

Betws Community Council
Events and Community Engagement Committee
15th May 2024

Present: Paul Allchurch (Chair), Dave Stacey, Maureen Williams, Carwyn James

1 - Apologies: Emyr Morgan

2 - Evaluation – discussion on Christmas event in Betws Park

Positives

- Well-attended. School children were excellent. Mince Pies and Chocolates went well.
- Addition of Sion Corn was well received.

EBI -

May need some cover in the event of rain - perhaps we could get the gazebos from Ammanford Council.

Need light for the area where the children are standing.

May need better amplification.

If we have another guest speaker, they will need to be carefully briefed.

Resolve - Recommend to full council to make this an annual event.

3 - Discussion – evaluation on future community engagement surgery

Note - over six months of surgeries we've only had one person attend.

Resolve- add a note to the website offering surgery by appointment. Bookings to be via email to the Clerk.

Ensure that at least two counsellors are present for all meetings.

4 - Discussion – event in the ward of Betws – Cost of Living

PA attended a seminar in OneVoice Wales. They have a cost-of-living team to support councils to run events.

Suggested that for now we continue with the approach that we will refer people to CCC and other teams.

Agree to wait to see if further details follow from OVW.

5. - Discussion on community engagement events in Betws

Discussion about how we promote activity within the Ward.

Suggestion that we set up a Facebook page - this would allow us to share activity from others, eg the school and the county council.

Resolve - Refer to full council to approve.

Suggestion to offer up the other three planters in the village to community members to 'adopt' as a new style Betws in Bloom activity.

Resolve - Publicise this in February to gauge interest.

6. - Any other business

6.1 Discussion about the school competition for D-Day. Looking for space to display the winning posters. Suggestion - approach Ammanford Library.

Suggestion - Council funds a small prize for an Art competition for next year. MW to discuss with the school and then refer to the full council.

6.2 Review the notice board outside the school - can we get a replacement cover. The current version is hard to see through.

Resolve - To ask James to look and advise.

6.3 Question - should we have a devolved budget for events? Suggest that any financial requests continue to go directly to full council.

6.4 Remembrance Day Service -

Resolve - to ask the Clerk to contact those involved last year and book them for November.

7 – Date/time of next meeting.

Weds 4th September. Betws Rugby Club.