

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 6/1/2016

287. Present: Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr P. Parker, Cllr M. Scott, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr P. Roberts, Cllr L Hughes, Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk) **In Attendance:** Ms Lisa Marshall, Gwynedd Council Business Manager

288. Apologies: Cllr M. Wiles

289. Presentation: Lisa Marshall gave her presentation “ **How can ACC get involved with SMP2**” – Lisa Marshall highlighted the need to work with FFC, in order to lessen the need for duplication and to communicate with the public in particular through the ACC website/ Facebook. Lisa Marshall mentioned that the Village could be decommissioned and the importance of communicating this to the residents of Fairbourne.

Cllr Thomas said has any timescale on sea level rises been given? The councilors suggested that a plan would need to be in place to allow residents as much time as possible to make necessary arrangements.

GCC took a ground water monitoring reading last month- this was the first reading. A reading from the beach will be taken twice a year, however in order to get any accurate data this will have to be done over a number of years.

Lisa Marshall stated that there would be two presentations at the public meeting on 22nd January one at 2pm and the second presentation at 6pm. Fairbourne Facing Change- will put a ‘flyer’ through every household in Fairbourne and in its Newsletter.

It was also stressed that there may not be any immediate answers to questions that may be raised.

Buy to let was also discussed and a feasibility study would have to be carried out that the community would accept.

LM Stated that she would be happy to speak to the Councillors who weren't present this evening.

Cllr. Scott raised the point of having some ACC meetings in Fairbourne. It was agreed that if Fairbourne village hall was available, then the next meeting, 3rd February 2016, would be held there. The Clerk will look into this.

Cllr. Kirkham stated that he would attend the public meeting at 2pm, Cllr. Roberts would attend at 6pm and Cllr. Parker and County Councillor Hughes will attend both sessions. Cllr Scott will attend, however he will be representing the Flood Warden Scheme.

The Councillors raised some concerns over the use of the word 'decommissioning' and would rather the phrase 'long term plans for Fairbourne'.

299. Declaration of Interests: - None

300. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair.

The Chairman, stated that he would have liked more Councillors to be in attendance because of the forthcoming meeting public meeting in Fairbourne which will take place on 22nd January 2016

301. Minutes of Meeting Held on 2nd December 2015

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct.

302. Matters arising from minutes:-

Maintenance of and painting of playground- Clerk will cover this matter in the clerk's report

303. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from a local firm to carry out maintenance work on the playground from an inspection of 2014, this work had not been carried out. Cllr Scott said that he will approach the firm and ask them to carry out the work as per report and to complete the work by 1st April 2016.

Barry Davies would assist with the collection and disposal of the fence posts at Penrhyn Drive South.

Confirmation received from Unllais, that the Community and Town Council elections will be held in 2017 and not 2016. This is to coincide with the Unitary Authority Elections, which will also be held in 2017.

Paperwork for nominations for New Year honours 2017 have been received, if the council are interested in making a nomination, please contact the Clerk.

Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party for May 2016 for Outgoing Chairman was presented to the Council.

Further prices for Laptops were also presented to the Councillors.

304. Specific Items Brought to Attention

a) Neighbourhood Watch

PCSO M. Jones, suggested that it would be a good opportunity to relaunch the Neighbourhood watch scheme and has offered to give a talk on the subject. Cllr.Scott will be doing a 'letter drop' in Fairbourne to advertise this

talk and he will also organise any meetings.

The Council agreed to this in principle, but wanted confirmation on what support the police will give and how well Cllr Scott will be 'backed up' by the police. Cllr Scott will contact the Clerk with any developments. Report Attached

b) Outfall Ditch & Sluice

Cllr. Scott gave an update, he reported that sewage has been backing up in Ffordd Corsen and Penrhyn Drive South. Cllr also reported that some of the pumps were between 12-14 years old. County Councillor Hughes suggested that these should be reviewed by NRW. Cllr Scott will contact NRW. Report Attached

c) Flood Plan

Cllr Scott reported that 170 properties have not yet registered for flood warnings or alerts. Leaflets have been distributed. There will be another meeting of the flood wardens in 10 days time. The flood wardens will repeat the leaflet drop. It was explained, that if residents don't register with the scheme, in the event of an emergency, the emergency services will have to spread resources to help those who have not registered and those who are vulnerable. Report Attached.

d) Notice Board.

The Council was very pleased with the sign and the work that Cllr Scott had put into it. Cllr Thomas suggested that Cllr Scott make contact with the sign writers in Dolgellau. Report Attached.

305. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Clerk:-

Letter received from Gwynedd & De Ynys Mon CAB requesting financial assistance.

Cllr Thomas Proposed a contribution of £150 seconded by Cllr Roberts.

Wales Air Ambulance requesting donations. Cllr Parker suggested £700. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas that this amount be split into two payments of £350 for this year and £350 for next year. Seconded by Cllr Scott.

A report from Andersons Tree Specialist including a quote for £460+VAT has also been received for works to Arthog Cemetery. Proposed by Cllr Thomas Seconded by Cllr Roberts.

Letter from Gwynedd Council, Maritime and Country Park Service regarding the Blue, Yellow and Green Flag schemes. The Council wanted to know what would be the most suitable for Friog and Fairbourne and would there be any other additional costs. The Clerk would look into this.

GCC -Works programme January 2016- install new drainage, fencing and tidy

the verge and resurface A493-Bryncoch- War Memorial.

GCC -Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Street Parking Places Meirionnydd Area Order 2016.

GCC- 2016/2017 Precept £8500 Proposed by Cllr Thomas, Seconded by Cllr Roberts.

306. Planning Applications

SNPA -Application NP5/52/47E -Beudy Uchaf , TyddynMawr, Islaw'r Dref Dolgellau.-To allow use of property as residential. No observations and council did not oppose the application.

307. Financial Report and Payments Made

Clerk reported that Statements were still being sent to Cllr D. Hughes, and were not available tonight.

Payments made:-

CAB Gwynedd & De Ynys Mon	£150
Wales Air Ambulance	£350
Huws Gray (Picnic Table)	£102

308. Representatives Reports

Cllr Parker stated that he would give some thought to the Sub-Committee (SMP2) in the light of the presentation from Lisa Marshall. He will report back to the Councillors.

Cllr Scott reported the new positioning of the post box in Fairbourne. This is now situated by the bus stop opposite the Deli.

Please see attached report from Cllr Scott re: Rock fall.

Cllr Kirkham did not attend the last meeting of Fairbourne Village Hall, but has attended previous meetings. The minutes of the last meeting have been requested but, so far, have not been forthcoming.

Cllr L Hughes expressed her thanks for the card sent by ACC during her recent illness.

Cllr Hughes reported that a full council was held in December with re-shuffling due to 3 by-elections. Plaid Cymru has full control of the Council. Cllr Hughes will be attending 2 workshops on Council financial cuts and will report back to ACC.

Cllr Hughes stated her position with regard to the control of Salt Bins being given over to Community Councils, she is against this. Cllr Hughes will look into this.

309. To Receive Councillors Questions

Cllr Scott had received some concerns from tenants from Godre Meurig, Friog. The Council suggested that these tenant issues should be dealt with by the Landlord/Housing Association.

310. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Meeting Closed 9.25pm