

## ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 3rd June 2015**

**205. PRESENT:** Mr J Kirkham (Chairman), Mr J Haycock, Mrs D Hughes, Mr P Thomas, Mr J Rees, Mr P Parker, Mr M Scott, Mr P Roberts, Mr S Eves, Mrs S Williams (Clerk- in attendance)

**206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Mrs L Hughes, Mr M Wiles

**207. PRESENTATIONS :**The speaker was unable to attend and sent his apologies

**208. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

#### **209. AGENDA FORMAT:**

- i) The Chairman expressed how he would like the agenda set out in the future.
- ii) The Chairman expressed that any approach to any Officer, in writing or email should be done in the first instance, through the Clerk as the 'Proper Officer'.
- iii) The Councillors are to contact the Clerk if they wish any items to be included under AOB on the agenda.

#### **210. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th May 2015:**

- i) The minutes were agreed save for item 193 'Matters arising from minutes' Typographical error, Chute instead of Shoot.
- ii) AGM Cllr Hughes wished Cllr Kirkham 'All the best' instead of 'Good Luck'
- iii) The corrections were made and the minutes were then agreed as correct.

#### **Matters arising from minutes:-**

- i) With regards to the ACC website, it was resolved that Councillors only need to declare political affiliations if they are a Member of a political party.
- ii) So far, there has been no further contact with Barry Davies, Maritime Officer, with regards to Penrhyn Point.
- iii) There has been no contact from Bethan Owen, with regards to the signs for Penrhyn Point. The Clerk will contact Ms. Owen.
- iv) There has been no contact from Snowdonia National Park with regards to the signs at Arthog cemetery and Mawddach Trail.

### **211: CLERKS REPORT:**

i) The Clerk asked the Councillors for permission to archive documents with Gwynedd Council in Dolgellau. The Councillors agreed to this.

ii) Sean Chambers requested clarification on whether the footpath marked 'purple' on the map supplied needs to be maintained. It was agreed that the footpath delineated 'purple' on the map supplied is not to be maintained by ACC.

### **212: FAIRBOURNE FLOOD WARDENS:**

i) The next meeting of the FFW will be held in September. The date to be confirmed.

ii) There will be a public meeting held in Fairbourne Village Hall on 10th July.

iii) All areas are now covered by Flood Wardens who will have ID cards.

iv) Lisa Marshall, Business Development Manager, will meet Cllr Scott and Cllr Parker and Mr M Burrows on Monday 8th June 2015.

v) It was reported that it has been difficult to get Flood Wardens to attend meetings.

vi) Thanks were given to Cllr Scott for his hard work with FFW.

### **213: SPECIFIC ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION:**

a) Golf Club - Cllr Scott reported that membership had declined over the past 5 years and now stands at 53. Visitor numbers are also down from last year. The financial situation of the club was discussed and this means that the club will close at the end of September and will not re-open until Easter. The next income is expected at the middle of June and then September. The club hope to stage a fundraising competition on 4th July 2015. Income is also generated from Tesco renting space on the car park, and rents from Mobile Masts. Cllr Parker offered to mention the Golf Club situation at the next meeting of the Fairbourne Moving Forward Project, Cllr Scott is happy for this to be mentioned, and also possible inclusion in the Fairbourne Miniature Railway publication.

b) RAF - the possible closure of the RAF centre in Fairbourne was discussed.

c) Fairbourne Tennis courts - Cllr Scott has had 2 quotes for equipment to mark out the tennis courts. Cllr Scott will research the best value for money. Cllr Hughes proposed that ACC should pay for the equipment, this was seconded by Cllr Kirkham. There will be a notice on the tennis court stating that there will be no football on the court whilst the nets are up.

d) Lease of Penrhyn Point - The lease was discussed and it was agreed that no advantages of obtaining the lease can be seen. Research has been carried out and looked into. The

possibility of more car parking space was also discussed. It was noted that no litter has been left at the point since the removal of the bin.

e) Penrhyn Point Management - There has been no further update from Barry Davies (GC Maritime Officer). There has also been no update from Bethan Owen with regards to the signs. The Clerk to contact Mr Davies and Ms Owen. NRW require Barry Davies to erect 'notice of work' signs for the rock armour. The dog waste bin at the passing loop should be erected within the next few weeks. The subject of 'double yellow lines' was mentioned and it was reiterated that there will not be any 'double yellow lines'.

f) Traffic Calming Measures - The subject of 'speed bumps' and a 30MPH speed limit on Penrhyn Drive North was discussed. The council agreed that the Clerk will contact Colin Jones at GC Traffic department to arrange a meeting with Cllr Scott to discuss these issues.

#### **214 : CORRESPONDENCE:**

i) Un LLais Cymru training schedule for June was circulated to the council.

ii) A letter from Grwp Cynefin was presented inviting groups to apply for a grant of £500. Cllr Hughes suggested that the Golf Club may benefit from this. Cllr Parker also suggested that the grant may be helpful for signage and maps of Fairbourne.

iii) A letter was received from GC with notification of the new temporary 30MPH speed restriction in Arthog. This speed restriction will be in place for approximately 18 months.

iv) A letter was received from GC Head of Education with regards to the Statutory Notice for Schools in Y Gader Catchment Area. This was discussed by ACC.

#### **215: PLANNING APPLICATIONS: None**

#### **216: FINANCIAL REPORT and Payments:**

i) Cllr Hughes informed the council that the cheque books are still being sent to Mrs Susan Jones. The statements are still not being sent to Cllr Hughes although the bank have all the information they require. There were not any statements available at the time of the meeting but Cllr Hughes will endeavour to obtain them from the bank.

ii) The Youth Account was discussed and confirmed that only the accrued interest from this account can be used.

iii) Payments - Dail Dysynni £100, as was agreed 6th May 2015, item 201.

Sioe Frenhinol (RWS) £125, as was agreed 6th May, item 201.

Gwynedd Council £1.00 , for ground rent.

Sean's Lawns £180, for grass cutting Athog Cemetery for March 2015.

## **217: Councillors Questions and Reports:**

i) Cllr Parker reported that Cllr Wiles had attended a meeting of the FMF Working Project Group, on the 26th May 2015, when house prices and an action plan were discussed. Cllr Parker informed the council that further information can be found at the FMF web site.

ii) The issue of the fields flooding at Friog corner (caravan park) were discussed.

iii) Cllr Hughes attended a Llais Cymru meeting in Bala, in which the financial situation of the Gwynedd Council was discussed. Gwynedd Council propose to consult with local communities on where financial savings can be made and to decide which services are needed or wanted.

iv) Cllr Haycock reported on the budget of Ysgol Y Friog and the new education system being implemented in 2017. It was reported that there are now 30 pupils attending the school.

v) Cllr Roberts brought to the attention of the council the deep pothole at the bottom of Tyddyn Sefra Drive and overhanging trees at Ty Nant car park west. The Clerk will contact the Highways department for their immediate attention.

vi) Cllr Scott brought to the attention of the council the subject of the front cover photograph in the Sybridion. Cllr Scott will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to the editor of the Sybridion, the council agreed.

## **218: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 1st July 2015