

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE ARTHOG
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

1833: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present.

1834: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Evans, Cllr Green, Clerk Angela Thomas

1835: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Roberts, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Mrs Young

1836: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1837: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements

1838: Presentation from Helen Roberts. Helen asked the ACC if they could take over the remaining funds from the Christmas Lights campaign. Her second request was for entertainment for youth aged between 13 years and 18 years. She suggested a basketball hoop. She also requested the replacement of the current metal box that previously held the tennis net. After Helen Roberts left the meeting, a discussion took place, but no decision was made, it will be carried forward to the next meeting in April. This gives Councillors time to come up with possible solutions to the requests.

1839: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026 The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Narraway and Cllr Mrs Langford. The chairman signed the minutes as correct.

1840: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026. One typo corrected. No matters arising.

1841: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that an email response had been received from CG with some answers to outstanding questions. Parking in Arthog - Hardcore will not be acceptable but grass Crete blocks could work. The Clerk will ask for a site meeting. The request for a height barrier at Penrhyn Point would not be lawful and therefore will not go ahead. The Penrhyn Drive road sign damaged in early December has been removed but not yet replaced. Life Buoys – still not repaired. A Billing has still not been received from Audit Wales for the last external audit. Potholes before the railway crossing and just after the crossing have been reported. The Clerk will mention this on Friday at a meeting to be held with Steffan Jones in the Village Hall. The Bench proposed for Mawddach trail - SNP are more than happy to do the work, maintain and place the bench. The Clerk mentioned that she is receiving lots of emails for vacancies for Clerks for Town and Community Councils. Glan Y More update - Work is continuing at a steady rate. There are approximately 2 more weeks work to be carried out on the Beach resculpting project. The hardcore path in the Cemetery is finished and is a really great job. The plan may be to weed treat the side paths not to lay down hardcore. The Land Registry documents have been received after one year for the land leased from CG at the Golf Club. Stuart Eves has been emailed.

A digital health assessment carried out by One Voice Wales identified possible issues with digital safety. No further action to be taken by the ACC. A new planter has been placed under the Welcome to Fairbourne sign on Beach Road, the old wooden planter had rotted away. A suggested de-fib demonstration would take approximately one hour. The Chair suggested that it be deferred to the Autumn, a quieter time. The Clerk will write to Cllr Mrs Young and suggest this action.

It was agreed by all to invite a representative of BCUHB to attend a future Council meeting. Date to be confirmed. The Curb side at Llyn Jerico on the A470 had been churned up badly, the Clerk wrote to the Highways department. The area has been repaired and put back to a good state.

1842: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence or phone calls that needed discussion.

1843: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1844: PLANNING MATTERS: There had been several applications received from Eryri (SNP) but no objections received. One planning application from Cyngor Gwynedd for Fairbourne, again no objections raised. There are no outstanding planning matters.

1845: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk circulated copies of the balances of the four accounts. A deposit had been made in the Cemetery Account for the sum of £130.50 for the erection of a head stone for an earlier burial. Permission was given by all present to pay the following by BACS: Elfed ap Gomer £438.00 for Website renewal, P Roberts for laying down of a firm path in the Cemetery from the Cemetery Account £555.00, Payment by cheque to Arthog Community Centre the sum of £562.50, £500.00 donation and £62.50 for room hire. A funeral took place on the 27th of February in the ACC cemetery. The Cooperative Funeral Service will pay the grave digger burial fee, and the balance for exclusive rights will be sent by cheque to the ACC Clerk. Opening balances as of 4th March were as follows: Current Account £7789.36 (1000.00 ringfenced for First Responders de fib equipment), Reserve Account £4226.57, Cemetery Account £5970.10, and Youth Account £4035.50. It should be pointed out that when monies were raised for all the equipment in the Playpark years ago, there was no provision for future maintenance. The £4035.50 sum in the Youth Account is being used to maintain equipment and in particular the Muga Fencing which is suffering badly from salt erosion. The donation request for the Friog and Fairbourne Village Hall had not yet been received. It needs to be in the system before the end of this financial year. The Clerk was given permission to pay the sum of £500.00 as soon as the request is received.

1846: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: No questions submitted.

1847: 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 chairman will ask Cllr Roberts if he could make the paths safe for a funeral to be held Thursday 26th February.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Always on going. The Web site will be renamed getting rid of the word “flood” and replacing it with “resilience”.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway – Repairs made to Joyce Woolley’s posters.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway – Litter still normal, but tricky collecting in high winds. Southern flagpole is still dropped for safety reasons and 2 life belt housings still in need of repair. School picnic tables assembled and keenly used. Photos to follow and being used in many useful ways. Sheep droppings are more of a problem than dog poo for once.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors. Always monitored.

1848: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1849: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1st April in Fairbourne Village Hall, commencing 7.00pm.