

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2025

1736: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The current Chair Thomas opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

1737: PRESENT: Cllr Roberts, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Green, Cllr Haycock. The Clerk Angela Thomas.

1738: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs Langford. Next day apology from Cllr Mrs Malloy No apology from Cllr Evans

1739: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club.

1740: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair.

1741: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, Wednesday 4th June 2025. The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Narraway

1742: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 4th June 2025: There were no matters arising. Two typos were corrected for the website edition.

1743: Cllr Gwynedd Louise Hughes gave her presentation, she wished to leave early as she had a main council meeting the following day. She reported that there was no further news regarding the container situation but did confirm that all the relevant paperwork had been issued by the enforcement officers. Cllr Hughes asked if there was anything that the ACC wanted raising at the main meeting. The answer was nothing specific to ask about.

1744: CLERKS REPORT:

1745: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: A letter had been received from Sian Gwenllian member of the Senedd thanking participating councils for their support. The grant application was proving very difficult, and the first application was abandoned. However, bulb planting could still go ahead directly with those interested. The gym equipment proved to be too expensive, and it was shelved. The SNP had at last come back to the ACC with a suggested sign and map for the Arthog layby. Agreement was given by all for this to go ahead. New signage will be put up at the top of the steep hill in Arthog Terrace. Highways will be in touch before they commence. Mike Scott had given the Clerk an update to what is happening in Glan Y Mor. The stumbling block to going forward is opening a bank account. He will keep the ACC informed. The flag pole bolts had been repaired by Maritime. Land to the rear of 22 Belgrave Road proved to be private land and therefore nothing could be done about the rubbish dumped there. Its quite difficult to understand what is adopted and what is unadopted. An email had been received by the ACCF from the Welsh Church fund scheme inviting applications which seemed a bit obtuse as St Cynon's needs a new window.

1746: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1747: PLANNING MATTERS: No planning matters raised.

1748: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk reported the financials to all. The Clerk asked for permission to pay P Roberts £200.00 by BACS for the Kings Corner Cemetery grass cutting and £125.00 by cheque for the ACC Cemetery grass cutting. The clerk reported that all details for the external audit had now been sent down to Cardiff by post, (signed for). To date there has been no contact made. A cheque had been received from Fairbourne Golf Club Limited covering the two sets of legal fees for the procurement of the 25b year lease. A thank you letter had been received from Dail Dysynni for their £100 donation the next day, however, the thank you letter from FAT had taken a month and was only received the evening of the July meeting. A letter had been received from Fairbourne Church asking for a donation to help cover the excess that the Church Insurance Company requires to enable them to replace the window. This will be carried forward to the next meeting in September.

1749: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: No questions asked.

1750: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – Clerk – no report submitted. The Clerk did however ask if Councillors could promote the website being paid for by Welsh Government and managed by Cyngor Gwynedd promoting Fairbourne.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans –
- (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. No NRW report submitted however, Cllr Puddick had received an out-of-date report from them which he asked them to correct. This has now been carried out.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway.

Net swing still very popular - new kids using the park (litter has exploded). Kids now twisting the net - heavy, huge forces, cables slightly distorted. Mat (jigsaw) surrounds removed weekly and usually found in the adjacent field. I kept spares anticipating this type of vandalism. Posters retrieved from the river, cleaned and replaced with heavy duty ties. Safety/swing rail covered on top of the slide - RoSPA recommended. Painting continued. Weeding continued - vigorous brambles reaching across and needing cutting back every two weeks. MUGA fencing ties replaced - 2 this month - cutting tool marks. MUGA goal post nets mended and refitted - some ties kicked or hacked off. 4 replaced this month. Adult fitness 3 in 1 machine - quote quite expensive: £4800 plus VAT (which we get back) also £1500 for installing and £520 transport. Basketball vandal proof posts found at £4000 plus Vat plus installation - 2 cubic metres of concrete. Alternatively, we could start replacing the awful black matting.....
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans.

South promenade path kept weed free through a combination of strimming, spade work and experimental salt application - Sodium Chloride not sea salt. North promenade path similarly kept weed free from the flagpole and new progress made northwards (20m). Area around the sea front picnic benches mowed every two weeks. The grass under the benches - once a month as they are very heavy to move! Litter around the benches is increasing while the rest of the promenade and Friog loop are not too bad. Two flags have been replaced and the southern pole was re-fitted after the base loosened two ground bolts leading to a significant lean. The sign at Friog corner has blown down again. Suggest extra windscreen???
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – No report
- (i) Village Hall and Signs/Murals – Cllr Mrs Woolley. The new mural has been started.
- (j) Harbour Committee – No report submitted.

1751: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1752: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 in Arthog Village Hall.