

## **ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 2/3/2016**

**326. Present:** Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr L Hughes, Cllr M. Scott, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr P. Roberts, Cllr D. Hughes, Cllr J. Haycock, Cllr S. Eves, Cllr M. Wiles, Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Peter Cole- Chair Fairbourne Facing Change,

**327. Apologies:** Cllr P. Parker

**The Council held a minutes silence in respect of the late Cllr John Rees.**

**328 Presentation:** Peter Cole, addressed the Council in his capacity as Chair of Fairbourne Facing Change. FFC question the SMP2 and believe the data use is flawed.

Mr Cole highlighted that initial legal advice will be sought from a Barrister in respect of affected and blighted properties. It was highlighted that the community knew that there would be costs involved in instructing a Barrister. It is estimated that the cost would be £20,000. FFC would like to know how ACC can support them and to work more closely with FFC.

Mr Cole also handed out a newsletter and Action Plan at the meeting.

Cllr Scott asked if compensation was achieved how would this be proportioned i.e. At market value before plans were adopted?

Cllr Eves stated that Gwynedd Council should be prepared to support Fairbourne.

The Councillors also discussed mortgages and houses selling at lower prices.

Cllr Scott asked do FFC require a financial contribution from ACC?

It was mentioned at the meeting that there had been a lack of involvement on behalf of ACC. Cllr Wiles stated that ACC have voting rights on the Board and can move forward to the best endeavours of Fairbourne, and we should move on from what has happened in the past. Cllr Eves said a decision needs to be made as to whether ACC are for or against SMP2. Cllr Thomas said that the facts of SMP2 need to be challenged as new data has come to light. Cllr Kirkham informed the meeting that the sub committee will be involved as and when a challenge has to be made. A member of the public Mrs Stephenson asked the Council if SMP2 could be reviewed because of the new data available.

Mr Cole said that it would be significant if FFC and ACC could work together. It was suggested that if FFC would like to attend an ACC meeting again they could contact the Clerk.

**329. Declaration of Interests:** - None

**330. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair:-** None

**331. Minutes of Meeting Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016**

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct except item 314 Cllr Scott is Treasurer of Fairbourne Golf Club not Chairman.

**332. Matters arising from minutes:-**

320. A letter from Dafydd Roberts ,regarding the pipe work on the embankment was read out.

**333. Clerks Report**

The Council have been invited to continue our membership of One Voice Wales for 2016/17. The membership fee is £205. This was agreed by the Council.

Training dates available:-

22/3/16 Dolgellau Library, Local Government Finance.

24/3/16 The Institute Pavilion Hill Caernarfon, Code of Conduct (Welsh)

The training starts at 6.30 and should finish by 9.00 If anyone wishes to attend please let me know.

Confirmation from Barry Davies regarding the Beach awards. The colour of the flag is Yellow (rural beach award) and the Green Coast Award which is equivalent to the Blue Flag, but it is a plaque and is for rural beaches. The costs for both is £400, £260 for the Yellow flag and £140 for the plaque. (The cost is without VAT) The council could have one or both awards. The Council discussed and voted on the plaque – proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Haycock.

Gwynedd and Ynys Mon Council would like views on 'Focused Changes'. If anyone is interest I can forward the link. This was passed onto Cllr Hughes.

I have updated the Council Mobile phone and the new tariff is now £12.60 per month for 600 minutes and unlimited texts for 12 months.

**334 Specific Items Brought to Attention**

a) Flood wardens – Registration for flood warnings stood at 426, with 130 still not registered. Elfed Ap Gomer has been asked for a quote to set up a website, still awaiting information.

b) Neighbourhood watch – no meeting of the NW as PCSO has been away on holiday.

c) Shingle management – The recent storm saw a large amount of shingle washed up over the sea wall, photographs were passed around to highlight this. The sea wall footings are now exposed at Friog Corner, NRW have

recorded the damage done. Cllr Scott is of the opinion that another storm, like the recent one, will see the Pill Box disappear and the Dragons Teeth slide to the shore, he is of the opinion that groynes are needed to stop the movement of the shingle. Cllr Scott will contact NRW for an update on plans for Friog Corner. Cllr Scott will also invite NRW to the next ACC meeting in April.

d) Bwlch Gwyn Riding Stables – It was brought to the attention of Cllr Scott by Mr J Evans that there is a breach in the old defence, because of this breach the horses will have to go along side of the road and not down the centre of the old football field.

A letter has been prepared for the Council by Mr & Mrs Evans but this has not been presented to the Council yet.

e) Publicity Notice Board – Cllr Scott has managed to recoup £525 and the Clerk has been asked to write to Gwynedd Council regarding the positioning of the notice board.

f) Penrhyn Drive South – GCC have agreed to collect the old fencing, Cllr Roberts and Cllr Scott will start removing the fencing at a convenient time.

g) CCLR Louise Hughes informed the meeting that she would be attending a full meeting of Gwynedd County Council to discuss budget cuts tomorrow. It is likely that there would be an increase of 4% in Council Tax next year. The impact of the proposed cuts on Meirionydd were discussed and did the council have any thoughts on this. As a representative of the ward CCLR Hughes was disappointed on the council's stance with regard to SMP2. CCLR is strongly against SMP2. CCLR Hughes asked if there was anything ACC would like her to bring up at tomorrow's meeting.

