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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 13th November 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. Apologies/Approval of Absence (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 9th October 2024
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for September 2024 and link for Councillors and Residents to access the figures.
[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)
7.
 - a) Payments/Invoices received –
 - b) Precept Calculations to agree the Precept for 2025 - 2026
 - c) Bank Balances and Reserves to 30 September 2024 Qtr 2 – Finance update (email sent 23/10/2024)
 - d) Audit completion (email sent 23/10/2024)
 - e) LGPS Policy to agree
 - f) To agree the Local Government Services National Pay Agreement for 2024/2025
 - g) Donation Requests –
 - i) Bugler for the Remembrance Service
 - ii) RBL for the Wreaths for the Remembrance Service

- iii) BP Volunteer group request for donation for their Public Liability Insurance (email sent 4/11/2024 + 5/11/2024)
- iv) Wales Air Ambulance (email sent 4/11/2024)

8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

PL/08415 - Single storey rear extension to comprise annex bedroom/en suite and kitchen - 112 Ffordd Y Glowyr, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2FG - Consultation date 28/10/2024 – 18/11/2024 (email sent to Cllrs 1/11/2024)

PL/08409 - Single Storey Side Extension - Llwhisawl Farm, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2PF
Consultation date 31/10/2024 – 21/11/2024 (email sent to Cllrs 1/11/2024)

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/06612 - Proposed residential development (2 No. detached dwellings) - Land off Pentwyn Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EY - Outline Granted - 26/09/2024

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

- a) **Senedd Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the Community and Town Council sector (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- b) **Grant Opportunity - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY (CCC) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- c) **Calon Tân - Hydref 2024 (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- d) **NEW Local Places for Nature Logo (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- e) **Date Amendment Funding, Grants and Precept Setting Councils Connect (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- f) **Pension Credit Subgroup (Income Maximisation in Wales) (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- g) **IMPACT - Llais monthly newsletter – Health and Social care (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- h) **Practice Development Note (9) Terms of Reference for Council Meetings (OVW) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- i) **Communities for Work + (CCC) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- j) **Drop-in event for information about Llanelli's Minor Injury Uni (Hywel Dda) (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- k) **Llandeilo Mayors Fundraising Afternoon Tea (email sent 18/10/2024)**
- l) **MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024 – new (OVW) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- m) **One Voice Wales response to the Senedd Inquiry for Community and Town Councils (OVW) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- n) **Digital Health Checks and Community of Practice (OVW) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- o) **Funding News from the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Team (OVW) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- p) **Carmarthen Area Committee Meeting 7/10/2024 (OVW) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- q) **Nominate your local sporting hero! - 2 weeks to go! (CCC) (email sent 22/10/2024)**
- r) **Upcoming Network Event with Planning Aid Wales (OVW) (email sent 23/10/2024)**
- s) **Annual Financial Timetable of Actions (OVW) (email sent 23/10/2024)**
- t) **Town & Community Councils Update (CCC) (email sent 1/11/2024)**
- u) **CAVS - Carmarthenshire Food Network (email sent 1/11/2024)**
- v) **Pethau Bychain Nature Network (OVW) (email sent 5/11/2024)**

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- w) Carers Rights Day 2024 with Carers Trust Crossroads West Wales (CCC) (email sent 5/11/2024)
 - x) Department of Work and Pension Scam (OVW) (email sent 5/11/2024)
 - y) £1.5 Million Funding for Safe and Warm Hubs Across Wales (OVW) (email sent 5/11/2024)
 - z) RE: Consultation on Extending of the Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 (CCC) (email sent 5/11/2024)
 - aa) New consultation: Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill (OVW) (email sent 5/11/2024)
 - bb) Tenancy Engagement Officer (CCC) (email sent 7/11/2024)
 - cc) CARMARTHENSHIRE LIVING WELL CENTRE (email sent 7/11/2024)
10. To discuss and update the Councillor Training Plan to be uploaded onto the website as per *Section 67 of the 2021 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act* to meet the Council's statutory obligation – Cllr Stacey to email documents to members for their comments (see point 10 of meeting 11/9/2024)
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) Betws RFC – report to be given by Emyr Morgan
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 – minutes to be received by the clerk for the meeting which was held on 16 July 2024 – Cllr Stacey
 - i) Update on the audit of the signage for the 3 Recreation Areas –
 - b) Betws Park –
 - i) Update – Cllr Phillips/Stacey

Correspondence received

 - a) Emails regarding damage to Pentwyn Steps (emails sent 19/9/2024)
 - b) Various emails regarding Anti-social behaviour and cannabis smoking in Betws Park (emails sent 10,11,12, 14 October 2024)
 - c) Strategy meeting for the Local Places for Nature Showcase Event at Y Senedd. (OVW) (email sent 23/9/2024)
 - d) Emails regarding trees in Betws Park (email sent 17/10/2024)
 - e) Bins for Betws Park and other recreation grounds within Betws (email sent 22/10/2024)
 - f) Email regarding memorial garden area (email sent 21/10/2024)
 - g) Various emails regarding Bins in Betws Park
 - h) Email regarding the logs in Betws Park

- ii) Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes.
- c) **Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground** – update –
 - i) **Annual Playground Inspection Reports** – Cllrs Comely and Derrick to update- details in Rec Meeting minutes of 16 July 2024.
 - ii) **New cradle swings at Heol Y Felin** - have been installed by the contractor on 4/11/2024 the new chains have also been installed.
 - iii) **Feedback from Cllrs Derrick regarding the Castle/Tema unit repairs**
 - iii) **MYB grant for Maesquarre Phase 2 and Sustainable Communities Fund Round 4** – Update regarding grant funding on phase 2 of the Maesquarre project – Cllr Phillips
 - v) **Rynat Certificates update ref training for 2 Councillors in April 2024** (email sent 22/10/2024)

Correspondence received

- a) **Grass Play Field - Heol Y Felin (Adjacent to Betws Rugby Club)** – goal nets (email sent 25/9/2024) – Cllr James
- d) **Finance and Staffing Committee** – Cllr James
- e) **Community Engagement and Events Committee** – Cllr – Remembrance Service and Christmas Lighting event
- f) **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 - to be re-visited once the new contracts and recreation ground management plan has been completed as per F and G below.
- g) **New Contracts for 1 April 2024 working group** – update – ref playground and grounds maintenance contracts - Cllr Phillips/Jones/Stacey – waiting for documents to be shared by Cllr Stacey with members for their comments prior to approval.
- h) **Draft documents** for the new contracts to be approved by council to enable to the clerk to send out the documents to the 3 companies who have given their expressions of interest regarding F and G – Cllr Jones/Stacey

Yours sincerely



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