

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG 4th JANUARY 2017.

460. Present: Cllr J Haycock, Cllr (Mrs) D Hughes, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr P Parker, Cllr M Scott (Acting Clerk).

461. Apologies: Cllr J Kirkham (Hospital), Cllr S Eves.

462. Declaration of Interests: None

463. To receive any Special Announcements from the Chairman: None

464. To Confirm: Minutes of the Meeting held 7th December 2016. The minutes were accepted as being correct. Proposed by Cllr (Mrs) D Hughes, seconded Cllr P Roberts. In the delayed absence of the Chairman at the time, Cllr P Thomas stood in as Acting Chairman until the Chairman arrived and duly signed the minutes.

465. Matters Arising: None

466. Clerks Report: The Clerk advised the meeting that two persons had expressed an interest in the Vacancy of the Clerk. The Chairman read out the two applications and it was decided that the application from Mr Tacey was not suitable but was to be thanked for his interest. Mr Williams was to be contacted and be invited to the next meeting.

The Clerk had sent a letter regarding Footpath 13 to One Voice Wales outlining the problem we have in maintaining the footpath in its present state. A reply had been received indicating that we should contact Gwynedd Council first of all. The Clerk in the meantime had drafted out a letter to Gwynedd Council, the contents were then discussed and revised. The Clerk would be in touch with the Chairman before it was to be sent with photographs to the relevant department. A site visit was also asked for. The state of the roadway erosion was also highlighted with a photograph.

Further letters had been sent to Gwynedd Council regarding the 'No Parking' on Double Yellow lines, a letter regarding 'fly tipping' of a mattress on the shingle opposite Beach Road Car Park.

467a. Penrhyn Point Update: In the absence of Cllr Wiles no report was available, Cllr Scott was concerned that that we are now into 2017 and would be happy to take the task on again with the assistance of Cllr Kirkham. He would contact Barry Davies (Maritime Officer) and DavidSmith (NRW) in Dolgellau and pick up the pieces from there. It was hoped that Cllr Wiles's health would improve and we would see him back soon.

467b. Fairbourne Community Flood Plan Update: Cllr informed Councillors that the Plan was more or less complete and copies would be delivered to the NRW offices in Dolgellau and he would pick them up. Cllr Hughes wished to thank Cllr Scott for all his hard work in putting it together knowing how much time was involved. Cllr Scott was appreciative of her comments.

Cllr Scott was due to be in touch with Elfed ap Gomer regarding the website, due to phone line connections being down he was unable to move forward with the project. He hoped to visit him Wednesday January 18th when the site should be complete and for Cllrs to view shortly afterwards.

467c. Information Boards Update: Cllr Scott informed Cllrs that the Planning Officer had informed him that there was now no need for there to be planning permission for any of the Boards including the Community Council noticeboard in Friog. He was now gathering the information together to put on the Boards which would be given to Sign Creation in Dolgellau and then a larger copy than presented at the meeting, would be given to the Planning Department for approval and then the Welsh translation can be made in order to make as much of the Board as bilingual as possible. Cllr Scott pointed out that having it totally bilingual may mean the size of the Boards would be too big and so this may reduce what was put on, but he would discuss this with the Planning Officer.

467d. Correspondence: A letter had been received regarding a salt bin to be replaced if damaged and filled up. Cllr Haycock to check.

A reply had been received from a member of Ken Skates' AM team regarding the Dyfi Bridge proposal. Councillors expressed their dismay at their decision not to put a roundabout instead of a junction as proposed and also not to have a by-pass. They should use Dolgellau as an example. We can air our views again if there is to be a public inquiry.

Letters of thanks had been received from both Village Halls regarding the donations of £1000 that each Village Hall had received.

A letter had been received from BDO the auditors regarding invoices that will be sent out shortly for the auditing of our accounts. The Precept form for 2017 / 2018 was filled in by the Chairman and signed by the Clerk prior to him emailing it back to the finance department in Gwynedd Council.

467e. To Deal with and Planning Matters: None had been received.

467f. Financial Statement and Report.

The current account stood at £4535.15. The cheque for £1000 to Fairbourne Village

dramatically over the last month. He had taken pictures of the ramp at Penrhyn Drive South Car Park and sent them up to Barry Davies. **NB** - Subsequently 7 days later, the middle section had collapsed

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st February @7pm

Meeting Closed at 20.25