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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 September 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)
b) Welcome the New Councillor
3. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for July/August 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 Monthly Meeting held on 12th July 2023 **and the Annual Meeting minutes of 10 May 2023 (waiting for chair to update the section with his report)**
7. a) Payments/Invoices received
b) Donation Request – Amman Valley Swimming Club (email sent 1/9/2023)
8. Finance update -
9. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

PL/06245 - Land off Parc Nant y Felin, Ammanford, SA18 2JZ - Outline planning application (all matters reserved) for 9 dwellings - Under Consultation

PL/06252 - 2 Ffordd Y Glowyr, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2FG - Discharge of Condition 8 on E/39168 (Equipment Control) - Under Consultation
(email sent 27/7/2023)

PL/06357 – Variation of condition on additional design alteration for planning application PL/03617 34 Ffordd Y Betws, SA18 2HE.

PL/06372 – Extension to storage shed and enlargement of external storage yard area at Penllech Fach, Cwmmfelin Road, Betws SA18 2SG
(emails sent 16/8/2023)

PL/06284 - This application is for outline planning of a previously granted but lapsed application on the site, However, this outline planning application is for the erection of three detached residential units on the site, sharing the same access road/lane which will terminate at the end with a hammer head for vehicle turning - Land at Woodlands Park, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HF (email sent 29/8/2023)

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/05896 - 2 Ffordd Y Glowyr - Removal / Variation of Condition Granted 24/7/2023

PL/06210 – Land to the rear of 90 and 92 Colonel Road – Variation of Condition 2 on approved plans E/39616 – Withdrawn 23/8/2023

PL/06245 – Land off Parc Nant Y Felin, SA18 2JZ – Outline planning application for 9 dwellings – outline refusal 21/8/2023

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

- a) Forwarded by One Voice Wales to show *what good looks like* for planning/consulting with the community prior to producing their “Forward Development Plan 2023-27” for Pontypridd Town Council who stated that “It will also be supported by an annual report which will allow our local residents to assess our achievements against our plan goals”. (email sent 24/7/2023)
- b) Climate Change and Nature Action Guide for Community and Town Councils in Wales - One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru launched a brand-new climate change and nature action guide (email sent 24/7/2023)
- c) Is Betws Community Council responsible for maintaining Outdoor Community Play Equipment? – Zurich Insurance (email sent 24/7/2023)
- d) Betws RFC and the 2 trailers which are parked on the car park at rear of 2c Heol Y Felin outside the curtilage of their garden (email sent 25/7/2023)
- e) Support to capture older people’s experiences of digital exclusion (email sent 31/7/2023)
- f) Nominations CLAS Awards (email sent 31/7/2023)
- g) Action needed register your defibrillators (email sent 31/7/2023)
- h) Llais West Wales Maternity Services Survey (email sent 31/7/2023)
- i) Polling District and Polling Place Review- Proposed consultation (email sent 15/8/2023)
- j) The Community Ownership Fund- Round 3 Window 1 (email sent 18/08/2023)
- k) Thanks for 20 - News August 2023 (email sent 18/8/2023)
- l) Delivery of the Nature Networks Map (email sent 18/8/2023)
- m) Ammanford Foodbank (email sent 18/8/2023)

