

BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Betws Community Council was held as a Hybrid Meeting at **Betws RFC** and virtually on **Microsoft Teams** on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was 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 should contact the Clerk for this to be able to take place and the correct procedure to be followed.

PRESENT: Cllr Carwyn James (Chairperson), Betsan Jones, Mike Jones, Louise Waring and Peter Comley.

County Councillor: Betsan Jones

Clerk: Miss Angela Brown

PCSO: 8129 Quick and 8039 Rees

The meeting started at 19:05

As both the chair and vice chair had sent their apologies for this meeting. Cllr B Jones nominated the chair for this meeting to be Cllr James, this was seconded by Cllr Waring and agreed by all present.

Cllr James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Public Questions/Representations

None

2. a) Apologies and Vacancies

Karen McMinn-Davies, Dave Stacey and James Derrick.

The clerk informed members that CCC had sent an email regarding the notice of vacancy 16/2/2026 to 6/3/2026 and as no request from ten electors for an election to take place was made the Council may now co-opt a replacement member.

Under Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 it is a requirement to co-opt replacement members.

There are currently 4 vacancies within this Community Council.

Discussion ensued and 2 names were put forward, and these residents need to contact the clerk prior to the next meeting so that co-option takes place.

Point 6 was brought forward as the PCSO's had calls to attend to. Discussion took place regarding crimes in the ward with PCSO Rees informing members that levels were not too bad. The recent issue with a property in Heol Y Felin was discussed and the police service are aware of the issues for all sides.

County Councillor B Jones asked about the PACT meetings and was told that not many County Councillors attended and that it was attended by Council Housing Officers and the Fire Brigade.

For any issues it is best to phone 101 to record.

The PCSO's left the meeting at 19:25.

3. Declaration by Members of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

4. County Councillor Report

1. Update given about the information board in Betws Park that has the local footpaths on – still ongoing. and that fixings are required on the back of the board prior to the installation of the new information board. The Clerk contacted the contractor regarding this and ask him to liaise with Cllr M Jones. Cllr M Jones has not received a phone call and will chase later this week. This need to be done as the new board cannot be fixed correctly until it has been actioned.

Discussion regarding the frames requiring wood preservative this will be done by the contractor when the wood has dried out later in the year.

2. Regarding the no dropped kerb being on the junction between Maesquarre Road and Pentwyn Road on one side of the road which had been brought up by Cllr Comley and reported previously as it makes it difficult for less abled people to cross the road. This issue had also been reported in the South Wales Guardian on 22nd February 2026.
Update – CCC waiting for funding County Councillor Jones will follow up regularly until it is actioned – there has been no response to date after her most recent emails.
3. Update regarding the issues with a bin that had been missing/removed from the Maesquarre Road end of the footpath 6/6 which leads to Colonel Road. It has not been replaced to date – ongoing no response has been received to the emails sent to date. Cllr James also informed members that he had reported the missing bin too.
4. Discussion ensued regarding ongoing complaints and issues at the care home Serenissima in Heol Y Felin. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting with the PCSO's. Cllr M Jones stated that it is a difficult situation and the Council has every sympathy with the young person. County Councillor B Jones informed members that a letter had been sent to CCC regarding a belief that there has been a breach of planning for PL/08795 which was the original planning application where the request was made to change the category from C3 to C2. The other application for the property is PL/10361.
5. Information regarding the next round of funding from the Mynydd Y Betws Windfarm Fund will open from 1st June to 10th July this year.

5. To confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Annual and Monthly Meetings held on 11th February 2026

Councillor M Jones proposed, and Councillor B Jones seconded and resolved that the minutes of the Council's monthly meeting held on 11th February 2026 be accepted as a true record and approved by all present.

6. Dyfed Powys Police Monthly Crime Figures for Betws – moved to earlier in the meeting

Crimes for January 2026 = 11

Violence and Sexual Offences = 6, Drugs = 3, Burglary = 1

The link for Betws ward below.

[Betws | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

The above figures were noted by members.

