NOTED** by members and agreed that the working group would look at this along with the toolkit).
plus 9a ref Good Councillor Guide to Employment 2023 to adopt? As only noted in 14 June 2023 meeting. – To re-visit in January 2024 – UPDATE – Chair working through in mid-February to **report back in March to council**
- f) **New Contracts for 1 April 2024 working group** – update – ref playground and grounds maintenance contracts - Cllr Phillips/Jones
- i) draft documents to be approved before advert for maintenance of recreation grounds tenders to go out in SW Guardian by 1st August 2024 latest.

Yours sincerely



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