

**ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE**  
**FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

**682: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm**

**683: Present:** Cllrs Eves, Roberts, Haycock, B Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) J Woolley, Angela Thomas, Clerk.

**684: Apologies Received:** Cllr Thomas, and Cllr Scott, Cllr (Mrs) Stott and Cllr (Mrs) Hughes

**685: Councillors Declaration of Interest:** Cllr (Mrs) J Woolley, Fairbourne Festival.

**686: To Receive Any Special Announcements from the Chairman:** Cllr Eves read a letter that had been sent to the Clerk in which Cllr Scott tendered his resignation from all Council duties with the exception of the care of the flower boxes, due to ill health. All Cllrs present were sorry to receive this news and hoped that Cllr Scott made a speedy recovery. No other announcements. Cllr Roberts asked that a letter be sent thanking Cllr Scott for all his hard work over the years and to say he will be greatly missed by the Community. The Clerk agreed to do this. Cllr (Mrs) Hughes had asked the Clerk to make two points on her behalf. Footpath 3 Mawddach Crescent, a meeting is to be held in Dolgellau on June 25<sup>th</sup>, details to follow. With regard to a slipway on the Beach, Cllr (Mrs) Hughes had engaged in conversation whilst at a GC meeting and was led to believe that if the CC approached the Slipway in a different way and asked for a structured slipway allowing shingle to pass underneath it, the CC would have a good case in light of the fact that at the moment it is impossible to extract anybody/anything from the beach in the case of an accident etc. A major health and safety issue.

**687: To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.** Confirmed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr (Mrs) Stott.

**688: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.**

Cllr B Woolley had issue with a statement by Lisa Goodier, who stated that the master plan was backed by “hard evidence”. There is in fact no “hard evidence” and that this statement keeps being skipped/passed over, both by LG and also Greg Guthrie. The matter of ditch clearing again was raised and it was felt that the NRW were failing in their duty of care to Fairbourne by not carrying out this work. Land has been “grabbed” at the bottom of resident’s gardens (The side of the Village Hall in Fairbourne being a prime example), and although the NRW have the right of entry they appear unwilling to re acquire the land that has been taken to enable the dredging to be carried out. The NRW does not like confrontation. Fairbourne is in fact getting wetter from land water as a result of this.

**689: Clerks Report:** The Clerk reported that Accounts submitted for Internal Audit had passed with flying colours. Three issues had arisen with regard to a Risk Assessment for the Playpark, the matter of a Contract of Employment for the Clerk and HMRC issues with regard to employment by the CC. The Clerk would follow up on those. The Clerk had

written to Elizabeth Haynes with regard to GC contributing towards footpath clearing, a reply had been received indicating that the GC would contribute to the amount of £ 468.75, once again towards the costs. The CC had not budgeted for making up the difference but it was agreed that the work would in fact be carried out as the footpaths need to be kept open. Cllr Roberts agreed to do the work again, for the same billing of £1000.00 as last year. The work is carried out as and when necessary. A press statement from OVW was read with regard to the fragility of out of hours care in Wales. The statement would be filed for future reference. A Health and Safety check needed to be carried out and the Clerk said she would get in touch with G L Jones to arrange this work to be done. Cllr Roberts confirmed that G L Jones were the people to get to do it. An email had been circulated by the Clerk to Cllrs letting them know when grass cutting would be carried out in our areas. The Clerk confirmed that the waste bin on Penrhyn Drive South had been repaired. **Camper Vans.** The Clerk had written to both the National Trust and SNP with regard to this issue, both bodies confirmed that they were aware of the growing problem. They confirmed that signs were to be erected at both Morfa Mawddach and Cregennan Lakes, stating that overnight camping was NOT allowed and that a fine could be issued for people who ignored the Notice. The Clerk was asked to write to GC with regard to why there is no bylaw to cover this issue. The issue of free Wi-Fi was raised again, no conclusion with regard to Arthog was reached. GC would respond in time. Regarding the Hit & Run on the Friog layby Flower Box and sign, a repair had been made. No reply had been received from GC or North Wales Police with regard to the parking on the double yellow lines at Penrhyn Amusements. Cllr Roberts pointed out that the Air Ambulance had again been deployed to the Churchyard in Arthog because of a motor bike accident. Cllr Roberts also confirmed that “Go Safe” said that there will never be a Speed Camera Van on Arthog Hill because it was “Too Dangerous” to site it there. A letter previously sent by Roger Pritchard asking for a donation for the Fairbourne Festival was to be re-considered at the June meeting. Cllr agreed that a donation of £100.00 be made available to the Festival. At this point Cllr (Mrs) J Woolley declared an Interest. Cllr Roberts proposed and it was seconded by all Cllrs. A letter written by the Clerk to the Senior Properties Office on the 11<sup>th</sup> April with regard to Beach Huts still remained unanswered despite several phone calls. It was agreed that the Clerk would again chase for an answer. Dail Dysynni wrote again asking for a donation. The letter was in Welsh. The Clerk will write back asking for a translation and then the request will be considered. It was felt that a £50.00 donation would be in order.

#### **690: Special Items Brought to Attention:**

- (a) Fairbourne Amenities Trust: Cllr Eves said that since an A frame had been erected outside the toilet highlighting the fact that the toilets were now being kept open by the FAT, donations had increased dramatically, so much so that he wanted to suggest the purchase of an inflatable aid to assist people in the Community who had fallen out of bed or fallen over in the home. He will speak at the Trust meeting on the following Monday evening. This has become an issue that is taking up a great deal of time for the Ambulance Service. First responders have been given a grant for £3000.00 for “sit you up” equipment, hence the idea of have similar equipment situated in the village for the use of residents. The First Responders would train designated people how to use the equipment. The issue of “insurance” was raised.

The scheme would have to be run on an “own risk disclaimer” basis. It would be run in conjunction with the Ambulance Service but not through the 999 number.

- (b) Penrhyn Drive South Ramp - Cllr Scott has now resigned. To be reassigned.
- (c) Penrhyn Point – Cllr Scott has now resigned. It was felt that this issue may have to be let go. If GC pass a bylaw this issue could be resolved.
- (d) Penrhyn Point Gate: Cllr Scott has now resigned. It was felt that this issue is probably now best left alone. The Railway seem unable to meet the task of closing the gate and at the end of the day if their rails are stolen it will be the Railways fault.
- (e) Footpath 13 Morfa Friog Salt Marsh – Cllr Scott has now resigned. To be reassigned. Cllr Eves asked the Clerk to arrange an onsite meeting for all interested parties. The Clerk agreed that she would contact Mr. Wyn Williams for a date. It was felt that the location on the new Footpath would be better against the sea Wall with a giant pipe put in the breach to accommodate the flow in and flow out of sea water.

**691: To Deal with Any Correspondence:** A circular from was offered to all Cllrs to look at. Cllr Eves and Cllr Roberts took one part each. It was not of general interest. The Clerk said that she had occasion to look at the website and found it increasingly difficult to find anything. She contacted Mr Ap Gomer and asked for several things to be updated and a couple of things to be taken off. Cllr (Mrs) B Woolley has been trying to get the Cambrian to take more interest in Fairbourne and is submitting ideas all the time. Cllr Eves said that Fairbourne is unique in its situation and more community matter etc. should be highlighted and brought to the attention of the Welsh/UK public as a whole. Cllr (Mrs) J Woolley hopes to start the Mural in July with this in mind. The Clerk confirmed that she had chased a reply from GC reference a letter that had been sent regarding the reinstatement of Beach Huts on Penrhyn Drive North.

A letter was due the following week. Cllr Mrs Woolley suggested that it might be an idea via the Fairbourne Amenities Trust for the Community to have a Beach Hut as a “money making project” to further the continuation of keeping the Fairbourne Toilets open. Cllr Eves agreed it was a great idea but said that nothing could be considered until permission/agreement had been received from GC.

**692: Planning Matters:** 2 Planning applications had been sent to the Council for consideration. Cllrs agreed that there was no issue with the Friog application and that it would improve the overall look of the area. The second application involved the Old Village Hall. The Application asked for the Old Village Hall to be converted into a 6-bay storage centre with parking for 8 vehicles. The Black Poplar with a preservation order on it was not shown anywhere. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of concern and also to ask for a more detailed description of what was planned.

### **693: Financial Statement and Report:**

**Current Account - £2088.74**

**Reserve Account - £4739.70**                      **Interest – 19p**

**Youth Account - £7709.75**                      **Interest – 31p**

Cheques issued: to GC £1.00, M Scott £19.99 and Clerk Stamps and Stationery £79.09 were all cashed and banked. Also £100.00 to L C Jones for grass cutting had been presented. A

detailed copy of the accounts to date was circulated to all Councillors by post. All figures balanced. Cheques to the value of £40.38 for goal nets, stationery and stamps £17.20 and £100.00 for Fairbourne Festival were approved and signed. The £6000.00 precept cheque had been received.

**694: To Receive Councillors' Questions:** Cllr B Woolley asked if there was any news with regard to Friog Corner, rock armour and ramp etc. A Statutory Notice had been issued by NRW for approval for the rock armour to be delivered and stored, hopefully on the promenade. The Clerk would again ask the NRW if there was any new regarding the Ramp.

**695: Representatives Report: Nil**

**696: Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July in Arthog Village Hall:**