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- n) Community Green Spaces - nominations call out (email sent 18/8/2023)
- o) Dolen Teifi Transport for All (email sent 18/8/2023)
- p) Email from Carmarthenshire County Council re: Community & Town Council Liaison Forum meeting to be held on **14 September 2023 at 5:30 pm** at County Hall, Carmarthen. We appreciate your presence at the meeting.
The agenda will include items on the Cost of Living Support, Rights of Way, Tourism and the new Preventative Services provided by Nacro and Pobl. (email sent 24/8/2023)
- q) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Press release 09 08 2023 – Annual Report 2022/23 (email sent 24/8/2023)
- r) Carmarthenshire County Council - Code of Conduct Training sessions held June/July 2023 including case studies (email sent 24/8/2023)
- s) Pathway to Care event on Friday 8th September at the Hwb in Carmarthen from 10am-3pm. (email sent 24/8/2023)
- t) Climate action plans including planning guidance and information for smaller councils. (email sent 24/8/2023)
- u) Community Cohesion Small Grants Scheme 2023-24 (email sent 24/8/2023)
- v) Ystadau Cymru newsletter: edition 9 (email sent 24/8/2023)
- w) Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund - Now Open! Aviva, in partnership with WWF and the RSPB, is giving £1 million to support community groups across Wales and the UK to protect and restore nature in their local area. (email sent 24/8/2023)
- x) Minor Works Framework Information – from Carmarthenshire County Council – email sent 1/9/2023)
- y) Swansea Replacement Local Development Plan – Call for Candidate Sites – (email sent 1/9/2023)
- z) One Voice Wales - Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting at the Royal Welsh Showground on Saturday 30th September – (email sent 1/9/2023)
- a.1) JOINT VIRTUAL EVENT - ONE VOICE WALES AND THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCILS - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023 (email sent 5/9/2023 to the chair)
- b.1) Community Speed Watch (email sent 6/9/2023)
- c.1) Consultation on Fee Scales 2024-25 – Audit Wales (email sent 6/9/2023)
- 11. To approve the report from the Betws RFC annual lease check carried out by both Councillor McMinn-Davies who did the document check and visual checks carried out by Councillor Stacey. (see email sent to Peter 25/7/2023 ref 2 trailers and discarded items at rear of 2c Heol Y Felin)**
- 12. 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)**
- 13. Exempt Matters –**
 - a)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 (as per June Meeting) – waiting for application from Betws RFC requesting approval for the changes made previously – **letter in from Llyscennen forwarded to Dave 25/7/2023 with extract of the email I sent to them – (email 5/9/2023)**

b) Peter Comley Dispensation application – waiting for his application to go to CCC Standards Committee

13. To discuss and update the Council Training Plan as per point 13 of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2023.

14. Guidance to Council as per points 6 and 15 a) i) on the agenda

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the 2021 act inserts a requirement under section 26ZA of Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act that no later than seven working days of a council meeting, the council must publish electronically a note setting out:

- **The names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence;**
- **Any declarations of interest; and**
- **Any decisions taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.**

The 2021 Act should be read in conjunction with section 55 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, which covers community council websites and requires community councils to make available electronically certain information and documents.

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Multi-location-meetings-LGE-Act-CTC-briefing-ENGLISH.pdf>

15. 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):

15.1. To discuss the process and timeline for renewal of the 2 contracts for the Recreation Areas (Heol Y Felin Playground and Green, Betws Park and Maesquarre Playground) which end 31 March 2024. Which areas of Betws Park will be under contract?

**a) Recreation Ground Committee –
Betws Park –**

i) Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2023 waiting to be received as per legislation as need to be placed on the community council website.

ii) update on the working party meeting held with the volunteers on 26 July 2023 regarding 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 – Councillor Phillips

iii) To resolve that the underspend from the #Natur Betws Nature Park project will be earmarked for future repairs/maintenance of the fixed items within the area to include

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the fencing and sleepers for the raised beds as they will decay over time which must be kept for this purpose only and not for general upkeep.

- iv) Painted Rocks / Fairy Garden in Betws Flower Park – Councillor Phillips
- v) Update regarding painting of Betws Park railings – Councillor Peter Comley
- vi) To discuss 2023 Remembrance Service arrangements in Betws Park on Saturday 11 November 2023.

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

Regarding point 11.e) from 10 May Meeting the clerk has not received a request in writing from the company regarding this or a copy of their Public Liability Insurance:

- 11 e) Councillor McMinn-Davies informed members of a request she had received from Dragon Plant seeking permission to enter Maesquarre Playground to access the rear garden of No 1 Ffordd Y Glowyr regarding some external work they will be carrying out.

Cllr McMinn-Davies to obtain the request in writing from the company and forward to the clerk. The company need to ensure they have their Public Liability Insurance in place, make sure 2 people are marshalling when the machinery is moving within the playground and to make good any damage that may occur whilst there.

- c) Finance and Staffing Committee –
- d) **Defibrillator Project** – update from Cllrs Comley/Picouto
- e) Community Engagement and Events Committee – to discuss commencing monthly surgeries at Betws RFC on the 1st Saturday of each month, how many councillors will attend? Time? Confirm venue is available with Betws RFC, approval to place notice in Betws news section of SW Guardian once agreed. First one suggested to be Saturday 7th October 2023 – Councillor Allchurch
- f) Toolkit working group -

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council