

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER - FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

1408: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm. He thanked Cllr Roberts for standing in at the last meeting.

1409: PRESENT: Cllr J Haycock, 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, Cllr I Green, G Councillor Louise Hughes and the Clerk

1410: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies received from Cllr P Roberts

1411: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green declared an interest in the Golf Club.

1412: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements.

1413: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Wednesday 6th September in Arthog Village Hall. Minutes were confirmed as correct, and the Chairman signed them. Confirmed Cllr Ms Darvill and seconded Cllr Mrs J Woolley.

1414: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: 6th September 2023: No matters arising.

1415: CLERKS REPORT:

- (a) Funding/Grants Meetings – Cllr Georgina Salt/Sylvia Stephenson – progress report. The results of the three applications made on behalf of Fairbourne interests had been received. Unfortunately, not one of the applications had been successful for reasons unknown at this moment in time. Subsequent information is that the ACC bid did not meet the criteria.
- (b) Reopen Footpath 13 Penrhyn Point Morfa Friog – Progress report. – Sara Pearson gave a report on the possibility of reinstating Footpath 13. It is very unlikely that footpath 13 will reappear in its original location, however, possible rerouting is being considered.
- (c) Glan Y Mor – Letter and Village Hall Booking – Progress report. – Cllr Eves will endeavor to find a local contractor who would be able to clear the ditch.
- (d) Playpark and Tennis Courts – replacing equipment and fencing. – No reply to the email sent by the Clerk to Steffan Jones to date. This will be chased. The welding will be completed next week. The Clerk said that she had looked at ordering the panels for replacing the fencing but that she would not order until there was somewhere to store them. Cllr Eves said to go ahead and order them.
- (e) No go area for Dogs – Flags and signs. The beach is now opened fully to walkers and their dogs. This issue will be discussed again in the New Year. A review is tabled sometime in 2024. The ACC will be kept informed. The Clerk had been inundated with emails from residents concerning the whole affair.
- (f) Matt Hodson – quote for painting fences in playpark – the Clerk is still waiting to hear back from Matt Hodson about a quotation for the work. Cllr Eves suggested asking Mr Stuart Messer for a quote.
- (g) Report to the Police about the vandalism in the Village of Fairbourne. A more frequent police presence had been noted within the Village, however, events took a difference turn with one of the perpetrators confessing to being involved in the issue. To date, there has been no further incidents.
- (h) 20 mph new regulations – September implementation. – The Clerk had again been inundated with emails from residents asking for clarification. The new signage within the Village is now completed. Bus timetables are going to have to be amended because of the extra time involved in a journey. Supermarkets are saying at this time that it will not affect delivery prices.
- (i) Sheep fencing on Penrhyn Drive North – The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident about the positioning of a gate just passed the Golf Club. Both NRW and GC are aware of the gate. The ACC has received no official planning application for either a gate or a cattle grid.
- (j) Remembrance Sunday 12th November. The Clerk had written to Adrian Williams about signage for the 12th. Adrian confirmed that signage would again be made available for the closure of the road for 30 minutes for the Service of Remembrance. The Wreath had been ordered and permission had been granted by Gwaith Straid for the closure of the road.
- (k) The traffic lights up Friog Hill have been faulty several times this month. And there does not seem to be a timetable for the repair of the fencing up the hill. The traffic lights in Arthog Terrace suddenly appeared without previous notice, and they are causing bad feeling.
- (l) Flood Warden Meeting. No response about whether the meeting has taken place. Cllr Eves did, however, say that head torches with a battery pack were desperately needed and somewhere to store them in readiness for a possible incident. This can be actioned.
- (m) An email had been received from Graham Hall indicating that he was once again getting involved in the Fairbourne issue because he had been contacted by the owners of the Chalet Park at Friog end of the Village. The Clerk did point out that the chalet people had been invited to join the ACC and the FMFPB, but they had declined. The Clerk gave Graham Hall some information that she thought might be of interest.