7. Payments/Donation Requests – moved to later in the meeting

a. Clerk Salary and Allowances and Invoices to be paid (see document below)

Payments Made in March 2026			
MEETING/BACS REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
11/3/2026 point 7a	Angela Brown	Clerks Salary/Allowances and office expenses. Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) LG(FP)A 1963 s5	(as per Clerk Salary and Payroll schedule)
11/3/2026 point 7a	HMRC	Payroll payments. Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Clerk Salary and Payroll schedule)
11/3/2026 point 7a	Pension	Payroll Pension payments. Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Clerk Salary and Payroll schedule)
11/3/2026 point 7a	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership Based on 1057 chargeable dwellings @ £0.45p per dwelling based on Valuation List not Electoral Register	£475

		LGA 1972 s.143	
11/3/2026 point 7a	Wrenvale	Betws Park - Cut and chip fallen tree. Logs left on site. Public Health Act 1875, s.164 – Power to provide and manage recreation grounds.	£450 VAT £ 90 Total £540
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Carwyn James	£156 – costs of working from home £52 – set rate consumables allowance Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£208 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Emyr Morgan	£156 – costs of working from home pro rata up until resignation date 14 th May 2025 = £19.29 £52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata up until resignation date 14 th May 2025 = £6.42 Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£25.71 2025/2026

11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Jose Picouto	<p>£156 – costs of working from home pro rata up until resignation date 14th May 2025 = £19.29</p> <p>£52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata up until resignation date 14th May 2025 = £6.42</p> <p>Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)</p>	<p>£25.71</p> <p>2025/2026</p>
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Lynwen Phillips	<p>£156 – costs of working from home pro rata up until resignation date April 2025 – December 2025 = £155.99</p> <p>£52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata up until resignation date April 2025 – November 2025 = £38.99</p> <p>Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)</p>	<p>£194.98</p> <p>2025/2026</p>
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Mike Jones	<p>£156 – costs of working from home</p> <p>£52 – set rate consumables allowance</p> <p>Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)</p>	<p>£208</p> <p>2025/2026</p>

11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Dave Stacey	£156 – costs of working from home £52 – set rate consumables allowance Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£208 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Peter Comley	£156 – costs of working from home £52 – set rate consumables allowance Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£208 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Paul Allchurch	£156 – costs of working from home pro rata up until resignation date 14 th May 2025 = £19.29 £52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata up until resignation date 14 th May 2025 = £6.42 Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£25.71 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Karen McMinn-Davies	£156 – costs of working from home £52 – set rate consumables allowance	£208 2025/2026

		Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Maureen Williams	£156 – costs of working from home pro rata up until resignation date April 2025 – November 2025 = £138.66 £52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata up until resignation date April 2025 – November 2025 = £34.66 Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£173.32 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor James Derrick	£156 – costs of working from home £52 – set rate consumables allowance Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£208 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Louise Waring	£156 – costs of working from home pro rata from your start date of 9 th July 2025 to March 2026 = £155.99 £52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata from your start date of 9 th July 2025 to March 2026 = £38.99	£194.98 2025/2026

		Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor Betsan Jones	£156 – costs of working from home pro rata from your start date of 9 th July 2025 to March 2026 = £155.99 £52 – set rate consumables allowance pro rata from your start date of 9 th July 2025 to March 2026 = £38.99 Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - IRPW)	£194.98 2025/2026
11/3/2026 point 7a	Councillor James Derrick	Extra Glue for Heol Y Felin Playground repairs to re-stick artificial grass due to vandalism by youths Public Health Act 1875, s.164 – Power to provide and manage recreation grounds.	Total £54
11/3/2026 point 7a	Wrenvale	Qtr 4 – Betws Park Public Health Act 1875, s.164 – Power to provide and manage recreation grounds.	£3471.50 VAT£ 694.30 Total £4165.80
11/3/2026 point 7a	Wrenvale	Qtr 4 – Heol Y Felin Playground and Green Public Health Act 1875, s.164 – Power to provide and manage recreation grounds.	£370.00 VAT£ 74.00 Total £444.00

11/3/2026 point 7a	Wrenvale	Qtr 4 – Maesquarre Playground area	£490.00 VAT£ 98.00
		Public Health Act 1875, s.164 – Power to provide and manage recreation grounds.	Total £588.00

It was proposed by Councillor Waring and seconded by Councillor Comley and agreed by all present that the above payments are authorised, and it was **RESOLVED** that the above be paid.

b) Donation Requests – None received. The clerk read out thank you emails from Capel Newydd, St Davids Church and Menter Bro Dinefwr for the donations they had received.

c) Review and Approve Standing Orders for 2026 – 2027 – no change however the website has been updated with the meeting schedule as it is not referred to in the Standing Orders – No update as Cllr Stacey sent his apologies.

d) Review and approve Financial Regulations for 2026 – 2027 – Cllr Stacey to contact OVW regarding the audit result and wording of the financial regs at sections 5 and 6. To bring back to the next meeting – No update as Cllr Stacey sent his apologies.

e) Review and approve the Asset List for 2026 - Council reviewed the updated document. After a short discussion where Cllr James had confirmed that the total value in the document was correct. The status of the older Christmas lights which will be kept by Cllr Comley as he has got them working again, with the new ones being kept by Cllr Stacey, the Asset List for 2026 was approved.

8. Planning Applications

The following applications were received: None

PL/10426 - Erection of a new storage unit to house. plant, machinery and/or vehicle - 31A Betws Park Workshops, Park Street, Ammanford, SA18 2ET – Consultation date 18/2/2026 – 11/3/2026 (email sent 20/2/2026)

PL/10513 - Construction and operation of a micro energy storage project - Verge at Betws Park, Park Street, Ammanford – Consultation date 24/2/2026 – 17/3/2026 (email sent 3/3/2026)

The following applications were granted/refused/withdrawn:

PL/10187 - Discharge of Condition 10 on E/32650 (Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording) - 35 Betws Road, Ammanford, SA18 2HE - Discharge of Planning Condition Granted 9/2/2026

The above applications were **NOTED** by members unless otherwise stated.

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

- a) HoWLTA AGM Notification 14th March 2026 at 14:00 (email sent 20/2/2026)
- b) Big Belly Smart Bins - Fantastic introductory offer in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy (OVW) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- c) Last chance to apply Biodiversity packages (OVW) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- d) Ammanford Foodbank Cefnogi - Easter Opening Times (email sent 20/2/2026)

- e) The Financial Impact of Hate Crime (Pilot session) (CCC) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- f) Have your say on local community pharmacy services (CCC) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- g) Commissioner's Newsletter: February 2026 (OVW) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- h) REMINDER - Joint event One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales (OVW) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- i) DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES TRAINING SESSION - SPACES AVAILABLE - MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 6.30-8.00PM (OVW) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- j) Ethnic Minorities and Youth Forum 2nd march (CCC) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- k) Publication of the Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27 (.gov.uk) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- l) Health Board decides on future model of care for Clinical Services Plan (Hywel Dda) (email sent 20/2/2026)
- m) One Voice Wales E Bulletin Issue 18 (email sent 20/2/2026)
- n) DIGITAL HEALTH UPDATE (OVW) (email sent 3/3/2026)
- o) Amman Valley Hospital League of Friends Invitation to Celebratory Concert on 06 06 26 (email sent 3/3/2026)
- p) Town & Community councils update (CCC) (email sent 3/3/2026)
- q) Infrastructure Planning for Communities event next week from Planning Aid Wales (email sent 3/3/2026)
- r) PL/10361 Serenissima email in from resident (email sent 3/3/2026)
- s) Publication of the Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27 (.gov) (email sent 3/3/2026)
- t) TRAINING SESSIONS AVAILABLE W/C MONDAY 9TH MARCH (OVW) (email sent 4/3/2026)
- u) One Voice Wales Manifesto (email sent 9/3/2026)
- v) E-Bulletin Issue 19 (OVW) (emails sent 9/3/2026)
- w) Civil Contingencies Voluntary Sector Conference (CCC) (9/3/2026)
- x) Application for road closure U4347 Betws, SA18 2PH (One.Network: 148596947) (CCC) (email sent 9/3/2026)
- y) REMINDER - Joint event One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales (OVW) (email sent 9/3/2026)

The points above are all **NOTED** by members unless otherwise stated.

10. To consider a motion to exclude the public and members of the press with regards to matters in point 12 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) (22/9/2025 and 26/9/2025)** – The clerk read out a letter from the solicitor regarding the Land Issue matter which is now closed, and the file has now been archived by them.

The Council needs to delineate the boundary and put fencing up and repair the other fencing around the green/playground area to avoid future misunderstandings. The type of fencing was discussed which needs to be long lasting. Cllr Comley proposed that he will liaise with Cllr Derrick and bring back costings for the fencing to the next meeting, he mentioned that a skip would be needed as there is a lot of brash that needs removing. This was agreed by those present.

b) Betws RFC – (if any correspondence received) – None
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 still outstanding = lift certificate required for the 6 monthly checks and emergency exit stairs need repair 2/3rds of the way up – see point b) above. Cllr Stacey has received the Insurance Certificate and will forward to the clerk – waiting to receive.

