

**MINUTES OF BETWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING
on Tuesday 17th April 2024 at 7.15p.m.at Betws RFC**

1.Present - D.Stacey, M. Jones, B. Jones, J, Derrick, C, James, P. Comley

2.Apologies - L. Phillips, J. Picouto, P. Allchurch, K. McMinn-Davies

As apologies had been received from the Chair of the Committee, Cllr D. Stacey was elected as chair for the meeting

3. To receive disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Item 6 - Cllrs Comley and Derrick have just completed their training on playground maintenance.

4. Minutes of the joint Events and Recreation Committee meeting of 5th July 2023 to be confirmed as a true record.

One typo was noted in item 10, first bullet point. It should read:
2 x Picnic Benches for the viewing point at Waun Ddwfn

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes.

Noted - The council has been unsuccessful in its latest bid for funding for the redevelopment of Maesquarre Park.

6. To discuss the Annual Playground Inspection reports for both Heol Y Felin and Maesquarre Playgrounds and the maintenance and other next steps highlighted within the recommendations on the reports.

Resolved - To ask Cllrs Derrick and Comley to review the reports following their training, and to make recommendations to full council for an action required.

Resolved - To ask Cllrs Derrick and Comley to suggest to this committee ways of working now they have completed their playground safety training.

Resolved - To ask the Clerk to clarify if any dispensation is required for Cllr Derrick if he is checking playground equipment. Noted that this may depend on the recommendations from item above.

Proposed by: MJ, Seconded: CJ. Approved by all voting (PC and JD not voting on this item)

7. To discuss the Audit of all the signage within the 3 recreation grounds in Betws and feedback to full council.

Resolved: To remove the monolingual CCTV footage which had been placed previous to try and discourage anti-social behaviour.

Resolved: To identify places for the four new 'no fowling' signs provided by Cllr Morgan

Resolved: To review and remove any faded signs

8. To discuss the management plan for the 3 recreation grounds – including (see point 14 below) consideration for repairing the slide unit at Maesquarre in order to keep the equipment (consider costs of repair/maintenance versus cost of new equipment) as are Fixable.

Noted:

The new timeline for maintenance contracts for the parks will require expressions of interest for May / June - MJ will start on this work.

Agreed: The order of priority for the parks to be as follows:

Maesquarre

This year - Castle Unit

Next year - Swings

2026 - Zipline

As funding allows - Accessible roundabout

Heol Y Felin

This year - Gate to secure park from field

Next year - Football goals

Betws Park

This year - Water access, grass over formal beds to the right of the path into the park, memorial garden

Resolved: To ask the Clerk to price up a new gate for Heol Y Felin

Resolved: To ask the contractor to grass over the beds to the right of the path into Betws Park

Resolved: To contact Dwr Cymru about sources of water in the park

Resolved: To draw up a development plan to include input from volunteers and captures work needed to maintain the nature garden

9. Volunteers – matters arising from other meetings

Noted: The Award from The Community Land Advisory Service (CLAS)

Noted: The grant from Keep Wales Tidy for planting

Noted: The antisocial behaviour which saw benches moved from storage and left by the river

10. Maesquarre Park Update

Considered under item 8 above

11. Heol Y Felin Park Update

Considered under item 8 above

12. Betws Park Update

Considered under item 8 above

13. To consider asking the landscape contractor to plant a drift of daffs/spring bulbs on the bank in Maesquarre Park

Resolved: To get a quote for this work

14. Correspondence - Email from Sustainable Communities and Rural Innovation Funding Panel (sent 3/4/2024)

Noted

15. Correspondence – Caryn Griffiths/Keep Wales Tidy(Clas Awards)

Noted

16. Next Meeting

3rd July at 7.15