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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 10th September 2025 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 and Vacancies (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 11th June 2025 and 9th July 2025
6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws for May and June 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 –
 - i) Ammanford Rugby Club – Fireworks night (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - c) Audit – External Audit
 - d) To approve Qtr 1 Finance Figures (email sent 21/7/2025)
 - e) To approve the clerks backdated pay award and payscale (email sent 28/7/2025)

- f) Insurance cover ref shipping container at Betws Park and the Licence from CCC
- g) Memorial Garden quotes received from Cllr McMinn-Davies regarding cost of a proposed new commemorative plaque as per point 1 in the meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2025 and 13. b. point 7. In the meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025.

8. Planning Applications –

The following applications were received:

PL/09587 - Non-Material Amendment to E/28461 (Add a condition that includes the originally approved plans) - Land at Dolau Ffin, Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford – in review awaiting decision 11/7/2025

PL/09722 - Land at Dolau Ffin, Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford - Land at Dolau Ffin, Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford - Consultation 12/8/2025 – 2/9/2025

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/08506 - Land adjacent to 44/46 Treforis Road, Ammanford, SA18 2RA - Proposed alteration of no.2 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) to no.1 residential dwelling (Use Class C3) - Registered 14/11/2024 - Delegated decision - Withdrawn 22/7/2025

PL/09587 - Land at Dolau Ffin, Maesquarre Road, Betws, Ammanford - Non-Material Amendment to E/28461 (Add a condition that includes the originally approved plans) - Registered 11/7/2025 decision regarding original planning application E/28461 for a new dormer bungalow and detached garage – Granted 31/7/2025

PL/09713 - Non-Material Amendment to PL/08709 (Variation on approved plans within Condition 2) - Former Betws Colliery Site, Maesquarre Road, Ammanford, SA18 2LF - In review awaiting decision 5/8/2025 - Non-Material Amendment Granted 13/8/2025

PL/09517 - Conversion of a Former Pub, Restaurant and Inn to a Residential Dwelling - Scotch Pine, Betws, Ammanford, SA18 2PL - Full planning permission granted 19/8/2025

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

- a) **National Forest Landscape Scheme 2025/27 (OVW) (email sent 14/7/2025)**
- b) **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales quarterly newsletter: April – June (OVW) (email sent 14/7/2025)**
- c) **FW: LPfN grant launch and Sec 6 Biodiversity Report for Dec 2025 (OVW)(email sent 15/7/2025)**
- d) **Workshop - Decarbonising the Built Estate (OVW)(email sent 18/7/2025)**
- e) **Webinar - National Forest Landscape Scheme 2025/27(OVW) (email sent 18/7/2025)**
- f) **TfW Bulletin June 2025 (OVW) (email sent 18/7/2025)**
- g) **Digital health of community and town councils (OVW) (email sent 18/7/2025)**
- h) **One Voice Wales E-Bulletin edition 7 (OVW) (email sent 18/7/2025)**
- i) **Members' Allowances: Annual Timetable of Actions (OVW) (email sent 18/7/2025)**
- j) **IMPACT - Llais monthly newsletter (email sent 21/7/2025)**
- k) **Assistance to understand active travel in rural Wales (survey) (email sent 23/7/2025)**
- l) **Reusable Cup Schemes - Survey and Event 28th July (survey) (email sent 28/7/2025)**

