

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024

1588: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

1589: PRESENT: Cllr Roberts, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr I Green, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr E Puddick, Cllr J Evans, Clerk Angela Thomas, CG Louise Hughes, plus two prospective candidates for the vacant position, Sharon Moley and Philip Cook.

1590: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Narraway and Cllr Haycock

1591: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1592: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: The Chair welcomed two prospective candidates who had applied for the vacant Friog/Fairbourne Councillor position. Sharon Moley and Philip Cook, both living in Fairbourne. CVs had been received prior to the meeting.

1593: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, Wednesday 4th September 2024: The minutes were confirmed as correct proposed Cllr J Evans and seconded by Cllr Ian Green

1594: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 4th September 2024: No matters arising.

1595: The two prospective candidates when then invited to give a brief presentation. The Chair thanked both when they had finished.

1596: CLERKS REPORT:

- (a) Welcome Sign – Progress. – No progress to date.
- (b) Friog Hill Traffic Lights. – CG is waiting for a decision from Network Rail regarding placement of scaffolding to commence the job.
- (c) Request for donation for Christmas Lights. – A discussion took place, and it was agreed that £500.00 would be donated once the current set of accounts had been received by the clerk. This was approved unanimously.
- (d) Wall and shrubbery Network Rail Carpark. – The Clerk is still talking to Network Rail but nothing to report at the moment.
- (e) Under Salt Marsh location filming. – The Clerk gave an update and said that as soon as she had received a programme of action from the Scouting Company, she would circulate to all. The Clerk also confirmed that a donation of £500.00 per days for 10 days had been offered to the Arthog Community Council. This was gratefully accepted and will be paid into the Youth Account and spent on the Children's Playpark. This should go a long way to updating some of the older equipment.
- (f) Outflow pipe – Fairbourne beach rectification work. The Clerk reported that rectification work appeared to have been carried out by a Dwr Cymru contractor. It is such a pity that the ACC is not notified when work is to be carried out rather than just finding out by accident.
- (g) Shingle paths 2024. After a discussion with Maritime Department the Clerk informed all present that the beach would be reshaped by the Contractor to NRW specifications. This will take place at the end of September.
- (h) Insurance renewed. The Clerk confirmed that the Hiscock Insurance e had been renewed for a further 12 months.
- (i) Fast fibre update. Fast fibre is now being installed in Fairbourne which is really good news

1597: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: Nothing to report

1598: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1599: PLANNING MATTERS: No new planning matters.

1600: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The clerk confirmed that at long last the External Audit had been completed and that there were no queries or issues raised by Audit Wales. The bill for the External Audit will follow. A copy of the financial statement had been circulated to all, there were no issues arising. A cheque was circulated for signature to the value of £125.00 made out to L C Jones for grass cutting. A second cheque was raised for the 2nd half of the CG Footpaths and cemetery cutting for £1200.00. The Clerk confirmed that the Bank Manager had still not returned to work at HSBC and that the final stage of Internet Banking had not been completed yet. The process for changing from cheque payment to online payment is unnecessarily complicated and the Clerk is beginning to wonder if it is going to make paying bills easier. The raise in pay that the Clerk received in June is still being paid by cheque. The Manager will return sometime in October so maybe banking with HSBC will become less arduous although that is doubted.

1601: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Cllr Mrs Langford asked if there was any progress with the Yew Trees in the Cemetery. The answer was no. There is also no progress with SNP and the notice board in the Arthog Car park. CG Councilor Louise Hughes outlined the matters to be discussed at the following next day's full council meeting.

1602: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – Clerk – next meeting October 16th
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – last meeting cancelled by Stuart Eves
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – it was decided to no renew the boards, just the paths.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans – The Clerk read a report from Cllr Narraway regarding progress on repairs in the Playpark
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – It was reported that ditch clearing had started. However, the ACC had not been notified.
- (i) Village Hall and Signs/Murals – Cllr Mrs Woolley.
- (j) Harbour Committee – No report.

1603: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1604: The two candidates were politely asked to leave the meeting so that a discussion could take place between the Councillors. After deliberation and discussion, it was unanimously decided by the Councillors to offer the vacant position to Sharon Moley. The Clerk said that she would send an offer letter out asap.

1605: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6TH NOVEMBER 2024 FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL