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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 June 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 April 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 Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 10th May 2023
7. a) Payments/Invoices Received
b) Donation Request
Request for financial support for Amman Valley Swimming Club – awaiting bank account balance sheet – requested (email sent 7/6/2023)
c) Audit – to approve the accounting statements in the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2023 as per Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 - prior to it being given to the internal auditor.

i) Opt Out forms – the following Councillor has not sent the clerk the form stating that they wish to Opt out of receiving payment or an email indicating whether they do or do not wish to receive the payment: Cllr Phillips N.B. this information has been requested as part of the audit for this year by Wales Audit and must be submitted by 5 July 2023.

8. Planning Applications –

PL/05896 - Variation of Condition 4,5 and 6 on E/39168 (Opening Times) - 2 Ffordd Y Glowyr, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2FG - Consultation 12/5/2023 – 2/6/2023 (email sent 17/5/2023)

the following applications were granted:

PL/04371 Full planning permission Granted on 2/5/2023 Plot 5, land to rear of Ty Coch, Betws SA18 2HQ

PL/05680 Householder planning permission Granted on 24/4/2023 for 97 Colonel Road, Betws SA18 2HW

9. Correspondence/Matters for Information/Action (emails sent out to members)

- a) Good Councillor Guide to Employment 2023 (email received from Tracy Gilmartin, OVW 11/5/2023) email sent 7/6/2023
- b) Freedom of Information Request received update
- c) Letter of Thanks from Ammanford Foodbank received 12/5/2023
- d) Revised Standing Orders (email received from Tracy Gilmartin OVW 18/5/2023) email sent 7/6/2023
- e) FOI Request from Carmarthenshire County Council received (18/5/2023) regarding members code of conduct – survey to be completed by 1/7/2023
- f) Email from a resident Re: Grass Play Field - Heol Y Felin (Adjacent to Betws Rugby Club) (email sent 1/6/2023)
- g) Connecting Carmarthenshire posters for Betws Park and School Notice Boards (email sent 1/6/2023)
- h) Quarterly newsletter May 2023 - Ombudsman Wales (email sent 1/6/2023)
- i) Climate Change Bulletin May 2023 (email sent 1/6/2023)
- j) Welsh Government Information - Smart Device awareness (email sent 1/6/2023)
- k) Ammanford Foodbank Newsletter (email sent 1/6/2023)
- l) Urgent and Emergency Children and Young People's (Paediatric) Services at Withybush and Glangwili Hospitals: Invitation to a meeting for Town and Community Councils (email sent 1/6/2023)
- m) Community Ownership Fund Available to Local Councils (email sent 1/6/2023)
- n) Ethical Standards Framework Consultation for Welsh members - consultation ends 23 June 2023. (email sent 1/6/2023)
- o) Its for them and Bee Friendly scheme – How stakeholders can help make road verges, parks and other green spaces more wildlife friendly (email sent 7/6/2023)
- p) Code of Conduct Training for Community Councils from CCC (email sent 7/6/2023)
- q) Request for a group known as Tir Coed to attend Betws Park for a community event to be run by them (phone request on 7/6/2023)

10. 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

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11. Exempt Matters – 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.
12. 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 as per 26ZA (1) (2) of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 55 (c) of Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013):
 - a) Recreation Ground Committee –
 - i) Betws Park – update
 - 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 regarding query on Public Liability Insurance and use of the recreation grounds by volunteers and other community groups (emails sent 1/6/2023 and 7/6/2023)
 - iii) To discuss 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.
 - iv) To discuss 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
 - b) Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground – update – removal of springy and roundabout and dolphin = extra cost is due to difficulties when removing roundabout (email sent to Chair and Chair of Recreation Ground Committee 7/6/2023).
 - i) Independent Playground inspections for 2023 will be carried out by CCC
 - ii) Annual Report received for last year for Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin (see email sent 7/6/2023)
 - c) Finance and Staffing Committee –
 - d) Defibrillator Project – update from Cllrs Comley/Picouto
 - e) Community Engagement and Events Committee -

Yours sincerely



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