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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 12<sup>th</sup> June 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. a) Apologies (to be given to the Clerk prior to the meeting)  
b) To re-approve as per the Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) and (2) the continued absence of a Councillor as no timeline was stipulated on the original approval discussed in the meeting of 9 November 2022 to ensure she is not automatically disqualified in August if she does not attend June or July's meetings (emails 31/5/2024)
3. To receive disclosures 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 Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for April 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 –
  1. Ammanford RFC – Fireworks Night (email sent 31/5/2024)

- c) Audit – Internal Audit results
- d) Annual Report – to approve the draft annual report for 2023/2024

## 8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

**PL/07697** - Installation of ASHP heating system. As part other refurbishment works - 8 Wern Terrace, Maesquarre Road, Ammanford, SA18 2PG - Consultation date 16/5/2024 – 6/6/2024 (email sent 17/5/2024)

**PL/07698** - Installation of an ASHP heating system. Which has not started. Also carrying out other refurbishment works at the property which are currently in progress - 4 Wern Terrace, Maesquarre Road, Ammanford, SA18 2PG - Consultation date 16/5/2024 – 6/6/2024 (email sent 17/5/2024)

**PL/07621** - Portable cabin for use as a less-abled 'Granny' annex for ancillary use to the main dwelling - Plas Maes Gwyn, Maerdy Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2RD – Consultation date 21/5/2024 – 11/6/2024 (email sent 22/5/2024)

**PL/07798** - Part demolition of existing building, provision of new office and storage within remainder of building - Old Pit Head Baths, Pentwyn Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EY - Consultation date 30/5/2024 – 20/6/2024 (email sent 31/5/2024)

**PL/07806** - Proposed erection of agricultural storage shed/workshop - Plas Maes Gwyn, Maerdy Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2RD - Consultation date 4/6/2024 – 25/6/2024 (email sent 5/6/2024)

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

**PL/07267** – Replacement roof at the commercial unit and change of use from calligraphy studio and education centre to 3 no units for commercial use – Lettering and Calligraphy Studio, Pentwyn Road, Betws SA18 2EY – Delegated decision full application granted 15/5/2024.

**PL/06965** - New dwelling house including integral garage - Land Adjacent to 38 Colonel Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HP - Full planning permission granted 23/5/2024.

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

- a) **School Request – Thank you email from Betws Primary School (email sent 14/5/2024)**
- b) **Webinars: Join Our Webinar Events (OVW) (email sent 17/5/2024)**
- c) **Hywel Dda University Health Board's Arts and Health Charter (OVW) (email sent 17/5/2024)**
- d) **WEBINAR: Is the Cost-of-Living Crisis Over? X2 (OVW) (email sent 17/5/2024 and 22/5/2024)**
- e) **Launch of New Resources WEBINAR – Biodiversity (OVW) (email sent 17/5/2024)**
- f) **Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters (UK Parliament) (email sent 17/5/2024)**
- g) **Update to Swansea Local Development Plan 2023 – 2038 (LDP2) - New documents available to view and extension to consultation dates! (email sent 22/5/2024)**
- h) **Innovative Practice Conference on Wednesday 3rd July (OVW) (email sent 22/5/2024)**
- i) **You Pay: We Pay launch & new British Gas Energy Trust analysis (Senedd) (email sent 22/5/2022)**

