

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE ARTHOG
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2026

1800: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present.

1802: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Evans, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Malloy, Cllr Mrs Young, Clerk Angela Thomas and CG Cllr Louise Hughes

1803: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Mrs Langford

1804: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1805: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements from the Chair.

1806: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025 The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Narraway

1807: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025 No matters arising.

1808: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that two salt bins had been requested by residents, both in the Arthog area, both residents having to navigate steep hills. These requests had been forwarded to Adrian Williams, Cyngor Gwynedd. A request had also been made to have the road up to Cregennan Lakes cleared all the way through. The Clerk confirmed that the beach resculping contract was due to commence on Monday 5th January, but due to the weather conditions it had not started. At this time a conversation was started by Cllr Evans with regard to the 2026 beach scrapes. The Clerk reported that this was a topic that had been discussed at the Fairbourne partnership meetings. The stumbling block is the estimated cost of the whole scheme, coming in at around £6000.00. The main cost being the marine license that CG would have to apply for from NRW and then the cost of the contractor and ongoing maintenance. The Clerk reported that 2026 scrapes had not been ruled out. Cllr Mrs Young asked the Clerk to enquire again, what the current situation was as Easter is early this year starting first week of April. It was felt that not having a scrape would be detrimental to the success of the holiday season and would deter visitors from coming to Fairbourne to use the beach. The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply from an email sent to Highways, Engineering and YGC and Maritime in early December regarding a height barrier at Penrhyn Point, repair of lifebelts and other topics. A third reminder email would be sent to all concerned. Mike Scott had submitted an update report regarding Glan Y Mor and confirmed that the proposed ditch work (that not undertaken by NRW) was progressing. He also reported an increase in the amount of dog poo around the village pavements and promenade path. This is something that everyone is acutely aware of. Unfortunately, it would appear that CG does not have enough dog wardens to police all areas. Cllr Narraway keeps ahead of the game with litter but quite rightly does not deal with disrespectful resident's and their foul dog poo. An incident of human waste had been reported at the lady's promenade toilet. The Clerk reminded all present that CG is hosting and managing an email site paid for by Welsh Government about all things Fairbourne. A statement is currently being prepared to add to the website reference the media, academic and TV requests for statement about Fairbourne. The idea being that if the Clerk receives a request, she can refer the applicant to the website. A second statement is also being prepared reference the continued request by some people in the Village for the replacement of the ramp. This should make answering queries regarding both much clearer and easier.

1809: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence or phone calls that needed discussion.

1810: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1811: PLANNING MATTERS: No outstanding planning matters.

1812: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The current balances of the 4 accounts were discussed. Current Account £9987.27 (£1000.00) of which is ringfenced for defib materials. Reserve Account £4216.54, Youth Account £4025.92 and Cemetery Account £5839.60. The junior picnic benches had been paid for, but delivery was delayed due to the weather conditions. The precept request of an increase of £1000.00 to £16,000.00, had been accepted. A request for a replacement planter at the entrance to the village was debated and approved by all. The Clerk would order this from Wynnstay in Dolgellau. The window in St Cynon's church had been repaired and the application received from the Church for help towards the excess on the insurance policy was approved. A vote was taken by all present and it was agreed that a donation of £500.00 would be offered to the Church.

1813: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: No questions submitted.

1814: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – No report
- (b) Golf Club Report – No report

- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts – No report.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – The ACC will ask for quotations for the repair work required in the Cemetery. This is now a matter of some urgency; a safety issue could arise.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Always on going.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway. Repairs had been made to the two posters provided by Joyce Woolley.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway. Penrhyn Drive South Cave has been cleared except for a large amount of rubber tyres that have been burnt. It was thought that it would make sense to block the cave in some way. The litter situation continues to be better than normal. Rough weather has had an impact. Cllr Narraway thought that there may be other residents picking up litter. This is great news. It would also appear that residents had helped to clear pebbles off the promenade path, again this is great news. The Southern flagpole has been dropped but will be hopefully repaired quite soon. Two life belt housings still in need of repair. The removal of the overgrown weeds on the promenade path has made the path much wider than previously thought. This makes it safer for all to use. The picnic tables still to be delivered to the Fairbourne/Friog infant's school.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – A meeting is to be held in the Multi Use room on Wednesday 14th January with Ann Griffiths NRW to better understand the planning, allocation of work and the financing of the ditch clearance.

1815: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1816: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th February in Fairbourne Village Hall, commencing 7.00pm.