Cllr Roberts expressed concerns about the cuts and also suggested that the on-line survey was very one sided.

Cllr Haycock discussed lack of services and would like to know where the money goes.

Cllr Wiles asked does the Council 'bench mark' against the rest of the UK or just Wales.

### **335. SMP2**

A resolution that ACC formally request the Project Board to review SMP2, proposed by Cllr Wiles and seconded by Cllr Haycock.

### **336. Correspondence**

A Tender for Arthog Cemetery and War Memorial has been received. The Clerk was asked to re-advertise the Tender.

Consultation on draft Local Government Bill was received.

Statutory Guidance for the well being of future generations ( Wales) act

2015.

Independent remuneration for Wales annual report February 2016.

GCC works programme March 2016 on A493 between Memorial and Bro Nant.

North Wales Police South Gwynedd Policing Team. List of PCSO's.

Queen Elizabeth 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils.

### **337. Planning Applications**

SNPA – NP5/52/133G Retrospective application to change use from dwelling to Guest House and retention of garden shed, hot tub, covered bar area and conservatory/store extension. Brackenhurst, Bryn Road, LL38 2HX.

No observations were made by the Council.

### **338. Financial Report and Payments Made**

There were no Bank Statements available.

Sean's Lawns - £72

L. Hunt – supply of galvanised post for dog waste bin £35

Barmouth Printers – public meeting flyers £30

Anderson Tree Specialists - £792

Unllais Cymru ( One Voice Wales)- £205

Fairbourne Golf Club – Coffee machine £108

Huws Gray - £11.22

ACC stationery - £27.60

Clerk remuneration – (05/10/15 – 02/03/16) £800

### **339. Representatives Reports**

#### Fairbourne Village Hall-

Cllr Kirkham informed the meeting that a Legionella certificate will be needed for the village hall. There would be a further meeting about the ongoing issue of the stage and storage. A storage plan will be sent to James Drew, works manager.

Bob Fox concert raised £224.

#### Fairbourne Railway

Cllr Eves stated that there was nothing to report this month as the manager of the Fairbourne Railway was on holiday and that a report would be presented at the next meeting. Cllr Eves informed the meeting that a lot of work is

going on in putting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> rail

### Ysgol Friog

Cllr Haycock reported that the Welsh unit is moving from Dolgellau to Friog due to work load. Pupil numbers increase by 12 . There will be funding to enable the unit to work effectively.

For the new school, existing teachers were not invited to apply for the post of head and the post will be advertised outside of the catchment area.

57 teachers, within the catchment area will need to reapply for their jobs, These positions will be advertised nationally.

The staffing structure of the new school has yet to be confirmed and as yet when the vacancies are advertised potential applicants will not know which site they will be working from.

The Clerk was asked to write to the interim Clerk of School Governing body and express the wishes of ACC, that the jobs are advertised in Gwynedd first.

Fairbourne Moving Forward – Report from Cllr Parker was read out.

### **340. To Receive Councillors Questions**

Website – The Councillors reported that it was difficult to access the website without the link and cannot access the minutes on the website. Cllr apologised that she had not written the introduction yet. The Clerk will contact the website designer.

Cllr Scott has received a letter from a resident who is concerned by the hole in the wall alongside Ynys Faig campsite. The Clerk was requested to contact Gwynedd Council.

Cllr Scott attended a Gwynedd Council budget cuts meeting, where amongst items discussed was Community Councils working together, closure of Public toilets, a cap on the money being spent on the upkeep of Barmouth bridge (GCC are seeking ways for the bridge to be managed by other organisations, as the bridge is part of the Coastal Path).

Thanks were given to Cllr Scott of all of his hard work.

Cllr Thomas informed the meeting that the concrete ended seats, belonging to ACC, situated in the lay-by on route to Arthog Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to get a quote from Mr Round to repair the bench.

Cllr Wiles received a letter from a resident asking if ACC will support financially the legal case regarding SMP2. The Clerk was to seek legal guidance as to whether this is possible.

Cllr D. Hughes discussed a potential problem of the junction from Morfa Mawddach travelling towards Fairbourne becoming a potential accident

black spot once the road works have been completed. The Clerk was to bring this to the attention of GCC Highways department.

ACC request the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Gwynedd Council for clarification on the ownership of a small parcel of land partway between the Golf House and Penrhyn Point, which was known as the football field.

The Clerk was also to write to GCC requiring an update of the proposed 30MPH speed limit towards Penrhyn Point.

### **341. Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Meeting Closed 9.25pm