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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 12th July 2023 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. a) Apologies (to be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting)
3. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for May 2023 and link to for Councillors and Residents to access the figures.
[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)
4. County Councillor Report.
5. To receive disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
6. Confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 14th June 2023 and the Annual Meeting minutes of 10 May 2023 (waiting for chair to update on his report)
7.
 - a) Payments/Invoices received
 - b) Donation – Amman Valley Swimming Club (email sent 7/6/2023) requested bank account balance sheet - not received to date
 - c) Audit – Internal Audit Result
 - d) Audit result for year ending 31 March 2022 (email sent 30/6/2023)
8. Councillor vacancies x 2 – to approve and co-opt candidates onto the Community Council

9. Planning Applications –
the following applications were granted:
- PL/05547** on 15/6/2023 for the siting of a touring caravan used for residential purposes at Blaen Nant Y Cadno Isaf Farm, Cwmfelin Road, Betws SA18 2SW has been approved.
- PL/05580** on 15/6/2023 for an operating base for the contracting business at Penllech Fach, Cwmfelin Road, Betws SA18 2SG.
10. **Correspondence/Matters for Information/Action (emails sent out to members)**
- a) Consultation 26 May – 24 August - [Future Children Services Consultation Document - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#) (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - b) **Wales Connectivity Survey** [Wales Connectivity Survey \(google.com\)](#) (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - c) **Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023** new Bill becomes Act of Senedd Cymru after receiving Royal Assent (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - d) **Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023** (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - e) **Consultation on extending the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years** – Consultation ends 12 September 2023 - [Amending the regulations to extend the term of office for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales from 4 to 7 years | GOV.WALES](#) (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - f) **Tackling smoking litter!** to tackle the problem of smoking litter (email sent 26/6/2023) to consider if the purchase of this type of bin is necessary for the recreation areas
 - g) **Community Review 2023- Carmarthenshire County Council-Formal Consultation - Monday 26 June to Monday 7 August 2023** (email sent 26/6/2023)
 - h) **Carmarthen Area Committee 12.7.23** (email sent 3/7/2023)
 - i) **Regional Equality Survey seeks views on service experiences** - The survey will be live from 22 May 2023 until 30 July 2023. The survey is being hosted on the Carmarthenshire County Council's website, which you can follow on the following link: [Strategic Equality Plan \(gov.wales\)](#) (email sent 3/7/2023)
 - j) Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm Grant have re-opened the bids due to there being a £61,000 surplus. The new applications need to be in by October 2023.
 - k) **The Proposed Introduction of Mandatory 20 M.P.H. on Restricted Roads and 30 M.P.H. Exemption** (email sent 5/7/2023)
11. a) **Feedback from planned visit on 22 November 2022 to check RFC as per the requirements of the lease – Cllr McMinn-Davies and Cllr Phillips and Cllr M Jones and Cllr Dave Stacey to report on his check of the RFC** - awaiting full report from both the document check and visual checks carried out.
- b) **To discuss who will carry out the planned visit for Betws RFC for 2023 as per the requirements of the lease and to consider using a professional organization to carry this annual check out in a more timely manner rather than the 13 months it took for the 2022 check to be carried out.**
12. **Exempt Matters –**

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a) Betws RFC point 14, 15 and 3.11.3 on lease and letter attached from Betws RFC and email from Peter Comley in his capacity as Secretary of Betws RFC. Reply from Solicitor regarding the Land Issue and Betws RFC lease (as per June Meeting) – waiting for application from Betws RFC requesting approval for the changes made previously

b) Peter Comley Dispensation application – waiting for his application to go to CCC Standards Committee

c) To discuss the Betws RFC rent as per minutes of the Meeting on 12 October 2022 point 8.b) *“It was proposed that no payment for current rent owed is sought until such time as the lease is resolved. Council will revisit the rent charges at that point”* regarding the previous rent payment of £500 was due on 25 September 2022 and another payment of £500 was due on 25 March 2023. Peter Comley had informed members that the lease for the playing field had been signed. This land is held in trust for the residents of Betws and the rent charges pay towards the upkeep of Heol Y Felin playground and green this rent could go towards such things as providing goal posts which have recently been requested by Mr Pitts (under correspondence in the June meeting) or any maintenance required of the playground equipment or new bins etc – Update - Lease agreed but not signed by Betws RFC due to amendments being required - waiting for landowner to amend lease.

13. To discuss and update the Council Training Plan as per FOI Request from Carmarthenshire County Council received (18/5/2023) regarding members code of conduct and training – survey to be completed by 1/7/2023 – completed see email sent 19/6/2023 with next steps to be completed as per point 11. e) of the minutes on 9/11/2022 and point 14 of the minutes 8/3/2023.

14. To discuss and approve the draft Annual Report for Betws Community Council for the year ending 31 March 2023.

15. 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 –

i) Betws Park – update - Evaluation Report and Finance Report sent

ii) update on suggestions to be made on how the new area is to be managed and by whom, what is allowed to be done regarding shrub and tree planting bench placement and community use of the area and the process of gaining permission – feedback from Chair on this- awaiting update of meeting held

iii) Bins overflowing in Betws Park and Heol Y Felin contractor collects twice a week as per contract and last year also added a mid-week collection the contractor has suggested that Council consider adding extra bins to both sites - Cost of new bin and installation from Eamonn

iv) Feedback on discussion for the potential for new signage to be placed in the memorial garden at Betws park due to ongoing antisocial behaviour – Saturday 27th May 2023 broken glass and a burnt school uniform being removed from the area by volunteers – Councillor Derrick from the Recreation Ground Meeting

v) Update regarding painting of Betws Park railings – Councillor Peter Comley

b) **Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground** – update – Councillor McMinn-Davies

Regarding point 11.e) from 10 May Meeting the clerk has not received a request in writing from the company regarding this or a copy of their Public Liability Insurance:

- 11 e) Councillor McMinn-Davies informed members of a request she had received from Dragon Plant seeking permission to enter Maesquarre Playground to access the rear garden of No 1 Ffordd Y Glowyr regarding some external work they will be carrying out.

Cllr McMinn-Davies to obtain the request in writing from the company and forward to the clerk. The company need to ensure they have their Public Liability Insurance in place, make sure 2 people are marshalling when the machinery is moving within the playground and to make good any damage that may occur whilst there.

12 Finance and Staffing Committee –

13 **Defibrillator Project** – update from Cllrs Comley/Picouto

14 Community Engagement and Events Committee -

Yours sincerely



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