

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

377. Present: Cllr P. Parker, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr P. Roberts, Cllr Wiles, Cllr D. Hughes, Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk)

378. Apologies: Cllr J. Haycock(Chairman), Cllr J. Kirkham, Cllr Scott, Cllr Eves (Absent), In the absence of Cllr Haycock, Councillor Thomas was elected to act as Chairman.

379. Declaration of Interests: - None.

380. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair:-

The Chair thanked Cllr Scott for all his hard work.

381. Minutes of Meeting Held on 4th May 2016

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct and minutes duly signed.

382. Matters arising from minutes:-

371 Letter from Bwlchgwyn farm forwarded to NRW, who confirmed that they will receive a response to their queries.

Mr Pocock has spoken to Gwynedd Council regarding the Beach Road carpark. ACC have not been contacted by GC with regards to this matter.

383. Clerks Report

The Clerk informed the meeting that the audit paperwork had been submitted to the internal auditor and there will need to be another meeting before 30th June to 'sign off' the report before submission to the external auditor

The notice of the election 'Casual Vacancy' was not just a case of putting up a notice and as such, Raymond Harvey, Registration Officer was contacted and guidance was received this morning. A few points need to be clarified by him before proceeding with putting up the notice.

Mr Renshaw and Mr Hodson were thanked for their donation towards the flower boxes and receipts where sent accordingly.

384 Specific Items Brought to Attention

a) Flood Warden Update and c) Community Flood Plan

The latest number of non registered properties within the Community presently stands at 28 and with the present holiday period Cllr Scott is hoping by the next meeting for it to be less than 10. One property owner refuses to register.

Cllr Scott had spoken to Mr Burrows prior to the holiday period and has agreed to meet up with him to discuss the layout of the website and also whether there is the need to have as many flood wardens now that they have virtually registered everybody. More information at the next meeting.

b) To discuss the Council contribution to the Fairbourne Moving Forward Annual Report

Cllr Kirkham requested that this item be discussed at the next meeting. The meeting was informed that the deadline for the annual report had already been extended. Cllr Wiles read out the following letter which was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Thomas and approved by the Council.

ACC contribution to FMF Annual Report 2016

Over the last 12 months Arthog Community Council have attended all of the Fairbourne Project meetings and are positively engaged in representing the Community in an official capacity. As the only representatives of Fairbourne with voting rights on the official Fairbourne Moving Forward project board, we are taking our responsibility to try and find solutions for the village seriously, and whilst we recognise that in the past we may not have been as consistent in our approach as we should have

been, we are now moving forward with greater clarity and sense of purpose.

Councillors have also been present at all Fairbourne Moving Forward Public meetings in the Friog and Fairbourne Village Hall for the Masterplan, Buy to Let and Flood Warden Projects. The Community Council has taken the lead in getting the flood warden scheme up and running and would urge all those who have not signed up for the scheme (which is completely free of charge) to do so. We all hope that the scheme will never be needed but in an emergency that warning could mean the difference between you being able to prepare and get ready, or being caught out. It's in your interests to register!

Over the past year a number of important presentations have been made to the Community Council including:

- *Natural Resources Wales regarding Morfa Friog salt marsh; Culvert maintenance and Friog Corner breach mitigation*
- *Lisa Marshall regarding SMP2; the 40 year defence and progress on the Buy to Let scheme. A second visit reiterated the Council's role in communicating the SMP2 Implementation, now named the Masterplan, and the benefits to be gained from Councillors working alongside the Fairbourne Facing Change Community Action Group*
- *Researchers Charlotte Beattie (JBA) & Steve Smith (Icarus) presented their involvement in the Fairbourne Project*
- *Pete Cole, FFC Chair, offering to work together with the Council*
- *Rueben Woodford, NRW Asset Systems Management, gave an update on the chosen option for maintaining the strength of the Sea Wall at Friog Corner*

Most of you will be aware that the official Fairbourne Moving Forward project board has moved into developing the Fairbourne Moving Forward Masterplan, which is the Official Plan for identifying and managing the implementation of the Shoreline Management Plan in Fairbourne. Some of the Masterplan will be controversial and alarming to residents, and the Community Council has been present at all Masterplan planning meetings. The Community Council have expressed concern at some of the terminology used in the Masterplan and offered less alarmist alternatives, and we will continue to represent the community of Fairbourne as your Community Council at every stage. In November the Community Council established a Sub committee who will take responsibility for communicating the Masterplan to residents.

Finally, we welcome the chance to work with Fairbourne Facing Change to establish the best possible outcomes for Fairbourne.

Thanks were given to Cllrs Wiles and Parker for their hard work.

c) see A above

d)Beach Road Fencing

This item has almost been concluded Cllr Scott having to do a lot of work in liaising with the PCSO and the insurance brokers, the Clerk being copied into all correspondence. The Clerk has received both quotes. In view of the quotes Cllr Scott would support the quote received from N. Evans of Dolgellau.

e) Monthly Councillor Surgery

Cllr Scott would like the Community Council to consider a Councillor being present at the Fairbourne Shops for 1 hour (10am-11am) on the last Saturday of every month and just prior to our next monthly meeting. Cllr Scott feels it is important to show the local community who their Community Councillors are and that they can discuss any problems that there are in the Village, such as Friog Corner, Penrhyn Point and Pot Holes to name a few. Even though not every Councillor will always be able to make it, Cllr Scott thinks that it is worth a trial. Cllr Kirkham is in favour of the trial and if approval of the council is given, Cllr Scott will commence the first meeting on the last Saturday of June. If privacy

is required then a room close to the shops could be found.

385. Correspondence

Ysgol Y Gader Catchment Area Newsletter

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

(E-mail) Penrhyn point – Camper Vans

(E-mail) Penrhyn Drive North -Traffic Warning Signs- Clerk to invite GC Highways Officer to attend next meeting.

Fairbourne Festival Committee -Requesting financial contribution of £150, this was agreed at the meeting held in May.

NALC/SLCC 2016-2018 National Salary Award. The Clerk to seek clarification on this.

One Voice Wales- Invitation from Future Generations Commissioner for Wales – North West Wales 13th July Venue TBC.

HAGS – Outdoor Play Area Equipment. (Brochure)

Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative- Community Meeting 21 June Aberdyfi.

SNPA- Meeting times of Authority's main committees.

SNPA- SNPA and Town and Community Councils evenings Coed y Brenin 18th July 6pm-9pm.

GC Works Programme May 2016.

GC- Change in Reimbursement procedure for public footpath maintenance costs.

386. Planning Applications

SNPA- NP5/52/133G- Hereby Permit- Retrospective application for retention of garden shed, hot tub, covered bar area, conservatory/store extension and retaining wall. Brackenhurst, Bryn Road, Fairbourne.

SNPA- Hereby Permit- Construction of single storey extension, Hazel Garth, School Road, Friog LL38 2RJ.

387. Financial Report and Payments Made

Balance in Current account as of 27th May 2016- £5,234.56

Payments made:-

Fairbourne Festival contribution £150

M.Scott- Purchase of plants/compost for community flower boxes £ 80.02

L.C. Jones -Cenotaph Maintenance £ 98.00

Clerk- Stationery (Printer ink, stamps & envelopes) £41.17

388. Representatives Reports

Golf Club- Cllr Scott reported that the Golf Club had quite a good week and hopefully the visitors to the area will return.

Cllr D. Hughes reported on her recent Unllais meeting and informed the meeting that the issue of public toilets and Community Councils taking over responsibility from the GC.

Cllr Parker- report attached. Cllr Parker will also invite Charlotte Beattie to the July meeting Cllr Parker also read out an e-mail from Charlotte Beattie regarding a progress update on learning bulleting:Fairbourne Learning Project.

Cllr Wiles informed the meeting that he was now Vice-Chairman of Fairbourne Facing Change. P.Coles. P. Parker and S. Stephenson have been in post for two years and there was an agreed staggered handover of roles. R. Pritchard will be the new Chair.

Cllr Parker suggested inviting R.Pritchard to a future ACC meeting after the summer recess.

389 To Receive Councillors Questions

The Councillors requested that the Clerk write to GC with regards to Traffic Regulation Order -issue of overnight parking and fines on the Penrhyn Point, as this is a SSSI.

Cllr Parker received a letter from a concerned resident raising a neighbourhood watch issue. Could Cllr Scott liaise with the police. Cllr Wiles suggested contacting Trading Standards – This would be forward to County Councillor L. Hughes. The residents concern was regarding the unorthodox selling of mattresses.

390. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Meeting Closed 8.40pm