

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN ARTHOG, ON 5/10/2016

421. Present: Cllr Hayock (Chairman) Cllr P Roberts, Cllr M Wiles, Cllr P Parker, Cllr J Kirkham, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr M Scott (Acting Clerk).

422. Apologies: Cllr L Hughes (County Council)

422a. Non Apologies: Cllr S Eves

423. Declaration of Interests:- None

424. To receive any Special Announcement from the Chairman: None

425. To confirm: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2016. The minutes held on 7th September were accepted as being correct.

426. Matters Arising from the minutes:- 413 Information had been received from the Election Officer, that as an Election was due to held within the next six months, the adoption for a vacancy onto the Islawdref Ward was not permissible. The resident was informed verbally of the decision.

427. Clerk's Report. Cllr Scott reported that he had taken an interested person to replace Sharon to meet her after the last meeting and had collected the all the books relevant to the Council's work. Unfortunately this person then informed Cllr Scott 36hrs later that she would not be able to carry out the task. Another person had expressed an interest but was unable to attend this meeting, but had requested to see a 'Job Description'. The Clerk was asked to contact the Election Officer for his advice. Sharon was also invited to attend the next meeting in order to give an idea as to how much time she spent on her role as clerk.

Both Cllr Parker and myself have met to set an email address for the CC, so that there is a direct contact with the clerk or whoever has the laptop if the clerk were to go on holiday etc. As it is at the moment, all emails go to Sharon's private email account and she is now away for some 10days now. The email account name is cyngorarthog@gmail.com, and the website cyngorarthogcouncil.cymru. Elfed ap Gomer has been kept informed so as to make the relevant changes.

The issue of enforcing the Double Yellow lines throughout the year on Beach Road and Penrhyn Drive North was raised. The Clerk was asked to write to the Transport Officer that the signs were still in situ saying that members of the public could still park on Double Yellows after 1st October and until 1st April the following year.

Cllr Scott had suggested that a Community Council Noticeboard be placed in Friog for the residents of that community. Cllr Parker mentioned that Lisa Marshall was offering the community three noticeboards and it was suggested that Lisa be approached to see if one could be placed in Friog. Mr Bill Round was called in to fix the noticeboard outside Fairbourne shops as it had come loose. Would suggest that when he repairs the bench in the Arthog Lay-bye, that he removes the grass in front of the noticeboard and replace it with slate waste. This would save people getting wet feet when studying the notices.

428. Specific Items Brought to Attention: (a) Tennis Court - Cllr Scott raised the issue of trying to find a person or group to be responsible for the Tennis Court in the Beach Road Car Park. He suggested that an appeal be put in the Sibrydion to see if there was any support for the forming of a tennis club. This would ensure that there was harmony with those that wished to play both football and tennis. A new set of football nets had been purchased and had been erected to both sets of goals.

428. (b) Saturday Surgery Feedback: Cllr Scott held the first Community Council Surgery and the main topic for those members of the public that came to the shops on the Saturday morning was the rain, and what was flowing down the overflow channel, through the village and also in peoples gardens. As NRW staff happened to be in attendance at the overflow channel, members of the public were encouraged to engage with them there and then. Cllr Scott felt that as he was being used as the messenger to Reuben Woodford, then it may be a good idea that he be invited back to a Public meeting in the Village Hall along with Dafydd Roberts to answer prepared questions. Because of the poor weather Cllr Scott said he would hold another Surgery on the Saturday before the next Council meeting.

428. (c) Reuben Woodford (RW) Feedback: All Councillors had received copies of RW's feedback but were still not convinced on some of his answers. The Acting Clerk was asked to write to RW to ask of him what the cost was to the NRW to hire a digger and a Plant machine for the time and work that was carried out recently in the direction of Friog Corner and express our disappointment again at the project that had been agreed at Friog Corner, has for the moment been shelved. There were also conflicting statements regarding the money that had been set aside for Friog Corner.

428. (d) Penrhyn Point Update:- Cllr Wiles reported that he had no further updates to give, but would be in touch with David Smith NRW.

428. (e) Fairbourne Flood Plan Website:- The Clerk had been in touch with Gwyn Moseley at the NRW - Bangor Office and hoped to go and see him before the end of October and help build the website but it is was prudent to wait until the present Flood Plan is fully updated. Presently there are 32 properties awaiting to be updated, 6 that are empty and for sale, 4 not registered and 4 presently refusing to register.

