

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER - ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL**

1393: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: Neither the Chairman or the Vice Chair were present at the start of the meeting therefore Cllr P Roberts stepped up to the Chair and conducted the meeting. Cllr Eves arrived later.

1394: PRESENT: Cllr P Roberts, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr Mr B Woolley, Cllr Mrs J Woolley, Cllr Mrs Rhian Langford, Cllr Ms C Darvill, Cllr Mrs G Salt, Cllr S Eves

1395: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Louise Hughes, no apologies received from Cllr Haycock, Cllr I Green

1396: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: No interests declared.

1397: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No announcements. Not a special announcements, but Cllr Thomas said that he had received a heated telephone call from John Evans, Bwylchwyn regarding a message left on their answer phone from Cllr Eves regarding Wild Camping. Cllr Eves expressed dismay at the fact that Wild camping was taking place. It turns out that no rules were being broken and farmers were allowed to set up a temporary camp site. The Clerk apologised to Gemma Evans by telephone, Gemma said that there was no issue and she wished it to go no further. Cllr Mrs Salt raised the issue that on the bank holiday weekend there were 15 camper vans using the Springfield facilities. The Cyngor Gwynedd planning department had not given a satisfactory answer to this issue when it was raised by email.

1398: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Wednesday 5th July 2023 in Fairbourne Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Mrs Salt, seconded Cllr Ms Darvill. The Cllr Roberts signed the minutes as correct.

1399: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: 5th July 2023: No matters arising.

1400: CLERKS REPORT:

- (a) Funding/Grants Meetings – Cllr Georgina Salt/Sylvia Stephenson – No report had been received regarding any of three applications for grants.
- (b) Reopen Footpath 13 Penrhyn Point Morfa Friog – No reply had been received from NRW, this was after three prompts. It will be raised at the next FMFGPB Meeting. Cllr Mrs Salt is looking into whether the inner sea wall is in fact a Napoleonic protected wall.
- (c) Glan Y Mor – Letter and Village Hall Booking – A meeting was held in the Village Hall, chaired by Cllr Eves and the Clerk. Cllr Eves pointed out to those present that it the responsibility of the Residents to clear and maintain their ditch not the NRW. Cllr Eves said that he would get a quotation for the clearing of the ditch from an outside contractor, (M Black in Llywyngwriol)
- (d) Dr Martin Savransky/Dr Craig Lundy – Goldsmiths and London Metropolitan 14th July 3.45pm – A meeting was held with these people in the Penrhyn Bar. They were looking to obtain a grant and were fact finding.
- (e) Fairbourne Notice Boards – costings etc. – All monies had been received except for Matt Burrow (Fairbourne Garage). The next bank statement will be checked.
- (f) Flood Wardens Website. The website is up to date, but no meeting has been called by Matt Burrows with all the Flood Wardens. The Clerk said that she would email Matt and ask when the meeting was due to be held.
- (g) Playpark issues. The roundabout in the playpark had been sabotaged, probably by a resident and was put out of use. Richard Narraway FAT in fact cleared the blockage and the equipment is not back in use. However, the slide has two broken welds. Cllr Eves has arranged for the slide to be welded within a week from the date of this meeting. The fencing around the playpark is in a terrible state. The Clerk has asked Matt Hodson to quote for the repainting of the fencing. The tennis court fencing is also in a terrible state of repair. 12 new panel are required to make the fencing safe. Cllr Eves suggested that the Clerk purchases the panels, and a work party will endeavor to make the repairs. The Clerk said that a letter had been sent to Huw Harrison asking of the Youth Account could be released to ease the financial burden on the ACC for paying for the repairs. Huw Harrison wrote back to say that he was happy to release the covenant and that the monies be used for the beneficial use of the young people of the Village. (Letter on file for viewing).
- (h) The Clerk had been made aware that there has been a great deal of gossip on Facebook regarding the dog feather flags and the flag on the flagpole. This issue will be revisited again next year.
- (i) The Clerk confirmed that a burial had taken place on the Cemetery, the Grave had been dug and all monies had been received and paid out as per instructions. This burial completed the row. Cllr Thomas asked if the grave digger had submitted a quote for the restructuring of the path in the graveyard. The weed killing will now take place next year.

