

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7th May 2025

1704: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all present. The Vice Chair said that the AGM was postponed until June as the current Chair was unable to attend the May meeting.

1705: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Evans, Cllr Haycock the Clerk.

1706 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs Molloy, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Roberts. CG Councillor Louise Hughes and Cllr Mrs Woolley.

1707: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green declared an interest in the Golf Club.

1708: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: Mike Scott gave a brief history of the Glan Y Mor Estate and then a presentation on the progress that has been made regarding the clearing of the ditches in Glan Y Mor. A group representing the residents has been set up comprising of a chairperson, secretary and treasurer and several residents who live in Glan Y Mor. The group has written to NRW and Cyngor Gwynedd asking to be recognized as the representative group and all correspondence should be directed to them regarding ditch work. Quotes have been obtained for the necessary work and the group will be liaising with Ann Griffiths NRW for this work to possibly commence in September 2025. Meanwhile quite a few residents have made considerable progress in clearing their sections of the ditch system. Mike Scott suggested that a "Welcome to Glan Y Mor" sign and flower box would certainly enhance the entrance to the area.

1709: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, Wednesday 2nd April 2025 Confirmed as Correct by Cllr Puddick and seconded by Cllr Haycock

1710: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 2nd April 2025: No matters arising.

1711: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk confirmed that the restructuring of the shingle shelf has been postponed until early summer as NRW have to go out to tender. This means that it would be impractical to have the shingle scrapes put in place for them to then be dismantled during the restructuring. The Vice Chair asked if the Clerk could write to all concerned and ask if the permissions could be sought and a contractor put in place in readiness for after the beach has been restructured. One of the boat wrecks was set on fire during the previous week and the fire brigade and the lifeboat were notified and attended. The two wrecks are both on Miniature Railway Land. The Clerk confirmed that the Playpark had been fully inspected and that after the remedial work on the nest swing has been fulfilled the park will be fully compliant with all safety regulations. The Clerk had been asked to contact CADW with regard to the two sentry boxes. A reply was received basically saying that the boxes were nothing to do with CADW and the one box had been on the tilt for a long period of time. No further action can be taken. The Clerk had contacted the POLICE via the online form with regard to parking in Stanley Road and speeding through Arthog Village as requested by a resident. The Clerk received a call back but unfortunately there is no change in either situation. The Lease between the ACC and /CG for the extra land at the Golf Club had been received back and was signed by all. However, it could take 12 to 18 months for this to be registered with Land Registry. This will not affect going forward using the Lease.

1712: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: A letter had been received from Sian Gwenllian member of the Senedd asking for support for the setting up of a Dental School in Bangor. It was agreed that the ACC would support this suggestion.

1713: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1714: PLANNING MATTERS: No planning matters concerning the three villages had been received.

1715: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk had submitted the VAT return for 2024 to 2025. An acknowledgement had been received. The Clerk had received a request for a donation from FAT, however, there was no copy of the latest accounts. The Clerk requested a copy for this meeting, but nothing had been received. The first part of the Precept had also been received. The grass in the Cemetery had had its second cut but no invoice has been received to date. The Clerk had submitted forms, notes and paperwork to the Internal Auditor. The Clerk had explained that she was a little late due to personal matters at home, however, it should all be submitted in a timely manner. The Clerk asked all present for permission to pay the following by BACS and by cheque. 2nd Cut Cemetery £125.00. (when received) Richard Narraway repairs £37.10. One Voice Wales £296.00. Big Dug by BACS £349.00. Cyngor Gwynedd by BACS £1.00. ROSPA BACS £504.00. Clerk Playpark sign and Flowers and compost BACS £172.28. Mr P Roberts Islaw'r Dref Cemetery Cut by BACS £200.00. Approval was received from all present.

1716: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: The Vice Chair opened the floor to questions from Councillors. Cllr Mrs Langford told all in attendance that the Car Park at Morfa Mawddach was being used as an unofficial Aire. It is listed online as free parking for camper vans and motor homes. The Clerk was asked to try and establish who was responsible for the parking area, Network Rail, SNP or CG. Cllr Puddick was asked by a resident if the hedges in and around Belgrave Road could be once again trimmed as they are overhanging. The Clerk said she would write to CG.

1717: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – Clerk – no report submitted.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – The 25-year Lease between the ACC and Cyngor Gwynedd for the extra land has now been signed and is in the possession of the Clerk.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts – nothing reported.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – Work has started on the repair to the pathways and the grass has been cut.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Steady progress. New residents were being contacted with positive results.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway. The Playpark has been inspected, necessary additions to safety matting have been made. Everything in the playpark now meets all safety standards.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans. Cllr Evans said that he would hopefully be cutting the grass again opposite the Penrhyn Bar and Grill and a picnic bench could then be located to this area.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – No report
- (i) Village Hall and Signs/Murals – Cllr Mrs Woolley. Nothing to report.
- (j) Harbour Committee – No report submitted.

1718: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1719: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th June in Arthog. This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.