428.(f). Co-option for Islawdref:- This was dealt within the Clerks report and that the resident had been informed at the Saturday Surgery.

429. To Deal with any Correspondence:-

Dail Dysynni- A thank you letter regarding the donation that was given.

Senior Citizens – A thank you letter regarding the donation that was given.

One Voice Wales – Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies.

Came & Co – A copy of our Insurance. Discussion took place as to where it was to be sited. A copy would be put up on the Noticeboard within this meeting room.

430. To Deal with any Planning Applications:- None had been received.

431. Financial Statements & Report:-

NatWest Youth Account as at 5th October £7,707.04p.
(No transactions since March 2013 apart from Interest received)

NatWest - Business Reserve Account as at 5th October 2016 £4,738.05p
(No transactions since March 2013 apart from Interest received)

NatWest – Current Account Account. In the absence in having the Current Account Statement. The figures cannot be confirmed until I have sight of latest statement.
(These figures have now been corrected)

Balance as at 26 th August 2016	£6,052.17
Income Received (Cyngor Gwynedd) 31/08/16	<u>4,250.00</u>
	10,302.17
less 391 LC Jones	294.00
392 S Williams (Salary)	800.00
393 S Williams (Postage)	22.61
394 Came & Co	1338.46
DD Vodaphone	12.60
389 Dail Dysynni	100.00
390 Friog & Fairbourne Seniors	<u>100.00</u>
	2667.67
Income Received 26/09/16 (£3. 3yrs Golf Club Rent)	<u>3.00</u>
Bank Balance as at 5/10/16	7,337.50

To Pay Out:-

395 Allground Works (P. Roberts)	1000.00
396 S Williams (Part Salary)	133.33
397 S Williams (Postage)	22.61
398 M Scott (Goal Nets/Padlock)	<u>36.81</u>

432. Reprintatives Reports:

Cllr Kirkham informed Council that he would be going to the next Barmouth Harbour Advisory Meeting in November.

Cllr Thomas reported that LC Jones had done a good job in his task of grass cutting. He said that he would trim back the branches to the Cemetery.

Cllr Haycock reported that a couple of trees needed checking on the estuary side of the wall (track to Cemetery) close to the main road.

Cllr Roberts was asked to check the 'short cut' (Footpath 7) from Gregennen Road, to the bottom of Arthog Hill as there were reports of it being overgrown.

Cllr D Hughes had attended a recent UnLlais Cymru meeting in Dolgellau, when it was reported that additional responsibilities were now being placed on Community Councils etc by Gwynedd Council due to the cutbacks. An example of Salt Bins was one and Public Toilets was another Cllr Hughes felt that we are not at present prepared for some of these extra responsibilities.

Cllr Wiles reported that there was a potential interest from a Community Interest Company (CiC) to manage a Property Intervention Scheme who would help people sell their properties if they were unable to sell them through the normal channels. If after a year they were unable to achieve a sale, then they could apply to the CiC to purchase their property which then would be offered to rent through CiC, holiday lettings or Social Services, providing they establish and set up an assisted housing scheme.

CiC would be funded by a Welsh Government Grant. Gwynedd Council are putting together a bid for Welsh Government funding to prepare a business plan to get this Company up and running by April 2018 in order to purchase properties. A grant of about £1.5million would allow about 10 or so properties in the first year on a first come first served basis

433. Councillors Questions:- Cllr Roberts asked if a letter could be sent to the Highways Department regarding the loose Block Paving on Penrhyn Drive South Car Park. He also reported also that there was alot of Ragwort both at the side of the road down to Penryhn Point and also within the sand dunes between the Fairbourne Railway track and the waters edge. Letters to both the Highways Department and Fairbourne Railway.

Councillors in Arthog would get together and draft a letter to BT complaining about the poor Broadband service in certain parts of the Community of Arthog.

The Election Officer was to be asked as to what the CC should do with many of the 'outdated' documents that were just in boxes and being carried around the Community by each Clerk and using up valuable home space. Cllr Kirkham had taken in a number of boxes and would document each box accordingly in the meantime.

Cllr Scott asked as to whether anybody had seen the ITV programme 'Coast & Country' where the new chairman of FFC mentioned that in less than 40 years time all the buildings in Fairbourne would be flattened which did not portray Fairbourne in a good light. Editing by the programme had apparently taken the good comments that he had said, out of the programme.

434. Date of Next Meeting:- Wednesday 2nd November @7pm

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm