

# Cyngor Cymuned **BETWS** Community Council

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Date 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> September 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) Welcome to the new Community Councillor, reading out and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.  
b) 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for June 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) Donations –  
c) Bank Account Balances and Reserves as of 30 June 2024
8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

**PL/08063** - Part demolition of existing building, provision of new office and storage within remainder of building (Resubmission of PL/07798) - Old Pit Head Baths, Pentwyn Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EY - Consultation date 26/7/2024 – 16/8/2024 (email sent to Cllrs 29/7/2024)

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

**PL/07806** - Proposed erection of agricultural storage shed/workshop at Plas Maes Gwyn, Maerdy Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2RD - Full planning permission granted 18/7/2024.

**PL/07798** - Part demolition of existing building, provision of new office and storage within remainder of building at Old Pit Head Baths, Pentwyn Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EY – Full planning permission sought – Full Refusal 4/7/2024.

**PL/06478** - Proposed minor amendments to the already approved application E/39616 being the erection of a 3 bedroomed dormer bungalow with associated amenity space, access and parking. Formation of access to Colonel Road and reduction of height of boundary wall to 0.9m.(approved under E/39616) - Land to the rear of 90 and 92 Colonel Road, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2HP – Full granted 6/8/2024

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

- a) **Request for information regarding Rice Road Football Fields (email sent 16/7/2024)**
- b) **Theory v Practice of being a Local Councillor: RESEARCH (OVW) (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- c) **Hywel Dda UHB supporting HOPE4U (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- d) **DWFN - 16th July 1pm to 3pm – Ammanford dementia group people living with dementia and carers welcome (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- e) **Carmarthenshire New Engagement platform – Local Places For Nature – link to share (OVW) (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- f) **Have your say on the future of regional transport in South West Wales includes Carmarthenshire – (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- g) **Retailers in your area - Carmarthenshire County Council (Welsh government survey) (email sent 19/7/2024)**
- h) **Innovative Practice Conference 2024 Report (OVW)(email sent 26/7/2024)**
- i) **Guide to the 2026 Review - The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- j) **JACS (UK) Ltd - Village Gateways (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- k) **Announcement: Launch of the Digital User Community for Community and Town Councils (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- l) **Presentation by Audit Wales to Larger Councils Committee (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- m) **Community Food and Nutrition Skills Level 2 - Training Availability (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- n) **TRAINING DATES - JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- o) **Llandeilo Town Council - Pump track Opening event 2nd August 12:00 (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- p) **Save the Date - National Conference 16 October (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- q) **Evaluation of Local Places for Nature (OVW) (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- r) **National Heritage Lottery Fund – Survey (email sent 26/7/2024)**
- s) **Keep Wales Tidy - Free garden packages (OVW) (email sent 29/7/2024)**
- t) **Hapus Community Event (CCC) (email sent 29/7/2024)**
- u) **New Biodiversity Resource Documents - Guidance documents requested (email sent 29/7/2024)**
- v) **New Biodiversity Resources OVW FW: Feedback Needed (email sent 29/7/2024)**