The 2025/2026 Annual Lease check needs to be completed.

Cllr Stacey was not present in the meeting as he usually carries this check out and no update given.

Cllr Comley informed members that the lift still hasn't been serviced, but that he has found someone who can service the lift therefore this should be actioned soon and a copy of the new certificate shared with the Community Council. He has been consulting with Richard Rees from Betws RFC.

Cllr Comley informed members that he has welded the emergency exit step but needs assistance to re-fit and he hopes to get this actioned by the next meeting.

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 – Cllr M Jones – the next Recreation Ground Committee meeting will be held in March – No meeting required at present. The draft handwritten management plan has been given to Cllr Stacey this needs to be discussed in a full council meeting especially with the recent actions taken without consultation by a member of the volunteer group. (see point 2. in correspondence received below) This document needs to be typed up by the clerk and sent to all members for discussion and once agreed a copy given to the volunteer group giving them clear guidelines as to what they can and cannot do within the nature area and that a level of control needs to be asserted. Cllr Waring informed members that a sculpture had been placed within the area without prior consultation and this Cllr M Jones told members makes it difficult for the contractor to manage the meadow area. The contractor has informed him that he finds and increasing number of stones in the grass in the park which cause issue with the machinery used. Cllr M Jones said the volunteers do good work in their nature garden area and that one of the volunteers has experience in running gardening clubs. Cllr B Jones echoed that the volunteers do good work however that a level of control is needed with regards to what the volunteers can and can't do in the nature area of Betws Park.

i) Section 6 Biodiversity Report – update – Cllr Stacey – his laptop required repairs, so this was not shared with members – moved to February meeting – Clerk waiting to receive the report. Cllr Stacey was not present in this meeting.

b) Betws Park –

i) Update - Betws Park railings – Cllr Comley if any changes – he's going to contact the office and previous supervisor as this is all at a standstill although the weather is also not great for painting at this time of year – Cllr Comley is chasing and speaking with his Probation Service contact with regards to the job being completed in the spring and when the weather is more suitable for painting tasks.

There is a new supervisor who oversees the task and Cllr Comley is waiting to get his contact information.

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 – still being built Cllr Stacey to get an update from the volunteer group. Cllr Stacey was not present in this meeting to give an update although according to those present it has not been erected to date.

iii) 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) – see County Councillor report at point 4 for the update.

iv) Review suggestion of a Memorial Stone for BP by Major Ken Burton discussed in June/July meetings - 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. List of names received and sent to Cllrs – It was proposed by Cllr M Jones and seconded by Cllr B Jones that Cllr Comley arranges a meeting with Ken Burton and the person who can make the commemorative plaque to move this forward. He will feed back at the next meeting – Cllr Comley will be arranging a meeting, but it has been difficult to get everyone to be available at the same time he hopes this will take place prior to the next meeting.

v) 3 Public Parks maintenance tender review – Cllr M Jones explained the options, it was proposed by Cllr M Jones that the contract be extended to 3 years, and the contractor can base his costs on CPI this was seconded by Cllr James and agreed by all present. Cllr M Jones informed members that the contractor will be contacted regarding this – The contractor has agreed to continue his contract as per the original contract. Council needs to wait until the end of March to receive the CPI figures, Cllr M Jones and the clerk will liaise regarding this, and update Council once completed.

Correspondence received

1. Proposal to Host Farmers' Market – Flower Park / Betws Park (email sent 3/3/2026)

After discussion regarding the above request from Ammanford Town Council for this to take place within Betws Park it was decided that the location is not suitable and does not have enough footfall. They also feel that they are unable to take this request on board due to there being no toilets, no water, no electricity available either. There is only a small tarmacadamed area near the Nature Garden and there have already been issues with vehicles causing damage to the lawned areas which are near the main entrance which tend to be quite wet.

Clerk to inform the requestor.

2. Wildlife cameras and dog fouling in Betws Park (email 11/3/2026)

Discussion regarding dogs fouling and the actions taken unilaterally by a member of the Volunteer group with no consultation with Betws Community Council.

Cllr Waring informed members that she had been informed by members of the public that a specific volunteer had been approaching and taking photos of people including children in the park which is in breach of GDPR depending on how the data is kept, used/shared and could be seen as harassing behaviour by

the individuals. Photos and CCTV screenshots should not be posted upon social media.

There is no signage, no compliance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act. Young people from schools and colleges attend the nature garden and there are protocols that are required with regards to CCTV being present.

