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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 14th February 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 10th January 2024
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for December 2023 and link to for Councillors and Residents to access the figures.
[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)
7.
 - a) Payments/Invoices received
 - b) Donations –
 - c) Audit 2023/2024
 - i) To appoint an internal auditor for the year to 31st March 2024
 - ii) To review and approve the Risk Assessments for Betws Park and Council
 - iii) To review and approve the Asset Register
8. Planning Applications –
The following applications were received: None to date

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/05546 Land opposite the Plough and Harrow, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HE - planning permission granted for Residential Development (9 Bungalows).

PL/06284 Land at Woodlands Park, Betws, Ammanford, SA182HF – outline planning refused for 3 bungalows 15/1/2024.

PL/06372 Penllech Fach, Cwm Felin Road, Ammanford, SA18 2SG – Full refusal for extension to storage shed and enlargement of external storage yard area 25/1/2024.

- 9. Correspondence/Matters for Information/Action (emails sent out to members)**
- a) **A call to review of the criminal justice system in Wales (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - b) **Survey - Engagement with Social Media Platforms about Online Hate (Welsh Government) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - c) **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: C2133 Maerdy road, Ammanford (CCC) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - d) **'D-DAY 80' (June 6th 2024) New Year Update (OVW) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - e) **Carmarthen Area Committee Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (OVW) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - f) **Carmarthenshire Community Carers Fund - CGGSC~CAVS (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - g) **Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2018-2033 Revised Delivery Agreement (CCC/OVW) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - h) **One Voice Wales Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - i) **REMINDER - 2024 - TRAINING DATES BY MODULE - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH (OVW) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - j) **Communities For Work + Information Event 24th January 2024 (CCC) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - k) **17.01.2024 Community & Town Council Liaison Forum x2 (CCC) (emails sent 17/01/2024)**
 - l) **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: C2141 Tircoed road, Ammanford (CCC) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - m) **Ammanford and district dementia peer support group, every Tuesday at Glanafon, Betws 1 – 3pm (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - n) **Carmarthen Area Committee 23.1.24 (OVW) (email sent 17/1/2024)**
 - o) **Update from Ammanford Help Centre & Foodbank (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - p) **Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner annual conference Invitation | Gwahoddiad: St David's Day Conference | Cynhadledd Gwyl Dewi 2024 – 1 March 2024 (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - q) **Communities For Work + Free Courses (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - r) **Your invitation to the CLAS Awards 2024 (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - s) **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Supports Register my Appliance Week (OVW) (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - t) **Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2024-25 released today (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - u) **Polling Place and Polling District Review- Draft Consultation (CCC) 25/1/2024 – 7/3/2024 (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - v) **Strategic Development Plans Training – Planning Aid Wales x2 (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - w) **Free Places - Use of IT, Websites and Social Media Training (OVW) (email sent 2/2/2024)**
 - x) **Home Start Information (email sent 2/2/2024)**

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- y) Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales - January 2024 newsletter (OVW) (email sent 2/2/2024)
 - z) Carmarthenshire County Council's Multiply Adult Numeracy Project (email sent 2/2/2024)
 - aa) One Voice Wales National Awards Conference 27/03/2024 x 2 (email sent 2/2/2024)
 - bb) Older People's Commissioner for Wales has launched a report titled '**Access denied – Older people's experiences of digital exclusion in Wales**' (email sent 2/2/2024)
 - cc) Buglife Cymru - New resources (email sent 2/2/2024)
 - dd) Pride 2024 (email sent 2/2/2024) – Cllr Allchurch
 - ee) Town & Community Councils update (CCC) (email sent 5/2/2024)
 - ff) Draft Minutes of the Carmarthenshire Area Committee Meeting - 23.1.24 and Bute Pylon Flyer regarding Green Gen Cymru consultation for Teifi Valley to Carmarthen running from 24 January – 6 March 2024 (OVW) (email sent 7/2/2024)
 - gg) Local Hedge laying course 2 day free at Pontyates 22 – 23 February 2024 (OVW) (email sent 7/2/2024)
 - hh) One Voice Wales - News Bulletin (email sent 7/2/2024)
 - ii) LGBT History Month Feb 24 (CCC) (email sent 7/2/2024)
10. To approve the report from the Betws RFC annual lease check for 2023 – 2024 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)
 - b) Peter Comley Dispensation application - update
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 – February meeting **date ? /agenda** – Cllr Phillips
 - Betws Park –**
 - i) Update – Cllr Phillips
 - ii) Update regarding painting of Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley
 - iii) **Update – Recreation Ground Management Plan** – Cllr Phillips/Jones
 - iv) **To discuss signage required at the recreation grounds** – Cllr Picouto
 - iv) **To agree the extension of the contract with the current contractor for the maintenance of the recreation areas at Heol Y Felin, Betws Park and Maesquarre.** Cllr Jones
 - v) **Possible funding opportunity for Betws Park – Keep Wales Tidy** (email sent 2/2/2024) – Cllr Phillips
 - vi) **Memorial Bench for Huw Jones TRJ** – Cllr Phillips
 - b) **Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground** – update –
 - i) **Annual Playground Inspection Reports** – to be discussed in Recreation Ground meeting in February and feedback to monthly meeting.
 - ii) **To approve Councillor Derrick and Comley - training for playground inspections.**

iii)To discuss and agree the extension of the contract with the current contractor for the fortnightly playground inspections at Heol Y Felin and Maesquarre. – Cllr Jones

- c) Finance and Staffing Committee – update – Cllr James
- d) Community Engagement and Events Committee – Community Engagement Surgeries, March meeting **date ?/agenda** – Cllr Allchurch
- 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 - 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) waiting for email from Nigel to extend contract to November – received (see email sent 17/1/2024 ii) advert for playground to be approved – check financial regs regarding contracts under £3k as may only need to extend Eamonn year on year if he remains on current pricing and grounds maintenance contracts – see financial regs pages 16,17,18.
iii)draft documents to be approved before advert for maintenance of recreation grounds tenders to go out in SW Guardian

Yours sincerely



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