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- w) Police & Crime Commissioner Bulletin (OVW) (email sent 2/8/2024)
- x) Carmarthenshire Revised Local Development Plan (2018 – 2033) - Examination into the soundness of the Carmarthenshire Revised Local Development Plan (2018 – 2033) - Inspectors appointed by the Ministers of the Welsh Government to conduct the independent examination (CCC) (emails sent 2/8/2024)
- y) Calling for: community led green space projects – nominations for the 2025 CLAS awards (OVW) (emails sent 2/8/2024)
- z) Town & Community Councils Update – Play Sufficiency Assessment (CCC) (emails sent 2/8/2024)
- aa) Protect Your Council: Must-Attend Cybersecurity & Insurance Webinar (OVW) (email sent 2/8/2024)
- bb) One Voice Wales National Conference 16 October 2024 at Montgomery Pavilion in the Royal Welsh Showground (email sent 2/8/2024)
- cc) Supporting Dyfed-Powys Neighbourhood Watch - Stronger Communities, Safer Neighbourhoods (email sent 9/8/2024)
- dd) Draft Minutes, Carmarthenshire Area Committee (OVW) (email sent 9/8/2024)
- ee) Hedgehog Fact Sheet (OVW) (email sent 9/8/2024)
- ff) One Voice Wales - News Bulletin (email sent 9/8/2024)
- gg) Attendance by Members – the 6 Month Rule (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- hh) How can we support you - Tenovus Cancer Care (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- ii) Information from Save a Life Cymru (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- jj) Launching 'My Health, My Choice' Primary Care and Community Services engagement (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- kk) VE DAY 80 - 'A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION' - 8TH MAY 2025 (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- ll) Plan International UK Tackling Gender Based Violence Young People Survey (CCC) (email sent 27/8/2024)
- mm) Introduction to Eden Project Community Action Online Course (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- nn) Information from Save a Life Cymru (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- oo) Free resources to help tackle fly-tipping in your communities (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- pp) Powers and Policies – Guidance for Community Councils (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- qq) News from the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Team (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- rr) The Digital Community of Practice Update (OVW) (email sent 30/8/2024)
- ss) Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales - August 2024 newsletter (OVW) email sent 30/8/2024)
- tt) Live Music Opportunities (email sent 30/8/2024)
- uu) National Grid – Informal Consultation – Commons Act 2006 section 38 ref Proposed works at CL34 Betws Mountain Common, Betws, Ammanford – new underground cable which is to be installed adjacent to the current cables running to the mast (letter received 28/8/2024)
- vv) Councils Connect: Youth Engagement & Cost of Living Initiatives (OVW) (email sent 3/9/2024)
- ww) Mayors and Chairs Networking (Llandeilo TC) (email sent 3/9/2024)

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
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 the meeting about items from the July meeting at 13 a), 13 b) i), iii) and iv) that were moved to be discussed in the meeting which was to be held on 16 July 2024.
    - i)To discuss and form a Rota for checking the 3 recreation areas to ensure that they are being managed and to check that the contractors are meeting their obligations, for H&S (including after any stormy/windy weather for tree damage) and any repairs/maintenance required for the fixtures and hard landscaping/fencing etc – Cllr James (email sent with checklist and other documents 7/8/2024)
  - b) Betws Park –
    - i) Update – Cllr Phillips/Stacey  
Correspondence received
      - a) Duck Race – Saturday 17 August (email sent 19/7/2024)
      - b) Formal Flower Beds in Betws Park (emails sent 6/8/24, 8/8/24)
      - c) Public/memorial seating – local company in Ystradgynlais (email sent 9/8/2024)
      - d) FOI request (email sent 9/8/2024)
      - e) Various emails from Volunteer group regarding Betws Park
      - f) Bi-Annual Tree Survey report received – action required (email sent 27/8/2024)
      - g) OVW Showcase Event - Senedd Cymru – Rachel Carter – action required (email sent 27/8/2024)
      - h) Exciting news – FREE top-up garden packages! (OVW) (email sent 27/8/2024)
    - ii)Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes.

**Maesquarre and Heol Y Felin Playground** – update –

  - i)Annual Playground Inspection Reports – Cllrs Comely and Derrick to update
  - ii) New cradle swings ? installed
  - 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 May's meeting.

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- iv) Cllr Derrick to inform Council of his proposal regarding playground inspections.
- v) MYB grant for Maesquarre Phase 2
- vi) Rynat Certificates update ref training for 2 Councillors in April 2024 (email sent 30/8/2024)

## Correspondence received

- c) **Finance and Staffing Committee** – staffing committee meeting – exempt matters – Cllr James (email 2/9/2024)
- d) **Community Engagement and Events Committee** –
- 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 - to be re-visited once the new contracts and recreation ground management plan has been completed as per F and G below.
- f) **New Contracts for 1 April 2024 working group** – update – ref playground and grounds maintenance contracts - Cllr Phillips/Jones/Stacey
- g) **Draft documents** for the new contracts to be approved– Cllr Jones/Stacey
- h) **Expressions of interest received from regarding F and G above**

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council