

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024 - ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL

1456: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm. and welcomed all to the first meeting of 2024.

1457: PRESENT: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Eves, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mr Thomas, Cllr Green, and Angela Thomas – Clerk. Also in attendance were Jack Evans and Ernie Puddick, who were co-opted onto the Community Council.

1458: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: GC Councillor Louise Hughes

1459: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club.

1460: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair

1461: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2023 were confirmed as correct. Cllr Eves, Cllr Thomas.

1462: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: No matters arising.

1463: Jack Evans and Ernie Puddick were co-opted onto the Arthog Community Council to take up the two vacant positions. The Chairman welcomed both.

1464: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that the RAF, MOD building in Fairbourne will in fact be fenced. No planning permission is required. This has resulted from an incident that took place several months ago, whereby a youth worker at the site was attacked by two people working on the Barmouth Bridge. It was also seen that the center could be seen as a soft target for terrorism. Cllr Haycock and Cllr Roberts also reported that the school in Arthog/Friog had been broken into and that a fire had been started behind the bungalow on the corner of Belgrave into Glan Y Mor. The Clerk reported that the slide in the playpark had still not been repaired. This now dates back to August 2023 and the Clerk was feeling really nervous about the fact that it has not been repaired. The Clerk had secured a quote from G L Jones for the repair costing £834.00. Cllr Eves asked for a week and that he would ask Les Hunt to make the repair. It was agreed that we would get a reply by the 10th January. Cllr Evans said to try Wyn Rowlands as well. The Clerk said that she would tape it up with black and yellow tape. The Clerk reported that the Springfield had been leased. Cllr Evans said that it was a couple from Machynlleth who had taken it on. The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with two officers from the SNP. The meeting was quite enlightening. It was confirmed that Fairbourne would qualify for grant funding from the SNP if they applied. The Clerk asked permission to have 3 benches removed from Fairbourne because they were broken and dangerous. An officer from Cyngor Arthog had been in touch to say that he would be willing to remove the broken benches at no charge to the ACC. Permission was granted and the Clerk was authorised to put two/three benches on order from Wynnstay. The Clerk would let Bill Round know that repairs were now no longer needed. The idea is to make Fairbourne look cleaner and brighter, and tidier. The Chair asked for a vote which was unanimous. The Clerk asked of anyone from the newly formed Gardening Club had been in touch with Cllr Green and the answer was not yet. The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the Maritime reference the three wrecks at the Penrhyn Point but none of the wrecks had been removed to date. The Clerk was asked to write to the CG with a complaint regarding the next road closure in Arthog on the 10th January, taking three days, for the installation of an electric cable from a holiday home to cross the road. The Clerk said she would write to Adrian Williams and Steffan Jones with a complaint.

1465: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: The Clerk confirmed that the cheque had been sent to the Air Ambulance of Wales.

1466: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: No items.

1467: PLANNING MATTERS: No planning matters to be discussed.

1468: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The financial statements were circulated. The Clerk had written to Arthog Village Hall and Fairbourne Village Hall to confirm the bookings for 2024. Arthog had confirmed. The Clerk had also asked if it would be possible to not clash with the formation dancing in the large room. The Clerk pointed out that the ACC was now down to four signatories for Cheques. She said she would go onto the bank and ask advice. A cheque was circulated for signature to the value of £6000.00 which is for payment of the financial audit by the Welsh Audit Office. The previous year's bill is still being queried by the ACC but to date no explanation has been given. The four accounts were all in order. There were no queries. The Clerk confirmed that she had re-enrolled the ACC with the financial regulator.

1469: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: Cllr Thomas asked for highways to be contacted with regard to the drain between the bridge and the old school in Arthog. Leaves are blocking the drain, and the water is running across the road. Cllr Haycock also asked if the road leading to Cregennan Lakes could be cleared as well as the road at Kings Corner leading up to the old cemetery. Cllr Jack Evan said that he would check the salt bins this coming week. Cllr Evans asked about the grass cutting in Fairbourne and whether the grass in front of the Penrhyn Corner Bar and Grill could be cut. It was explained that many requests had been made for cutting but to no avail. Children quite often end up with dog mess on the feet. The grass verge at the entrance to Fairbourne needs extra cutting after the daffodils have finished blooming. Cllr Mrs Woolley's plan was shown to the Councillors, it is still hoped that this could be implemented.

1470: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

FMFPB: A meeting is planned for the 12th January and a report will be given at the next ACC meeting.

Cemetery: A quotation has been requested for the replacement of the edging boards and new shingle. A second quotation would be needed.

FAT: FAT is applying for Charity status

Harbour Committee: At this moment in time there is no one to fill that position.

Golf Club: There is a plan to fill the potholes in the Golf Club sooner rather than later and once the wet weather has stopped.

1471: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The ditches and the Brickyard were discussed at length and Cllr Eves confirmed that one again we would be chasing the NRW to consider dredging rather than just weed cutting. Cllr Ms Darvill asked if any progress had been made with the situation of the ditch in Glan Y Mor. Cllr Eves said that he had made contact with Hendre Hall for a quotation. There is nothing that the ACC can do to solve this situation. The Clerk confirmed that the information Board on the Promenade had been brought back into service.

1472: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th February 2024 in Fairbourne. The meeting closed at 8.25pm. All business was concluded.