

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2024 – FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

1473: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm. and welcomed all in attendance.

1474: PRESENT: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mr Thomas, Cllr Puddick and Angela Thomas – Clerk. Also, in attendance Louise Hughes GC.

1475: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Eves, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Green, no apology from Cllr Evans

1476: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: No declaration.

1477: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair

1478: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2024 were confirmed as correct. Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Thomas.

1479: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: No matters arising.

1480: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Lyn Ford regarding the Post Office in Dolgellau. Mrs Ford asked if the ACC could start a petition to speed up the reopening. The Chair and the Clerk agreed that Dolgellau Town Council would be the best people to do that. The MOD/RAF have completed the fencing around their property. The Clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear back from SNP regarding the Yew Tree planting scheme. The slide had still not been collected by G L Jones; the Clerk will contact them again this week. The new promenade/village furniture had all been received and was now in place. The Clerk had received an email from a Company offering to make repairs in the Cemetery. The Clerk will send picture to them showing what is needed and ask them to quote. A resident from near Dolgellau had volunteered to make a stone feature if the land opposite the Penrhyn Bar and Grill is, in the near future, beautified. The issue of Dog poo bins was raised again, Mike Scott is still trying to obtain a small bin for the Arthog end of the sea wall. The general waste bin opposite the Golf Club has not been emptied so the Clerk has written to Steffan Jones. Louise Hughes GC said that she would intervene if necessary. Sheep are roaming the Village again and several people had approached the Clerk for a solution to the problem. Had Cllr Jack Evans been at the meeting the issue could have been discussed.

1481: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: The Clerk confirmed that the cheque had been sent to the Air Ambulance of Wales and a thank you letter had been received.

1482: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: No items.

1483: PLANNING MATTERS: A new planning applications had been received; two applications were again discussed. The application from No 5 Arthog Terrace to use non-Welsh slate to repair the roof had been turned down. There were no objections raised to any applications. The application in Friog regarding moving a static caravan by enlarging the curtilage to allow the use of the static caravan for family use only was raised. It was felt that this should be refused because this static, we were told, had been advertised as a holiday let. The planning department had asked for evidence and the email was forwarded to Cllr Eves as he was the Councillor who raised the objection. Louise Hughes said that she would investigate with the Planning Department and report back at the next meeting.

1484: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk was pleased to report that the Welsh Audit Office had agreed that a mistake had been made on the previous year's billing. A refund £240.00 will be issued, and a new invoice raised. The financial reports had been circulated to all Councillors and all was in order. A cheque was circulated for payment of the final piece of furniture for the Promenade. The cheque was to the value of £486.00. A second cheque was issued for the maintenance of both Websites payable to Elfed ap Gomer to the value of £432.00.

1485: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: Cllr Ms Darvill asked again about the information notice boards that were on the Promenade, she asked were we ever going to get them back. The Clerk said she would try and find out what has happened to them. She also said that the emergency telephones were becoming an eyesore, they are currently wrapped in black plastic. Cllr Mrs Langford asked whether Dolgellau hospital is ever going to open again as Minor Injuries. Tywyn hospital is now open again for minor injuries. Cllr Mrs Langford also asked it would be possible to tarmac the area opposite the property Penrhodyn in Arthog. The Clerk said that she would ask GC council. Cllr Thomas said that the blocked gully in Arthog, had still not been cleared. The Clerk said she would ask again.

1486: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

FMFPB: The Clerk gave a brief report as Cllr Eves was not present.

Cemetery: No issues

FAT: No report

Harbour Committee: No representative and no report.

Golf Club: No report. It was assumed that a meeting had not taken place and the agreement dated February 2020 had still not been signed.

1487: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr Louise Hughes reported that Gwynedd Council had held workshops designed to find ways of saving money. She said that she found herself unable to vote for an increase in Council Tax expected to be around 9%.

Louise reported that the Friog Wall repair was still under discussion with regard to finishing the repair. There will be a full Council Meeting in March. Louise said that she would remind Cllr Eves to put the poster up regarding the upgrade to fibre. There is a very good chance that the required numbers will be reached, and installation will commence. The three wrecks at Penrhyn Point are still in situ, the Clerk said that she would write again to the Maritime department. NRW are considering closing some of the assets like Coed y Brenin, this would have a detrimental effect on visitors to this area. The Clerk confirmed that NRW are currently working on the beach dragging shingle.

1488: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 6th in Arthog Village Hall. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm