

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023**

1301: The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1302: Present: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) Woolley, Cllr Green, Cllr Thomas, Cllr (Ms) Darvill, Cllr Eves, Cllr (Mrs) Langford, Cllr GC Mrs L Hughes, Clerk Angela Thomas

1303: Apologies Received: Cllr (Mrs) Salt, Cllr Roberts

1304: Councillors' declaration of Interest: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1305. To receive any special announcements from the Chair: No special announcements.

1306: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2022: Confirmed Cllr Woolley, Seconded Cllr (Ms) Darvill

1307: Matter arising from the meeting held on 5th October 2022: One correction made, Cllr Mrs Hughes had apologized for not being at the last meeting.

1308: Clerks Report: The Clerk reported that several requests for donations had been received which unfortunately will have to be declined. Cyngor Gwynedd street cleaners had been to Fairbourne and made repairs to several benches, unfortunately they missed the bench on the crossing and the bench opposite the shops. Steffan Jones will ask the teams to repair next time around. The trench at the side of the Springfield is for electrical works not sewage. The Clerks has received no notifications regarding planning matters at the Springfield/Glan Y Mor. The scalping's in the tennis courts have been removed and Glan y Mor has been tarmacked. The Arthog road closure is well signed and all on the Fairbourne Newsletter address list have been informed. Adrian Williams CG will saturate all types of media to keep residents informed. It is hoped that it will be completed in 10 days. A piece in the Cambrian News gave a good two-page summary of the situation face by Fairbourne residents now. The emphasis being on the possible back tracking of Cyngor Gwynedd regarding 2054 and decommissioning. Discussions took place with regard to the reinstatement of the ramp. No conclusion. A total refurbishment is taking place at the toilets at Morfa Mawddach. It is a huge project. Electric charging points are going in and electricity lights will now be in the toilets as well. Cllr Eves asked for suggestions for a sign explaining that the toilets in Fairbourne were rescued and maintained by Fairbourne Amenities Trust and not Cyngor Gwynedd and that all donations were very welcome. The Clerk said that she had been told that the land behind the Tennis Courts had been sold. Planning permission is still in place for 5 bungalows and that the person that had bought it was going to build. Cllr Eves said that the Kebab shop was up for sale. It was also confirmed that the Curry House Indiana was closed.

1309: Special Items brought to attention: No special Items.

1310: To deal with any correspondence: Dealt with.

1311: Planning Matters: No Planning matters.

1312: Financial Report: Elfed ap Gomer has submitted his invoices for both Websites. A cheque will be sent around for signature. The Clerk confirmed that the annual accounts had at last been signed off. There were two comments made, no comments regarding income and payments etc. The bill will follow. The Clerk had sent by email to all, a copy of the month's accounts. There were no issues raised. The Notice for electors to have a look at the accounts will be put in the Notice Board for a two-week period. Cllr Eves is in talks with Network Rail about putting a bench on the Barmouth Bridge. The Clerk pointed out that funds will be available at the end of the financial year for projects in all three Villages and asked that all Cllr's have a think. Cllr Mrs Woolley suggested about rewilding an area within Fairbourne and will submit plans. Cllr Eves again asked about wildflowers along the promenade bank, and it was again pointed out that the sheep will eat everything. Cllr Eves asked if Cllr Mrs Woolley could make some signed again for the Village such as taking your litter home etc. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the Cemetery will in fact need some maintenance in the Spring of this year.

1313: To receive Councillors questions: Cllr Eves pointed out that the ditch system in Arthog is under as much stress as Fairbourne. The fields in Arthog are very flooded. Cllr Mrs Langford said that it was her understanding that silting at the outfall at Myn a Don was causing most of the problems. Cllr Haycock said that he had heard that gardens in Fairbourne were flooded with sewage. This is not the case. Cllr Woolley talked about the proposed 20mph speed limits. It was felt that in this area it is just a money-making project. Obviously at schools, hospitals etc, 20mph is a good idea but elsewhere it is just going to cause congestion.

1314: Representatives Report: HIA: A report from Cllr Mrs Salt was circulated. FAT: All is progressing well, windows etc will be finished soon. FAT will be looking for a New Chairman as Mike Scott has now resigned. Golf Club: No report. Harbour Committee: Cllr Woolley said he had not received any paperwork for months. Cemetery: Already covered. Cllr Mrs L Hughes (CG) asked if any of the Councillors will be attending the Footpath enquiry on February 14th to 18th. The Clerk confirmed that she will be attending as will Cllr Roberts.

1315: Date and Time of Next Meeting: The meeting closed at 8 .45pm. The deputy Chair thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be held on February 1st in Arthog Village Hall commencing 7.00pm.