

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025

1784: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present.

1785: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Green, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Evans, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mrs Malloy, Cllr Mrs Young, The Clerk Angela Thomas.

1786: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All ACC Councillors were present. CG Cllr Louise Hughes sent apologies.

1787: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1788: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair.

1789: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY 5th November 2025. The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Mrs Langford.

1790: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th November 2025: No matters arising.

1791: CLERKS REPORT:

- (a) Resculpting of beach top. This will now commence 3/4th week of January 2026.
- (b) Mike Senior/Howard Salt. Donation from the first responders. – Cllr Mrs Young/Clerk. Cllr Mrs Young explained that she had spoken to Mike Senior/Chris Lawrence, and the decision had been made to donate £1000.00, explicitly for the use of Defib matters. This amount will be ringfenced. Training in the Village would be on offer, and this is something that could take place in March 2026 at the next Partnership meeting to be held in Fairbourne.
- (c) Willful damage in the Village – 3 unknown individuals. Several incidents had been reported to the Clerk. Knocking on elderly residents' doors and running away. The damage sustained to the Penrhyn Drive Sign and dating back, 3 youths on bikes on the roof of the Promenade Toilets. Lots of broken glass on Fairbourne Drive North. Nothing had been reported to any of the Councillors.
- (d) Glan Y Mor update – report from Mike Scott, the project is moving forward.
- (e) Cyngor Gwynedd have received two awards for the Friog Hill Project.
- (f) The Christmas lights were looking glorious, and the Clerk will write to Helen Roberts to congratulate her for her work. It seems that FAT will work with Helen next Christmas.
- (g) The clerk had taken papers to the Archive in Dolgellau Library; however, they were not taking archive material in. The Clerk asked permission to purchase a shredder for documents than could be shredded. This was granted by all present.
- (h) The Clerk had been sent a copy of some gripes and moans regarding the steepness of the beach. The clerk said that she would write to Keith Ivens for clarification. He confirmed that NRW were working to a programme.
- (i) Mike Scott had again asked the Clerk to mention the current position with the FAT. It was pointed out that although the ACC was sympathetic, it is not an ACC matter. It must be dealt with in-house by FAT members.
- (j) The clerk reported that there is now a specific Fairbourne Evacuation Plan. It is sensitive material and will not be for general distribution. This is great news and had been asked for over several years.

1792: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence or phone calls that needed discussion.

1793: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1794: PLANNING MATTERS: No outstanding planning matters. Two SNP applications had been circulated but there were no concerns. It was now known if the new signs in Arthog (steep hill) had been erected.

1795: FINANCIAL MATTERS: A full financial report was passed to all Councillors. All accounts are in good shape. There were no bills to be paid. The Clerk had asked Cllr Narraway to find out the best way to donate to the Fairbourne infants' school and it had been decided to purchase to junior rainbow colour picnic benches as this was their very first choice. These will now be ordered in the New Year when school restarts, for safety reasons and to try and avoid damage. All Councillors were in agreement with the purchase, and the Clerk was told to go ahead.. A discussion also took place with regard to a donation to the Air Ambulance, however, the ACC still felt that it was a backward move to close the two sites in North Wales leaving this side of the Country vulnerable. A long discussion took place voicing real concerns. The Clerk said that the Church had not been forgotten and that as soon as the window was installed, the ACC would make a donation towards the excess. Mr Alwyn Jones had confirmed that he was able to continue cutting the cemetery next year with a slight increase to £135.00 per cut. This was agreed by all. The budget for 2026/2027 was discussed in detail and was set. The Clerk asked if she could request an increase of £1000.00 to the Precept particularly for grass cutting in the four areas that the ACC looks after. It was agreed by all Councilors that this should be requested. This means that the

Precept for 2026/2027 would amount to £16000.00. With the Election in May 2026 this will reduce the funds in the Reserve Account. The Clerk reminded all that the Cemetery Account is not Precept funded but is self-funded. The funds in the Youth account may be used to pay for one of the picnic benches. Forms were circulated to all Councillor stating that no expenses had been claimed for submission to the Audit office and the Website.

1796: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Cllr Roberts said that he would like the Acc to again write to Cyngor Gwynedd Maritime department asking again for a height barrier to be erected at Penrhyn Point North. Residents are sick and tired of being unable to park at the point in the summer and walk their dogs because of overnight camper vans etc. The Clerk said that she would write again and ask for a specific comment as to why it was not possible. The access to the ramp would be free. A full discussion took place and there was a difference of opinion, however, when a vote took place the majority of Councillors agreed with the Clerk writing to Cyngor Gwynedd. Cllr Hayward requested maintenance and sweeping on the road up to Cregennan lakes.

1797: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – The meeting was very positive and one of the points discussed was the specific Fairbourne Evacuation Plan.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – no report submitted. A discussion took place and Cllr Evans said that a new Agreement had been drawn up by James Green and was submitted for legal advice and to Stuart Eves. Cllr Roberts said that he was happy with the agreement submitted by Stuart Eves in the first place. The outstanding issue with the golf club is the Barclays Bank Account and a new contract regarding the masts. The most important thing is to get the mortgage paid off and this is via Barclays.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts – No report.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – Grass cutting was confirmed for next year. Cllr Roberts said that he would try and complete the path work in the next month, if not it will have to go back out to tender.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Cllr Puddick was monitoring the ditches and the beach and was in contact with NRW
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway. Repairs made to the posters attached to the muga fencing.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart: Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans – Xmas lights and a much-improved Christmas tree make the Village look really inviting. The litter situation is still better than normal except Penrhyn Drive South Cave. A further 100m of the Promenade path have been widened by removal of plant and weed growth and lastly 324 bulbs have been planted at the Fairbourne/Friog infant's school.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – The ditch clearance had taken place. A discussion again took place regarding the programme which did not seem to consider the whole ditch system. The Clerk said that she would write to Keith Ivens and Ann Griffiths asking if a representative could come to the Village for a daytime meeting in early January 2026 to explain how the programme is set and implemented.

1798: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1799: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th January 2026 Arthog Village Hall.