

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE 2021

1061: The Chairman Opened the Meeting: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05 and welcomed those present.

1062: Present: Cllr Roberts, Cllr (Mrs) Salt, Cllr Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) Neville, Cllr Haycock, Cllr (Mrs) Hughes, Clerk Angela Thomas.

1063: Apologies Received: Cllr Eves, Cllr (Mrs) Stott, Cllr (Mrs) Darvill

1064: Councillors' Declaration of Interest: Nil interest.

1065: To Receive Any Special Announcements: No special announcements. However, the Chairman wished a speedy recover to Mrs Haycock, the wife of Cllr Haycock. Cllr Haycock thanked all for their support through the period of his wife's illness.

1066: To Confirm Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021: Minutes confirmed. Proposed by Cllr (Mrs) Salt and seconded by Cllr Woolley.

1067: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2021: No matters arising.

1068: Election of Officers: The Chairman brought Cllr (Mrs) Hughes and Cllr Haycock up to date regarding the current Chair and Vice Chair remaining in place for a further 12 months. All current officers confirmed that they were happy to remain in place as representatives for a further 12 months. Proposed by Cllr (Mrs) Neville seconded by Cllr (Mrs) Woolley.

1069: Clerks Report: The Clerk read an email received from Cllr (Mrs) Darville who was unable to attend the meeting. There were 5 points. The Dog waste bin on the promenade path opposite Penrhyn Bar and Grill. It was felt that as the bin is being fully used and emptied by GC then there is little to be achieved by persistently emailing Steffan Jones. Cyclists using the Promenade Path. The Clerk has written to Steffan Jones, Barry Davies and Keith Ivens. A positive reply was received from both Barry Davies and Dafydd Wyn Williams suggesting that signs "Cyclist's dismount" be put up on trial, but possibly not until next summer. Stopping path outside Robert and Roger's house. The Clerk took some photographs and will forward them to Steffan Jones for his re-consideration. Golf Club and overnight camper vans. An urgent meeting is now needed between James and Leo, and Cllr Eves and Cllr Roberts, with the Clerk and Cllr (Mrs) Neville in attendance. **The Lease agreement needs to be signed** promptly. The Clerk reported that the 4 representatives from Fairbourne FMFPB had a meeting with Huw Williams, Elin Jones, and Katie Davies. The main reason for the meeting was to introduce Elin who will now act as a conduit between the FMFPB and the Stakeholders and GC. She gave a presentation, and it was incredibly positive. The meeting then turned to Katie Davies and ACC/FPB and a request for an evacuation plan for Fairbourne. Katie Davies outlined what would happen in the event of a catastrophic flood. Basically, North Wales Police would take command. Katie said that there would not be a Fairbourne specific plan, only the Generic Fairbourne Multi Agency Flood Evacuation Plan which is headed "official sensitive" and was not for public consumption. The ACC has had prior knowledge of this plan, 41 pages, and it does not cover specifics relating to Fairbourne. The 4 Fairbourne representatives were not impressed with this outcome. It has now become vitally important that the 2 Ambassadors address the next meeting of the ACC, hopefully all Councillors will be present, to outline their concerns at expressing views on behalf of Fairbourne that have not been aired to Fairbourne residents. Cllr Louise Hughes, County Councillor, also said that she was disappointed by this attitude. Obviously Covid

has had a major effect on communication. However, via Microsoft Teams the FMFPB has managed to have two meetings during Covid. It has now become vital that a newsletter is sent to all homes with a list of 4/5 questions with tick boxes, regarding representation of Fairbourne to GC and what residents want and expect, so that no resident can claim not to have been aware of what is happening. The Clerk reported that Lindsey Ellis is still progressing the ramp and when the report has been fully completed there will be engagement with the community. The flagpole is due to be in place by early July and notice boards will be reinstated but no time frame at present. The Clerk confirmed that the ROSPA inspection had been ordered. The Clerk had raised the problem of overnight camper vans at the point. The Maritime office said that it was a GC Highways matter. The Clerk received an email from Alan Wilde about a static caravan at the bottom Ffordd Corsen. There are in fact 2 static vans in the garden, and one is being advertised as a holiday let. It has been reported to the Planning Department. The current situation with Planning is that they will not come out and check, they want residents/ACC to take pictures and fill in the forms. Not acceptable. The static van that had been towed into a private field from a residential property in Llewellyn Drive was now back in the garden. The Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to Steffan Jones reference signs advertising the disabled toilets. A programme of NRW works was received from Ann Griffiths, pretty much as last year. Cllr (Mrs) Salt asked if there was an authority that the ACC could write to about the lack of response from GC. Cllr (Mrs) Hughes said she would furnish the name of the lady concerned. The Clerk read a press release from Sian Williams NRW regarding the date of 2054. The statement says that NRW will maintain the seawall until 2054, no caveats.

1070: Special Items Brought to Attention: Cllr (Mrs) Salt asked if the two Red Flags at the Penrhyn Point could be replaced because they are shredded. The Clerk will write an email to Barry Davies.

1071: To deal with Any Correspondence: Correspondence dealt with within Clerk's report.