The Chair Cllr Stacey had contacted the sender of the email to gain more information and arrange a meeting to discuss this will need to be discussed by the Community Council.

The cameras should not be in situ until this process has been followed.

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 –
The checks have been done but the paperwork is required to be sent to the clerk on email as agreed in previous meetings – Cllr Comley will send the clerk the reports, there have been technical issues with them.

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) – update from Cllr Stacey – ref site meeting 17/11/2025 – Cllr Comley checked the roundabout and its still not working correctly despite the recent video received from Sutcliffe showing it working. Cllr Comley contacted trading standards as this new piece of equipment that was installed January 2025 has not worked correctly since installation and is not fit for purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding what to do next. It was proposed by Cllr Waring that Cllrs Comley and M Jones (as chair of the Recreation Ground Committee) contact the company again that installed the roundabout and have a site meeting with them to give them a final opportunity to rectify the issues before involving trading standards. This was seconded by Cllr B Jones and agreed by all present.

The clerk is to send the contact details for the company; along with the letter sent last May regarding highlighting the issues which were yet to be resolved since installation. Also, a copy of the invoice for the costs of the installation to bring a resolution for this matter.

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 – quotes received – update on progress Cllr Derrick/Cllr Comley

Cllr Comley informed members that the work had been completed, one more pot of glue is required as one of the joins is lifting and a ladder needs to be put back on one of the pieces of equipment. This is the second extra pot of glue as the newly fitted grass mats had been lifted when first put down even though the playground had been closed with signage which was removed, and children were found playing within the area.

The clerk informed members that the invoice had been paid.

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 – update from Cllr Comley/Cllr Derrick

Update from Cllr Comley – the repairs were not actioned at the same time as point iii) above but will be done hopefully prior to the next meeting. Cllr Comley needs to give the clerk the invoice for the chain-link fencing so that he may be reimbursed.

Correspondence received –

1. Response received regarding the email sent 22 December 2025 about the Annual Inspection Reports for Heol Y Felin and Maesquarre playgrounds which are carried out by a company instructed by Carmarthenshire County Council. They have a backlog of checks to complete once done they will move onto the community playgrounds with our playgrounds being on the programme to be completed. (email received 5/3/2026)

d) Finance and Staffing Committee – Cllr James – update on Qtr 3 finances and files which had been checked Cllr James stated that all was in order. He thanked the clerk and returned the files and folders to the clerk.

e) Community Engagement and Events Committee – Cllr Stacey – Proposed Collaboration Event – Betws Rugby Club (May 16–17) – Cllr McMinn-Davies (email sent 3/3/2026)

Discussion ensued regarding the email that had been circulated. Council asked the question why Ammanford Town Council wanted to hold an event within the Betws Ward and not within their own ward. Betws RFC had given permission for the event to take place however how much room is required for the event especially as fairground rides and stalls will be present. How many and where will they be placed? There is a small gate going onto the Heol Y Felin Green where Betws School sports day takes place annually in June. If this area is required will there be any damage to the ground? If so, will a fee be chargeable so that the Community Council's grounds contractor can rectify? Cllr Comley informed members that in the past the fair has used the Rugby field if they do this time then they would also need to consider the costs of repairing any damage.

It would be good for the village to have the event and shows collaboration between the town and community council for the benefit of residents.

They asked the clerk to get all the information and circulate with Councillors.

It was proposed by Cllr Waring that the event originally planned for 4th May bank holiday go ahead and once the detail of the space required for the event on the weekend of 16th and 17th May by Ammanford Town Council have been determined and whether they need to use the Green or not then a decision will be made at the next meeting in April. This was seconded by Cllr Comley and agreed by all present.

Cllr Waring informed members that Betws Primary School Sports Day will be on 10th June 2026. She asked the clerk to contact the contractor who cuts the grass to ensure that it is cut prior so that CCC can mark the racing lanes.

Cllr Comley informed members that when the boundary is being sorted (see point 11. a) above, if Penygroes Cricket club do not want the cricket structure that has been sitting at the top end of the area for some time then it will be cut up when the boundary is constructed, and it will be placed in the skip that they need to hire. They had previously shown an interest in it and Cllr Comley would ask for a donation should they still want it. This was agreed by those present.

- f) **Toolkit working group** - work in progress - Cllr Stacey – not present at this meeting.

Next meeting **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 19:00.**

The meeting Closed at 20:55