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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 11th June 2025 at 7:30pm.

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 and Vacancies and to consider an application from a member of the community to join the community council. (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 Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 14th May 2025
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for April 2025 and link for Councillors and Residents to access the figures.
[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)
7.
 - a) Payments/Invoices received
 - b) Donation Requests –
 - c) Audit – Internal Audit results
 - d) Audit – External Audit, Notice
 - e) To approve the Annual Report 2024/2025
8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received: None

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/08498 - Plots on Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2EY - Construction of two detached double storey residential properties with attached garage, and associated driveway, parking and turning area – Outline Refusal 14/5/2025

PL/07556 – Planning Appeal Decision - CAS-03923-C3V5B9 - 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 - **Appeal Decision: Dismissed** (email sent 20/5/2025)

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

- a) **Section 6 Information** – new training available and guidance documents regarding Biodiversity Reports due by December 2025 (OVW) (email sent 20/5/2025)
- b) **Innovative Practice Conference – Wednesday 2 July 2025 (OVW)** (email sent 20/5/2025)
- c) **IMPACT - Llais monthly newsletter** (email sent 20/5/2025)
- d) **New PAW training schedule 25/26 (Planning Aid Wales)** (email sent 20/5/2025)
- e) **ONE VOICE WALES E-BULLETIN (3) (OVW)**(email sent 20/5/2025)
- f) **Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales (OVW)**(email sent 20/5/2025)
- g) **Mayors and Chairs Networking** (email sent 20/5/2025)
- h) **[INFO - OFFICIAL] Carmarthenshire - Review of Electoral Arrangements - Notice of Initial Consultation – Consultation begins 29 May 2025 – 9 July 2025 - [Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice 2025 | DBCC](#)** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- i) **Important update from Cefnogi previously known as Ammanford Food Bank and cancellation of the event on 30 May 2025** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- j) **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Post-legislative scrutiny (OVW)** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- k) **Training Opportunities for Your Community – Coleg Sir Gar** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- l) **Community mentors to work with the Welsh Government to deliver the childcare and playwork actions in the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan. (OVW)** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- m) **Webinar - *Keep Wales Tidy* (OVW)** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- n) **FW: SAVE THE DATE: 24th June 2025 10am online event - Feedback on new Wales Deaf Aware eLearning package (OVW)** (email sent 23/5/2025)
- o) **Annual financial actions: important lessons emerge (OVW)** (emails sent 28/5/2025)
- p) **Mid and South West Wales Community Cohesion Fund 2025 (CCC)** (email sent 2/6/2025)
- q) **Clinical Services Plan Consultation: Invitation to a meeting for Town and Community Councils (Carmarthenshire – 9 June 2025) (Hywel Dda)** (emails sent 2/6/2025 + 3/6/2025)
- r) **National Awards Conference Report 2025 (OVW)** (email sent 2/6/2025)
- s) **Town & Community Councils Update (CCC)** (email sent 2/6/2025)
- t) **Webinar - *Keep Wales Tidy* (OVW)** (emails sent 2/6/2025 + 3/6/2025 Webinar available online)

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- u) **One Week Left to Apply – Community-Led GBI Small Grant Scheme (OVW) (email sent 3/6/2025)**
- 10. **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)**
- 11. **Exempt Matters –**
 - a) **Betws RFC and Land issue at Heol Y Felin (if any correspondence received) Response received regarding both issues (email sent 7/5/2025)**
 - b) **Betws RFC – (if any correspondence received)**
 - c) **Annual Lease check for 2024/2025 to be completed – Dave and Emyr completed on Saturday 15 February 2025. To Do - Dave - Report required to be sent to the Clerk and Insurance to check.**
- 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**
 - b) **Betws Park –**
 - i) **Update - Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes –**
 - ii) **Update – Simple Metal structure in Nature area (email sent 19/2/2025) reply regarding its construction (email sent 19/3/2025, 21/3/2025)(4/4/2025) (12/4/2025)**
 - iii) **Update - Missing trees from central avenue Betws park/ (Betws Park Volunteers)(email sent 13/1/2025) – emailed Stephen Edwards/Paul Cleaver 13/2/2025. Room for 2 trees but not where old trees were type TBC as wet Area. Types of Trees (see email sent 2/4/2025) email sent to Hilliers 22/4/2025. Reply received (email sent 7/5/2025)**
 - iv) **Update – Request 10ft long x 8ft wide x 7ft high container at nature area – Volunteer Group (email sent 18/3/2025) Permission being sought from CCC various emails (1/4/2025) and (12/4/2025, 16/4/2025, 22/4/2025, 24/4/2025) and (13/5/2025, 19/5/2025, 20/5/2025, 23/5/2025, 2/6/2025, 3/6/2025,4/6/2025)**

Correspondence received

- 1. **Memorial Bench & Tree Ceremony Betws Park - The late WW2 Veteran Neville Bowen (email sent 20/5/2025, 23/5/2025)**
- 2. **Fw: 250514 - Sign enquiry | Betws Park Information board (email sent 23/5/2025)**
- 3. **Email from Volunteers regarding debris on the main steps leading down from Pentwyn Road (emails sent 28/5/2025)**
- 4. **Email from Volunteers regarding Simple Shelter and Shipping Container for Betws Park nature garden (2/6/2025, 3/6/2025)**
- c) **Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground – update –**
 - i) **Fortnightly Playground Inspection Reports – Cllrs Comely and Derrick to commence from 1st April 2025 as contractor has retired – Feedback from**

Councillors regarding their first fortnightly checks – to be forwarded to the clerk each time – not received to date

ii) Update on Inclusive Roundabout – issues with installation
(emails sent 2/6/2025, 3/6/2025)

Correspondence received

i) Goal Posts in Heol Y Felin email from resident (email sent 21/5/2025)

- d) Finance and Staffing Committee** – Cllr James
- e) Community Engagement and Events Committee** – chair TBC
- f) i) Toolkit working group** - work in progress - Cllr Stacey informed members that he has begun working on the Toolkit and he will email it round to members. He has a few queries to send to the clerk in due course. To be placed on the agenda a future meeting due to other commitments.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council