1401: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: A report had been made to the Police about the vandalism in the Village, twice in the Promenade toilets and subsequently the playpark. The Police said that they will endeavor to make some visits to the village, and they will make their presence known. The change in speeds in Wales was discussed, it has been proven in Scotland that the poisonous gas has increased in areas that are down to 20mph. It is still causing debate. The issue of the sheep roaming the Village has still not been resolved. Evidently it is proposed that a cattle grid will be installed close to the hump when and if permission is granted by Gwynedd Council. Remembrance Sunday is 12th November this year. The wreath has been ordered and the road closure application has been submitted and approved. The Clerk said that she will ask Steffan Jones to again supply signs for the day.

1402: CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence. An email had been received from the Insurance Company Gallagher, asking of there were any changes had occurred. The Clerk confirmed that nothing has changed. The Insurance will be renewed as and when it is due. The Clerk asked

for permission to raise a cheque and permission was given. The Clerk confirmed that later afternoon a confirmation had been received from the Welsh Audit Office asking for more information and paperwork to complete the Audit.

1403: PLANNING MATTERS: Concern had been raised about the dumping of soil on the land behind the tennis courts where there is permission to build the last 5 bungalows. There is a great deal of concern from residents of Penrhyn Drive South about raising the level of the land and possible draining issues into Penrhyn Drive South. The Clerk rang Louise Hughes and asked her to speak to the planning officer that both she and the clerk had met a few years ago over the same issue. Louise made contact and the planning officer confirmed that permissions for 5 bungalows and nothing else, not chalets, pods or caravans and this will be monitored carefully. Treetops in Arthog had been investigated by SNP and it has been confirmed that no planning regulations have been breached as the garage will be a laundry not sleeping quarters. Mrs Newman has returned to the Ivy-covered house in Arthog which means that both “derelict” houses in Arthog are now undergoing improvements.

1404: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The monthly statement had been circulated to all Councillors. There were no issues raised. The accounts were all in order and the cheque book was circulated for signature for two cheques. L C Jones cemetery, £250.00 and £700.00 for P Roberts, completion of the GC Footpaths. The Clerk said that the Councillors need to think about good causes in the three Villages because there will be funds available at the end of this financial year. Cllr Eves suggested solar panel lights on the Barmouth Bridge as and when it is completed. This will be explored. Cllr Roberts in the Chair asked for Councillors to have a think about good causes.

1405: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: Cllr Eves requested that a letter be drafted to be sent to the CEO of Gwynedd Council to ask for a face-to-face meeting to discuss the shortcoming of Gwynedd Council. Cllr Mrs Salt said that we should be very careful and have a structured approach before any meeting. Cllr Eves raised the fact that the Emergency telephone had been tapped up with black tape, he was concerned that the Community Council had not been informed that this would happen. This will be brought up at the next FMFPB Meeting on the 22nd September. Cllr Ms Darvill said that she was disappointed that the two remaining benches in Fairbourne had not been repaired. She also said that the Friog notice board needs attention. The Clerk said she would speak to Mr Bill Round. The pavement on the corner of Francis Avenue still needs attention. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the pay and display costs at Cregennan Lake are £5.00 per day. This has resulted in cars, caravans etc parking in any available spot on the road and this has caused chaos. Cllr Mrs Salt said the effectiveness of the ramp will be reviewed at the end of this month. Cllr Mrs Langford said she thought the road in front of the Arthog Terrace is expected to be closed for approx. 3 days by Scottish Power SP Energy for the homeowners who are planning on installing possibly a charging point. No notice has been received by the ACC. The Clerk will contact Gwaith Straid for clarification. Cllr Thomas declared an interest as he owns land that would be involved. It was agreed that the ACC should wait for a notice to be issued and to then object. Road closure would again cause chaos with the rail link being closed as well. Cllr Mrs Langford also requested that signs should be erected in Arthog pointing out the way to the Trail.

(Cllr Mr Woolley left the meeting, he felt unwell).

1406: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

HIA: Cllr Salt said that the function of the Project Board may be changed in light of the finding if the HIA. The Clerk said that protocol would be to speak to Cllr Eves who is chair before any changes are implemented.

Cemetery: Cllr Thomas said that he thought it would be a good idea to widen the path in the cemetery to enable the Grave Digger to access the ground. Cllr Thomas said that he would obtain some quotes for the work.

FAT: Nothing to report

Harbour Committee: No meetings

Golf Club: Nothing to report.

1407: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th October 2023 – Fairbourne Village Hall. Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 8.45pm.