An email had been received from Malcolm Flynn, Fairbourne Village Hall, requesting that all tables and chairs are returned to their places after any meetings held on the Fairbourne Village Hall. He also requested that a check is made on all the lights being turned off, particularly the outside lights. A report had been received back from a Dutch student who had been to Fairbourne to study the effect of the now withdrawn statement of decommissioning by 2054. A German student had also been in the Village for a second time to enable her to complete her study of the same subject matter. The Clerk had received an email from a resident ion Arthog requesting that the ACC write to Alun Griffiths once

the bridge project is completed, to that the contractors for their kind and careful consideration of the residents of Arthog. No reply had been received from SNP to the email sent after the previous meeting, requesting additional signage pointing the way to the Mawddach Trail. This will be chased. Cllr Roberts had asked the Clerk to raise the subject of gate closure to and from the fields and paths in Arthog. There had been reports of sheep escaping to the main road. A note was made to raise the subject of the three SOS telephones once again at the next FMFPB Meeting. Cllr Eves said that they were an absolute necessity.

1416: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Included in the Clerks report.

1417: CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

1418: PLANNING MATTERS: Planning applications affecting the three Villages have been forward to all Councillors with the Clerk asking for comments where necessary. No 5 Arthog Terrace was discussed in detail, and it was felt that the ACC could not support the request from the owners to allow the roof to remain with non-Welsh Slate. The rules should apply to all residents alike when it comes to listed buildings. The issue of the land behind the Tennis Courts is still ongoing and Planning will attend if there is seen to be a breach in the planning application. It was pointed out that the Glan Y Mor Hotel is up for sale or for lease, at prices that seem to be quite out of sync with the area.

1419: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk confirmed that the second half of the Precept had been received into the bank and that the invoice for the cutting of GC footpaths had been submitted for a percentage payment from GC. The Clerk confirmed that the Welsh Audit office had received all the information that they had requested. However, completion had still not been achieved but the Clerk had put the completion notices in the Notice Boards with a caveat. The monthly analysis had been circulated to all Councillors. All was in order. The cheque book was circulated for three signatures for a cheque made payable to L C Jones, £125.00, cemetery cutting. There may be one more cut. At the next meeting there needs to be a discussion about donations and about the Precept for 2024 to 2025.

1420: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: Cllr Mrs Salt raised the issue of the three wrecks at Penrhyn Point and asked if anything could be done to remove them. The Clerk said that she thought they were on Miniature Railway land but was told they were not by Cllr Eves. She said that she would write to the Maritime Department for guidance in the first instance. Gwynedd Councillor Louise Hughes confirmed that the Planning Officer is ready to attend once a breach in planning has been made. Cllr Ms Darvill raised the issue of the Dog Waste Bin on the Promenade opposite Talbot Road. One of the clips has rusted off. The Clerk will write once again to the GC department concerned. Cllr Ms Darvill also raised the issue of toxic smoke on Glan Y Mor. Cllr Green said he thought it was someone burning garden waste possibly with plastic involved. Cllr Louise Hughes said that she had also received a complaint and had spoken to the appropriate department at GC. She will chase this issue.

1421: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

FMFPB: Cllr Eves reported on the Project Board Meeting. He said that there had been a request to change the name of the board, to move away from the word "project" to something else.

The HIA report was handed out in print form. The Clerk said that she would send out an email copy to all.

Several other topics were covered. The main subject was revamping the project board to celebrate its achievements and to tackle urgent issues affecting the Village, i.e. the evacuation plan. Cllr Eves said at the meeting that he was more than happy with the current set up and that the other stakeholders will now go away and have a rethink about the way forward for the Project Board.

Cllr Mrs Salt then said that the project board had to have a marked way forward so that it could then be monitored. She said that the time had come for the Village to stand on its own two feet. She then said that she understood that the Board would be dismantled, and that funding would be withdrawn by YCG. Cllr Eves, Chair of the Project Board, and the Clerk, Angela Thomas who were present at the Board Meeting, had no recollection of any suggestion of this being the case.. The discussion lasted for a further 35 minutes.

After this ACC debate, the Chair of the Board, Cllr Eves asked the Clerk to speak to CG/YGC, Llion Pritchard, the following morning to establish whether there was substance to the insinuation that the Board was to be closed. After dialogue with the project officer, Llion Pritchard, it was confirmed that there was no intention to close the Fairbourne Project Board.

HIA: Completed and finished.

Cemetery: No Report.

FAT: No report

Harbour Committee: No report.

Golf Club: No report.

1422: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 1st – Arthog Village Hall.