

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE ARTHOG
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

1768: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present.

1769: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Evans, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mrs Young, The Clerk Angela Thomas, CG Cllr Louise Hughes

1770: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Roberts, Cllr Mrs Mallory, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Green.

1771: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil

1772: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair.

1773: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025. The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Narraway

1774: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025: There were no matters arising. Cllr Narraway brought up the Arthog Traffic calming project. It was decided between Cllr Narraway and the Chair, who had consulted with other Cllr's, that the scheme should be shelved. This was because of many and various reasons, some being purchase of vehicle, insurance, mot, future maintenance, who would drive it? Etc. Future funding would be required, and the ACC does not have sufficient funding at the moment. It was unanimously agreed that the whole of Arthog should be 20mph all the way through. The Chair thanked Cllr Narraway for his pursuance of the possibility. A traffic calming idea might be to investigate the smiley face illuminated sign. The Clerk said she would speak to Andrew Gregson, CG and investigate the costs involved.

1775: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that she has been inundated with requests for comment on the "Fairbourne" situation which has now been rescinded. It must be academic thesis surrender time. CG Cllr Louise Hughes also said that she no longer gives interviews. The Clerk reported that the restructuring of the shingle shelf will now commence in January 2025. The reason for the delay is unknown. Cllr Evans said that his farming family will be involved in some filming in the near future. He intends to point out that other communities are at a greater risk than Fairbourne i.e. Barmouth. Cllr Mrs Young asked for a copy of a recent report produced by the NICW which the Clerk said she would forward. Also, she would forward to Cllr Rhian Langford. The Clerk said that she would ensure that the license, via Llion Pritchard and NRW, for the scrapes will be applied for in time for Easter. Road closure application for Sunday 9th has been received and approved. The wreath has also been delivered. Last years wreaths will be removed in good time. The Clerk said that she would email Adrian Williams to remind him about the signs. The Clerk had received a telephone call from Howard Salt regarding the first responders and funds that they are holding. The first responder via Mike Senior have offered some funding for good works in any of the three Villages. Cllr Mrs Young knows Mike Senior and she would have a conversation with him with regard to exactly what they are offering. Cllr Evans again asked if funds could be made available for the school and the church. The Clerk explained that there has to be a "reason" for funding to be offered. Cllr Evans said that he may be responsible for no response from the Church as George had handed him an invoice. The ACC is yet to see the paperwork. Cllr Narraway said that he would try and speak to the infant School Board of Governors for ideas. The Clerk reported that it had been a relatively quiet month. To finish the Clerk reported that Mike Scott had been in touch with regard to Glan Y Mor. Progress was being made.

1776: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence or phone calls that needed discussion.

1777: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1778: PLANNING MATTERS: One application had been received from the SNP with regard to No 10 Arthog Terrace. There were no objections. Cllr Mrs Young asked why the ACC received copies of planning applications in the SNP and CG area. It was explained that the ACC receives all copies allowing for objections to be raised if residents have spoken to Cllrs and raised an objection.

1779: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk read out the figures for each of the accounts. All the accounts are in good order. Permission was given to pay the last invoice for finishing the Fairbourne Sensory Garden Project, £179.10, the funds will be claimed back and permission was also given by all present, to pay the Clerk £25.00 for the wreath. No invoice has been received to date for the external audit.

The Clerk asked Councillors to think of small projects for particularly Arthog and Friog. Cllr Evans again asked about spending on the Church and School. It was pointed out that spending requires "projects". Cllr Narraway again said that he would get in touch with the Board of Governors of the infant's school. At the next meeting the subject of Donations will have to be discussed. Because Cllr Mrs Young is new to the ACC the decision regarding the Air Ambulance was explained to her.

1780: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: CG Cllr Louise Hughes have a report from the last full meeting, including the Head of School Foden issue. Lessons will be learnt after over 50 failed opportunities were missed. A trial using plastic hessian sacks had been carried out within Gwynedd area. There was a small increase in the number of people recycling, however, it is not known if it will be adopted. Cllr Mrs Hughes also attended the SNP full meeting. Cllr Mrs Langford asked if it would be possible to have a breakdown of the first responders call outs are for. This might assist the idea finding a suitable cause to spend their donation on.

1781: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – There is a meeting scheduled for November.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – no report submitted. A summary was given by the Clerk to the current situation regarding the Golf Club to bring Cllr Mrs Young up to date with the whole story dating back to 2019 when Mike Scott resigned, and the Golf Club came back to the ACC for advertising for a new Lessee.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts – Cllr Puddick attended as a resident not on behalf of the ACC. It was not a successful meeting as protocol was not followed. Cllr Puddick was told that he would not be allowed to stay for the second meeting. A summary was given for Cllr Mrs Young to catch up with the FAT situation.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – No report. Cllr Evans was asked if he could quote for finishing the path replacement job in the Cemetery. He said he would meet the Chairman and give a quotation, as and when it was established what was required.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – On going and updated every month. Cllr Puddick will be keeping an eye on the progress. It was reported that there was an issue again behind Ffordd Corsen. This will be reported to NRW.
- (f) Playpark Representative – High level fencing added behind east goal. New planter seat still in the MUGA area, not vandalized yet. MUGA gate still loose but no further vandalism.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart: Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans – Flower boxes still looking great. Litter still better than normal despite loads of cans and wind. Another 75m of Promenade now weed free for North of Beach Road. The November target is to complete the promenade weeding to the Golf Club and place the new planter seat to finish the Boat project.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – NRW have started clearing the ditches.

1782: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1783: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3rd December 2025 in Fairbourne Village Hall.