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- j) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Community and Town Councils - Councillor Allowances (email sent 22/5/2024)
  - k) Notification of Application for a Licence: Anvil Kitchen, 2 Ffordd Y Glowyr, Betws, Ammanford.
  - l) Betws in Bloom query from a resident in Hopkinstown.
  - m) Town & Community Councils Update (CCC) (email sent 23/5/2024)
  - n) Pre-election Period Timetable of Actions (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - o) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Community and Town Councils - Councillor Allowances (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - p) Guidance on Working Digitally (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - q) Ammanford RFC - Junior Duck Race - along a section of the Amman river adjacent to Betws park on Saturday 17th August – permission sought (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - r) Launch of New Biodiversity Resources for C&TCs May 2024 (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - s) Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - t) Application for road closure C2214 Colonel road, Betws - closure is necessary for Welsh Water to renew a leaking stop tap from 21:00 hours on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 to 03:00 hours on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. (CCC) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - u) Community Grant Funding Available up to £2000 (CCC) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - v) Carers Week Event Poster (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - w) JUNE, JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER TRAINING DATES (OVW) (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - x) OVW Response to environmental principles governance and biodiversity targets consultation (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - y) Ammanford Foodbank's 11th Anniversary (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - z) Members Allowances Query to OVW reply (email sent 31/5/2024)
  - aa) Tree Surveys due after 6 July 2024 when the previous inspection period expires for the 3 Recreation Grounds – quotation received for the inspections.
  - bb) INITIAL BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINING SESSIONS (OVW) (email sent 5/6/2024)
  - cc) Amman Valley Hospital Summer Fete - 6 July 2024 (email sent 31/5/2024 – Chair invite & 5/6/2024)
  - dd) Innovative Practice Conference on Wednesday 3rd July (OVW) (email sent 5/6/2024)
  - ee) Celtic Wildflowers - Tour 2.7.24 AM (OVW) (email sent 5/6/2024)
  - ff) Latest news from Planning Aid Wales (email sent 5/6/2024)
  - gg) OVW Showcase Event - Senedd Cymru (OVW)(email sent 10/6/2024)
  - hh) Letter from Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport - 05-06-2024 (Welsh Government) (email sent 10/6/2024)
  - ii) Application for road closure A4069 Gwynfe (One.Network: 138886839) (email sent 10/6/2024) 9-5 Sunday 14/7/2024 re-route involves A474 Ammanford to Park Street roundabout.
10. To discuss the Councillor Vacancy
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)**
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 – feedback from meeting**

**Betws Park –**

- i) Update – Cllr Phillips

**Correspondence received**

1. Councillor Derrick suggestion regarding 360 view camera for Betws Park and Age Concern VR sampling session for Betws RFC.
2. Betws Park inspection 10am after heavy rain wind of Monday (email received 14/5/2024 and forwarded 14/5/2024)
3. Will you take part in Have a Grow? (Social Farms & Gardens) (email sent 17/5/2024)
4. Bins at Betws Park (email x 2 from volunteer)

- ii) Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes.

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

- i) **Annual Playground Inspection Reports – Cllrs Comely and Derrick to update**

- ii) **Feedback from Playground Inspection Training – Cllrs Comley and Derrick**

- iii) **Feedback from Cllrs Comely and Derrick regarding the Castle/Tema unit repairs and costs received from Proludic as per email of 16/4/2024 and point 1. in Correspondence in last month's meeting.**

**Correspondence received**

- 1. Response from the Volunteers regarding the procurement and planting of 2000 traditional large daffodils on the Maesquarre Playground bank (email sent 14/5/2024)**

- 2. Contractor fortnightly checks query (email sent 17/5/2024)**

- 3. Request for a memorial bench near the basketball court in Maesquarre playground (email sent 22/5/2024)**

- c) **Finance and Staffing Committee –**

- d) **Community Engagement and Events Committee – feedback from the meeting held on 15 May 2024 - Cllr Allchurch**

- e) **i) Toolkit working group - Good Councillor Guide to Employment 2023 to adopt? As only noted in 14 June 2023 meeting at point 9a. – work in progress.**

- f) **New Contracts for 1 April 2024 working group – update – ref playground and grounds maintenance contracts - Cllr Phillips/Jones**

- g) **Draft documents for the new contracts to be approved before advert for maintenance of recreation grounds tenders to go out in SW Guardian by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 latest – Cllr Jones/Stacey**

Yours sincerely

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