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- m) Seasonal Decorations - MK Illumination (email sent 28/7/2025)
 - n) Don't forget to have your say in the annual residents survey (CCC) (email sent 28/7/2025)
 - o) Older Commissioner's Newsletter - July 2025(OVW) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - p) Vacancy -- Public Appointments (OVW) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - q) Annual Report 2024-2025 Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - r) 05/08/2025 - Eisteddfod Genedlaethol - Social Care: your chance to influence the future of the sector (OVW) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - s) Town & Community Councils update (CCC) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - t) All Wales Play Opportunities Grant – Capital (CCC) (email sent 4/8/2025)
 - u) IMPORTANT One Voice Wales Constitution and Governance Framework – EGM online 3 September 2025 (OVW) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - v) Vacancy: G7 Policy Lead - Legislation and Strategy - Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) (OVW) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - w) Red Roses A477 junction - Senedd petition (OVW) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - x) Welsh Government Consultation on Revisions to the Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling: A Code of Practice for Wales (OVW) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - y) Criminal Justice Board in Wales - Independent Advisory Group (CCC) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - z) Overcoming barriers to Net Zero in the public sector - Webinar Series (OVW) (email sent 7/8/2025)
 - aa) PCC Bulletin (OPCC) (email sent 19/8/2025)
 - bb) All Wales Play Opportunities Grant – Capital (CCC) (email sent 19/8/2025)
 - cc) Repair Cafe Wales (OVW) (email sent 19/8/2025)
 - dd) Your Biodiversity Team at One Voice Wales (OVW) (email sent 21/8/2025)
 - ee) IMPACT - Llais monthly newsletter (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - ff) Ammanford Foodbank - Help us be ready for Autumn's challenges (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - gg) Extended Deadline: Young People-Shape Our Services and Open Call for Evidence (OPCC) (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - hh) Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025 FREE Open Training (CCC) (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - ii) SURVEY - In Wales, in 2025, does the job title “Clerk” adequately reflect the role? (OVW) (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - jj) Final week to share your views on the Clinical Services Plan Consultation (OVW/Hywel Dda) (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - kk) IMPORTANT / One Voice Wales Extraordinary Meeting 3 September 2025 (OVW) (email sent 28/8/2025)
 - ll) Welsh Government Consultation on extending the duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings (OVW) (emails sent 28/8/2025)
 - mm) All Wales Play Opportunities Grant – Capital (CCC) (email sent 3/9/2025)
 - nn) Ystadau Cymru Awards 2025 – closing 8 September (OVW) (email sent 3/9/2025)
 - oo) Ammanford Foodbank (email sent 3/9/2025)
 - pp) TRAINING DATES - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025 (OVW) (email sent 3/9/2025)
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 + draft to Dave 20/6/2025, email sent to solicitors 10/7/2025 awaiting response, 18/7/2025 ref surveyor visit 28/7/2025, invoice received 21/8/2025)
- 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. Issues lift certificate required for the 6 monthly checks and emergency exit stairs need repair 2/3rds of the way up. email sent to Emyr 14/7/25 suggesting he contact CCC as there is a lift in Ammanford Library and they could use the same contractor to check their lift every 6 months.

12. 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) (see point iv) below.**
- iii) **Update - Missing trees from central avenue Betws park/ (Betws Park Volunteers)(email sent 13/1/2025) – Cllr Jones – email sent 15/7/2025 to Hilliers regarding delivery of 2 x 45ltr trees Hornbeam and Lime date TBC to Wrenvale.**
- 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, 18/6/2025) (18/7/2025 re Licence returned to CCC) 23/7/2025 email sent to Volunteer Group regarding go ahead to commence building shelter and placing shipping container and inform BCC once completed so that CCC surveyor can attend on site to check the installation).**
- v) **Update regarding site meeting 16/6/2025 regarding the Betws Park Information board (seen previously under correspondence Fw: 250514 - Sign enquiry | Betws Park Information board (email sent 23/5/2025)**
- vi) **Review suggestion of a Memorial Stone for BP by Major Ken Burton discussed in June/July meetings.**

Correspondence received

- 1. Email from Volunteers regarding weeds in the formal beds at Betws Park (13/7/2025)**
- 2. Litter Report - FS737361624 (CCC) (email sent 7/8/2025)**
- 3. Bins full (BP Volunteer Group) various emails (email sent 7/8/2025, 21/8/2025, 28/8/2025)**
- 4. FW: Request For A New Litter Bin - FS742083125 (CCC) (email sent 21/8/2025)**

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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 by email to the clerk – May, June, July and August checks required.

ii) Update on Inclusive Roundabout – issues with installation (emails sent 2/6/2025, 3/6/2025, 17/6/2025 + 10/7/2025, 18/7/2025) -

iii) Heol Y Felin wet pour issues – quotes for repair and renewal as per site meeting on 9/7/2025. – Emroch quotes for repair and renewal. Cllr Derrick doing repairs - update

iv) Chain link fencing along Colonel Road requires fixing as sagging – Cllr M Jones – to be actioned as per point 13. c) correspondence received point iii) at meeting of 9th July 2025

v) Bench to be re-sited from outside Heol Y Felin playground on Colonel Road to within the area – to be actioned as per per point 13. a) in the meeting of Wednesday 11th June 2025.

Correspondence received

i) 2025 Annual Playground Inspection reports for Heol Y Felin and Maesquarre Playgrounds in Betws, Ammanford (CCC) (email sent 7/8/2025)

ii) Wire Fence at Heol Y Felin (email sent 23/8/2025)

d) Finance and Staffing Committee – Cllr James

e) Community Engagement and Events Committee – feedback from meeting on 2/9/2025

f) Toolkit working group - work in progress - Cllr Stacey

Yours sincerely



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