

## ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL

**1489: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING:** The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm. and welcomed all in attendance.

**1490: PRESENT:** Cllr Haycock, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mr Thomas, Cllr Puddick and Angela Thomas – Clerk. Also, in attendance Louise Hughes GC.

**1491: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Joyce Woolley, (Brian Woolley has been in hospital) Cllr J Evans

**1492: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Green – Golf Club

**1493: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:** The Chairman read a letter of resignation from Stuart Eves, Cllr and Vice Chair, with commencement from the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. Cllr Eves was not present. It was asked whether Stuart would be able to stay on the Golf Club committee as director and as Chair of the Project Board.

**1494: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 were confirmed as correct after changing Dolgellau Hospital from A & E to Minor Injuries. Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Thomas.

**1495: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON:** No matters arising. Louise Hughes said that she had reminded Stuart about the fast fibre banner and asked to put it on display.

**1496: CLERKS REPORT:** The Clerk circulated the annual declaration of non-claimant of expenses and all present signed. The Clerk said that she had responded to the Air Ambulance request for comments. The Clerk said that she had had to write to Liz Saville-Roberts and Mabon ap Gomer regarding a resident from Fairbourne who is currently in the Bay nursing home, not complaining about the Bay but the lack of NHS attendance. The third piece of furniture has been placed on the Promenade. The Clerk circulated a catalogue showing two items that could fill the gap in the children's playpark, a boat and or a train engine, both made in recycled plastic bottles. The Clerk confirmed that the slide had now been repaired and would be good for many years. The Clerk asked if the Councillors would consider buying one or both pieces. The Clerk said that the Councillors need to take a vote on whether the ACC could contribute towards the two shingle paths. This was unanimously passed. Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Green. A £500.00 contribution was agreed. Work will commence just before Whitsun. Cllr Roberts reminded the Clerk that a Notice to Tender for the footpaths needed to be put in the Notice Boards. Cllr Roberts also said that the No Dog notices on the sea wall needed to be corrected in their placing. Three defibs were available from the first responders as theirs were being replaced by more modern ones. However, this was not a straightforward matter as an electric supply and cupboard were also required and then they would have to become an ACC asset. The Clerk confirmed that the request for tarmacking the ground opposite the first house in the Arthog Terrace had been declined by GC and it was best "left alone". The Openreach number required to qualify for the fast fibre had almost been reached. It is hopeful that work will commence before too long. The Clerk will telephone Gavin at Openreach. The Clerk confirmed that she would advertise the vacant position of Councillor for Friog and Fairbourne in the notice board.

**1497: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS:** No correspondence.

**1498: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION:** No items.

**1499: PLANNING MATTERS:** No new planning matters

**1500: FINANCIAL MATTERS:** The Clerk proposed that now is the time to vote for online banking as the ACC was now down to three signatories. This was discussed at great length. A vote was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by the Chair Cllr Haycock. A vote was taken, and it was passed unanimously. The Clerk confirmed that the first 10% car park payment had been received and she would bank it this week. The Clerk also asked for permission to pay G L Jones by BACS from the Youth Account. Both Village Halls had submitted bills for the room hire. Two cheques were circulated for payment. Arthog Village Hall had also asked if the ACC was able to donate this year. It was agreed by all and voted upon that a payment of £500.00 be made. Proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Roberts. The revised bill for the questioned audit was still outstanding.

**1501: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS:** Cllr Ms Darvill reported that there appeared to be a leak at the MOD RAF Centre. The Clerk said she would report it to Dwr Cymru. Cllr Darvill also reported again the slope on the corner of Francis Avenue and just how dangerous it is. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to GC on several occasions, but nothing had been done.

Cllr Roberts again mentioned the issue of Motor Homes at the point on the bank holiday weekend. These motor homes actually took over the whole of the parking area and made it impossible and intimidating for locals to use the area. This is an annual problem that has been reported many times, but nothing has been done to stop this happening. The idea of a heigh barrier was again talked about. Cllr Roberts also reported that two small solar panel had appeared at the point and when approached it appear to speak Chinese. The Clerk said that she would write to CG and ask if they know anything about the purpose of these panels.

**1502: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

**FMFPB:** No report.

**Cemetery:** No issues. Quotations are still outstanding.

**FAT:** Cllr Roberts asked if the ACC would be prepared to pay for a sign indicating that the Village of Fairbourne had two sets of conveniences, with the help of donations from visitors. It was agreed that the ACC would pay for this sign. It was sadly reported that a "mess" had been made in the toilet opposite the shops. This had been done in daylight hours. It is disappointing. Cllr Roberts said that Eleanor Bartram had taken over as secretary on a temporary basis.

**Harbour Committee:** No report. The Clerk had telephoned the deputy Harbour Master for the Agenda and minutes. The wrecks at Penrhyn Point had still not been removed.

**Golf Club:** No report. The Chairman Cllr Haycock said that he would like to see the signing of the Agreement before his tenure as Chairman finished. This matter was discussed at length. The Agreement needs to be amended and signed by both parties. A meeting is proposed for the first week of April with Cllr Roberts, Stuart Eves and James and Leo. This is now a matter of priority.

**1503: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** It was reported that a car had been abandoned on the Golf Club grounds and that now nothing could be done to remove it. There was still tax on it. The Clerk reported that the bridge at Kings Corner had been repaired. Cllr Louise Hughes confirmed that she would not be voting in favour of the proposed Council Tax rise..

**1504: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024 in Fairbourne.