

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL HELD WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2019

882: The Chairman Opened the Meeting: The Chairman, Cllr Eves opened the meeting at 7.00 and welcomed all present.

883: Present: Cllr Eves, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Woolley, Cllr (Mrs J Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) R Stott, Cllr (Mrs) H Neville, Cllr (Mrs) L Hughes, and the Clerk Angela Thomas

884: Apologies Received: Cllr Haycock

885: Councillors' Declaration of Interest: Nil

886: To Receive Any Special Announcements: Nil

887: To Confirm Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as accurate Approved by Cllr Roberts and Seconded by Cllr (Mrs) Neville

888: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2019 - Nil

889: Clerks Report: The Clerk had requested information from One Voice Wales with reference to the needs of the Website. Guidance had been received and it was felt that the Arthog Community Council Website was up to speed. The Clerk had also reviewed the Risk Assessment for ACC. It is fully up to date therefore the notation from the Internal Auditor is fulfilled. It was shown to the Councillors', approved by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Woolley. An email and been sent to all Councillors' regarding the non-attendance of Lisa Goodier and Emyr Gareth and the explanation as to why they were not attending. All Councillors' confirmed that they had received the email. The Clerk confirmed that an inspection of the Playpark had been booked for June with ROSPA. The broken bench on the sea wall footpath opposite Tair Trem had been repaired, not sure by whom. Liz Haynes had been the point of contact. A model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils had been received from OVW. All Councillors' were made aware of this document and it will be filed with the Clerk. Cllr (Mrs) Stott signed the opt out form for expenses for Councilors' she was not present at the last meeting. The Clerk said that she had tried at least 5 times to speak to Keith Ivens at NRW regarding a schedule of works and costing for the ditches in Fairbourne. She had also tried to speak to his subordinates without success. Cllr (Mrs) Hughes said that she would try to speak to him herself. The issue of the Flagpole was raised again, and the Clerk read a reply from Barry Davies. The Clerk will write to Barry Davies to say that the CC will be considering, in due course, to purchase their own flagpole. Also, to confirm that the CC is willing to take on the Information Boards and to explore the cost of adopting the Emergency telephones insitu. An email had been received from Gwynedd Council requesting representation on the Pupil Admissions appeal Panel and Exclusions Appeal Panel. It was discussed at length but unfortunately the CC were unable to offer a representative to attend. The Clerk will write back to confirm the position. The Clerk confirmed that she had still been unable to speak to Customs and Excise about the VAT claim as the line is constantly engaged but that she guessed there was not a problem with the claim just a protracted reply.

890: Special Items Brought to Attention:

- (a) Adopt Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils: Proposed by Cllr (Mrs Stott) seconded by Cllr (Mrs) H Neville
- (b) Rospa Inspection of Play Park – discussed and concluded
- (c) Summary of visits to the Village of Fairbourne by UK Media – Cllr Eves. Researchers for various new media had visited the village. It started with a Journalist from the Guardian, closely followed by Jeremy Vine Show and the BBC Today show. A Journalist and film crew from Sky TV also visited and a journalist from Wales online. ITV Wales sent a film crew for a 2- minute segment and various phone interviews from Poland, Germany, Netherlands, Italy and Canada. This was followed by a visit by CNN which included members of the Gwynedd Council and lastly The Independent where Liz Saville Roberts was also interviewed. Sky will be returning to the Village on the 17th June. Cllr Eves went to the Friday drop in session and met with Hugh Davies and a member of the legal department at GC. Cllr Eves asked if the meeting scheduled for the 26/27th June? was still going ahead and the answer was “I don’t think so”. Cllr Woolley asked how do we handle GC, if the meeting happens, Cllr Eves said the Press should be invited, especially when the Master Plan now to be called Fairbourne Adaption Framework (FAF) is introduced. As in 2014 after the big storm the Community Council finds itself again in limbo regarding what Gwynedd Council is proposing to say, act or do. The Community Council has put in writing more than once to Lisa Goodier that it is more than willing to act as a “communications conduit”, but no communication is forthcoming from GC. And sorry to repeat yet again, no accurate figures are forthcoming from the Barmouth Harbour Gauge. The Shoreline Management Plan 3 should come under scrutiny by an alternative expert.

891: To deal with Any Correspondence: The Clerk confirmed that the George III defib was up and running. Cllr Eves said that the defib should be registered with the data base. Dail Dysynni submitted a letter requesting a donation. They do this annually. The letter is in both English and Welsh as are the current accounts. The application was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Thomas. £50.00 was approved and a cheque will be written at this meeting. A notice of works was sent to all Councillors and some of the work had already commenced. A letter had been received from Roger Pritchard reference a request for a donation for the Fairbourne Festival in August. In was approved but will be recorded and sent out at the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Roberts, Seconded Cllr Neville.

892: To Deal with Planning Matters: - No Planning matters.

893: Financial Statement and Report: The Clerk had distributed the monthly financial analysis to all Councillors. There were no queries. All cheques had been cashed from the last meeting and the following were presented for signature. £55.40 inks and postage, Clerk, £100.00 L C Jones Cemetery, £50.00 Dail Dysynni Welsh Newspaper Donation, and £133.20 Workshop Signs.

Current Account	£10135.90	
Reserve Account	£744.29	+12p interest
Cemetery	£4000.00	
Youth Account	£7720.86	+£1.27 interest

Matters relating to the Golf Club: Mike Scott is determined that the Golf House be sold. It was felt that there was not a chance of that happening. The selling of food is costing the Golf Club profit. The Community Council felt that they should stop selling perishable items and just concentrate on crisps, ice cream etc. and put a” We are Open Sign” outside. At this moment in time there is nothing further to report. It was felt that the Facebook Page was quite threatening and does not make you

want to go into the Club House. Cllr Roberts said that at a joint meeting that was held, Mike Scott reported that there was no help coming forward, but it was reported that help had been turned down.

894: To Receive Councillors' Questions: Cllr (Mrs) Stott and Cllr Roberts raised the issue of a Caravan being parked down Morfa Mawddach on, it would appear, a permanent basis. A letter will be sent to the SNP regarding this. Cllr (Mrs) Hughes gave a report. She went to see the owner, Alan, of Blue Pool. Blue Pool has now been closed to the public due to the amount of litter, rubbish, all sorts of unsavory stuff being left there. The entrance tunnel has been filled with slate and spoil. Visitors were also driving up the lane and completely blocking off access for tractors or more importantly 999 vehicles if needed. Local people were to blame as well as visitors. Cllr Hughes reported that a local person from Tywyn had been taking and charging visitors to beauty spots including Blue Pool, as had a Power Glider, without permission. (Facebook seems to have been the main protagonist).

895: Representatives Report: Fairbourne Amenities Trust. Cllr Eves reported that there had been a FAT meeting on Monday 3rd. Toilets are finished and look spectacular and the Mural is being completed. Cllr Roberts said he had been disappointed with the Cambrian New coverage, Cllr (Mrs) Woolley (Cllr Mrs Woolley painted the mural) joked that she had for the first time become a page three girl though. It was proposed that a letter from FAT be sent to Huws Gray, Travis Perkins etc asking for donations of materials to help with the building of the disabled toilet sometime in the future. Cllr Thomas reported that he still had to speak to Mr Black regarding path clearance and trees etc.in the cemetery and promised that he would before the next meeting. Cllr Thomas asked that residents be reminded that the Cemetery is available to all three Communities.

896: Date and Time of Next Meeting: 3rd July 2019 commencing at 7.00pm in the Fairbourne Village Hall.