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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 8th May 2024 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 (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 April 2024
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for March 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. 2024 Llangollen Eisteddfod – Appeal (see email 10/4/2024 – Info)
 2. HoWLTA Annual Membership Renewal 2024/25 (see email sent 22/4/2024)
 - c) Audit – To approve the end of year figures and complete the audit paperwork
 - d) Audit – Asset List update to approve.
8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

PL/07376 prior notification agricultural/forestry - for a cover for an existing slurry pit at Llwyndu Farm, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2RE – closed and decision made - planning permission required.

PL/07556 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 - Woodland area off Argoed Road, Argoed Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HS

PL/07459 Prior notification of demolition part single and part double storey brick building at Old Pit Head Baths, Pentwyn Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EY – closed and decision made – planning application required to demolish.

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

- 9. Correspondence/Matters for Information/Action (emails sent out to members)**
- a) **Pre-election Period Timetable of Actions (OVW) (email sent 16/4/2024)**
 - b) **Carmarthen Area Committee 23.4.24 (OVW) (email sent 16/4/2024)**
 - c) **Re: Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councils (CCC) (email sent 16/4/2024)**
 - d) **TfW announce December timetable (CCC) (email sent 16/4/2024) – new timetable and feedback links within.**
 - e) **Email re point 9 r of 10 April 2024 monthly meeting (email sent 16/4/2024)**
 - f) **Save the Date - Innovative Practice Conference - 3/7/24 (OVW) (email sent 16/4/2024)**
 - g) **FREE PLACES UPDATE - Finance and Governance Toolkit (OVW) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - h) **CEIC project promotion (OVW) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - i) **REMINDER - 2024 - APRIL, MAY & JUNE TRAINING DATES (OVW) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - j) **Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - k) **Planning Applications S106 link (CCC) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - l) **The latest from Actif Communities (CCC) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - m) **Swansea Local Development Plan 2023 – 2038 (LDP2) - Starting the Conversation on Vision, Objectives and Options for Growth (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - n) **Awards Conference 2024 Report (OVW) (email sent 22/4/2024)**
 - o) **EXTRA DATE : FREE PLACES UPDATE Finance and Governance Toolkit (OVW) (email sent 23/4/2024)**
 - p) **ADDITIONAL EXTRA DATE : FREE PLACES UPDATE – Finance and Governance Toolkit (OVW) (email sent 26/4/2024)**
 - q) **Education Welsh for All: Reaching the Objective (OVW) (email sent 26/4/2024)**
 - r) **Preparation and Publication of Annual Reports (OVW) (email sent 26/4/2024)**
 - s) **One Voice Wales - News Bulletin (email sent 1/5/2024)**
 - t) **Phlebotomy Services - Hywel Dda Engagement (email sent 1/5/2024)**
 - u) **West Wales Care & Repair Board Member Vacancy (OVW) (email sent 1/5/2024)**
 - v) **Outcome of Primary Rising 4s Policy 2025/26 Consultation (CCC) (email sent 1/5/2024)**
 - w) **Members Allowances ref IRPW – 2024/2025 (OVW) (email sent 1/5/2024)**

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- x) Letter received ref: Invite to a Forum Meeting at Carmarthen Library at 10am on Saturday 18 May 2024 – Local community enterprises to drive the Welsh economy (email sent 1/5/2024)
10. To approve the report from Betws RFC annual lease for 2023-2024 check carried out by Councillor McMinn-Davies/Cllr Stacey in 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) Council to consider the fact that rent payments have not been received from Betws RFC since they determined by a proposal in their meeting dated 12 October 2022 at point 8.b. **that no payment for current rent owed is sought until such a time as the lease is resolved. Council will revisit the rent charges at that point.**
The new lease was signed late last year therefore the matter of non-payment of rent needs to be considered as it has been outstanding since the last payment that was due on 25 September 2022.
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 – waiting for the minutes for the meeting held 17 April 2024 to be received so that they can be published on the website (should be done within 7 days of the meeting).
- Betws Park –**
- i) Update – Cllr Phillips
Correspondence received
1. Betws Park benches (email sent 22/4/2024)
2. Local Places for Nature Modest Measures – National Heritage Lottery Fund – information required by 17 May 2024 as part of the Grant criteria (email sent 22/4/2024)
3. No Mow May – request by Volunteers for an area to be left to grow (email sent 23/4/2024 and 26/4/2024)
4. Carmarthenshire Food Network – (email sent 1/5/2024)
- ii) Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes.
- b) Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground – update –
- i) **Annual Playground Inspection Reports** – not covered in December meeting. Rec meeting due 27 Feb 2024 item to be placed on the agenda and await feedback – meeting cancelled due to Chairs work commitments to be re-convened to 17 April 2024 – waiting for minutes of the meeting.
- ii) **Feedback from Playground Inspection Training – Cllrs Comley and Derrick**

Correspondence received

1. Proludic prices for Tema/Castle unit in Maesquarre Playground (email sent 16/4/2024)
 2. Annual Independent Playground Inspection Confirmation (CCC) (email sent 22/4/2024)
 3. Dogs in Heol y Felin Park – response from resident after BCC reply (email sent 22/4/2024)
- c) **Finance and Staffing Committee** –
- d) **Community Engagement and Events Committee** – Evaluation of Community Engagement Surgeries January 2024 - Cllr Allchurch to report back on way forward – meeting 2/3/2024 – not quorate notes made by the 2 Councillors to be circulated – meeting to be re-convened for Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 19:00 in Betws RFC this meeting was cancelled due to clashing with a Betws RFC meeting on the same evening. To be re-convened or go online only.
- 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 1st August 2024 latest – Cllr Jones

Yours sincerely



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