1072: To Deal with Planning Matters: Planning matters received and dealt with on a weekly basis. No planning for Arthog Community Council. Cllr Roberts said that he thought the application from Bwythgwyn for a further shed had been passed. Cllr (Mrs) Hughes asked what the old shed just passed the railway crossing was being used for. It was explained that it was used by Fairbourne Stores/Post Office as a storage shed. The Clerk confirmed that no further work had been carried out on "Sea Shanty". Cllr (Mrs) Neville said that the "Old Church Rooms" had been reduced in price to £35,000, still with no takers. The rare tree is always a problem.

1073: Financial Statement and Report: The Clerk read the financial statement. The Clerk confirmed that the first half of the Precent and the VAT refund had been received. A decision regarding the cemetery account was unable to be made because Cllr Thomas was not present. It was decided that the balance in the reserve account, now to be known as reserve/election account, should be brought up to £4000.00, this being the amount needed to run an election. A discussion took place regarding the youth account, now to be known as the youth/playpark account. The Clerk will have to make an appointment to view the archives in the Dolgellau Library. There is a covenant on the account which will only allow the interest to be spent, which these days is negligible. It was felt that if the covenant could be lifted it would release fund for repair and maintenance of the playpark or other youth project because now it is stagnant and will remain so. Cllr Roberts suggested that at the end of the first 6-month period if funds are available, they will be transferred to the youth/playpark account to ensure that the playpark will always be maintained. Cllr Woolley asked if funds from the youth account had been used to pay the recent repairs and the answer was yes that is why the funds are now depleted to only £500.00 available. Cllr Woolley said that when he joined the ACC his first job was to establish how the covenant was set up and run. He remembers that it said that the Covenant was to be run at the discretion of the ACC.

Current Account	£13614.00
Reserve/Election	£ 745.97

Youth/Playpark	£ 6066.16
Cemetery	£ 3280.00

A cheque to the value of £125.00 was circulated for signing to cover grass cutting in the cemetery.

1074: To Receive Councillors' Questions: Cllr Roberts raised a question regarding funds that have been raised for a new ramp. In the event of the ramp not going forward, a question had been raised by Sylvia Stephenson as to what would happen to the funds if the ramp does not proceed. It will be another Fairbourne Facing Change and refunds would have to be given back unless it was agreed to divert the fund to a different cause such as the playpark. Cllr Louise Hughes was messaged about the rubbish at the point, this is being dealt with. Cllr Louise Hughes had also been asked about what was happening with the Springfield. It is still a little unclear, but it does look as though the Lessees are leaving. Cllr Mrs Neville said that they do not appear to have moved far away as they come back and forth at night still moving stuff. Cllr Mrs Neville is trying to arrange for the rubbish to be removed. Cllr Mrs Hughes said that the Springfield is now being advertised again as a fully refurbished Hotel. Cllr Mrs Neville reported that a caravan with no number plate had been left at the Penrhyn Point and there was concern that it had been dumped. Cllr Mrs Hughes had received a phone call from a Mrs Ellen Humphries regarding a dwelling in Arthog that had been visited during lockdown. The owners were appearing in court for breaching Covid rules. There was confusion as to whether it was Ty Coch. Cllr Mrs Hughes will report at the next meeting any outcome. Cllr Mrs Hughes had also been contacted by S4C with a view to doing an interview. She will report at the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Salt reported a problem with emptying the bins, some bins were being left unemptied. Cllr Mrs Hughes explained that the Waste Disposal men had had their contract changed back to a 40-hour week instead of the previous system. There appears to be a rift between employees and management in Dolgellau, "skilled (office staff)" had received a £600.00 bonus but the ground force had received nothing. Cllr Mrs Woolley asked if anybody knew of a ruling regarding high hedges. It was felt that unless the hedge is restricting light there is little to be done. She had been approached by a neighbour. Cllr Woolley asked again about the Evacuation Plan and asked whether the Ambassadors could influence the outcome. The Clerk told the Councillors that the Ambassadors will be hopefully attending the next ACC meeting so that they can explain their role. It is also vitally important that a newsletter goes out to each home locally also informing the residents of what has been happening during Covid and what progress or no progress has been made.

Cllr Roberts said that the NRW had removed the pump from Friog Corner, did this mean that they were confident that the sheet piling had worked. Cllr Roberts had asked Mike Thrussell if we had had sufficiently high tides or bad weather to make an assessment and the answer was no. It will probably now have to wait until October/November before it can be established that the piling had worked.

1075: Representatives Report: Cllr Mrs Neville reported that applying for a grant for the Playpark was proving to be difficult due to red tape, and forming a charity was equally difficult. She said that probably the best way was to fund raise and those funds will go into the Playpark/Youth account where they will be audited annually and available for inspection to any resident. Cllr Roberts reported that the Fairbourne Amenities Trust were still awaiting parts for the disabled ramp. Cllr Mrs Woolley will be completing the mural on the new building which will incorporate Poseidon looking over the beach and down to the new ramp. The Promenade Toilets had been newly repainted. Donations are still being received but probably only 50% of people are donating. No report was given regarding the Cemetery.

1076: Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday July 7th in Fairbourne.