

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026

1850: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Cllr Thomas opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present.

1851: PRESENT: Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Mrs Young, Cllr Mrs Malloy, Clerk Angela Thomas. There were three observers present, Helen Roberts, Lauren Baines and Cath Harrison.

1852: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apology received from Cllr Evans

1853: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1854: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: Sadly, the chairman, Cllr Thomas announced that Cllr Roberts had resigned from the Arthog Community Council with effect from Monday 30th March 2026.

1855: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, WEDNESDAY 4th March 2026 The minutes were approved and seconded by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Mrs Langford. The chairman signed the minutes as correct.

1856: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026. No matters arising.

1857: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that a quotation had been sought from G L Jones the playpark specialists, which she brought to the meeting. Helen Roberts had approached an individual in Barmouth for a quote, but nothing so far had been received by her. Cllr Young said that she had looked around the internet and prices ranged from £400.00 to over £1000.00. G L Jones quotation came in at £ 4200.00 including vat and of course this meets all the health and safety standards and requirements. A quote had been provided by Helen Roberts unfortunately the safety standard on that quote could not be traced. It is vital that the safety standard on any basketball hoop must be met to avoid the situation which cropped up last year when a parent reported the ACC to Gwynedd Council and suggested that a piece of equipment in the playpark was dangerous. This meant that the playpark had to be closed for several weeks. This was not the case, and after a really expensive ROSPA check, out of sequence, all the equipment in the playpark was passed as fit for purpose and fully complied with safety standards. If purchased, after all avenues have been explored, this piece of equipment will not be set up for matches but just for good fun. The Christmas Lights fund that Helen Roberts had asked of the ACC could take charge of would prove very difficult to manage. With the ACC already having 4 accounts, for which the ACC is heavily criticized for. There is a reason for the 4 accounts which the External Audit Office needs to be reminded of each year. In order for the £300.00 to be spent, the ACC there would need an external Christmas Light Committee who would make a request. This will be discussed again at a future meeting. The Clerk had been asked to find out whether there was a counter/viewing number on the Website pages. There is a counter, but the information is young at the moment. Cllr Ally Young asked who ran the website and was told that Elfed ap Gomer is the Web Manager. The Clerk had received a reply from BCUHB suggesting that a representative of their attend one of meetings, possibly July but this is to be confirmed. Steffan Jones, Gwynedd Council, YGC and Engineering came to Fairbourne to catch up with Partnership Board Members as he had a previous engagement for the last meeting. The Clerk had received a thank you letter from Arthog Village Hall for the £500.00 donation. Three fencing panels at Beach Road Car Park were to be replaced asap, this has been referred to the Parking Department at CG. The Friog Corner bench had been placed. Cllr Narraway was helped by a parent. Cllr Ally Young suggested that there may be a safety issue, Cllr Narraway was confident that there was no danger to the bench being rocked. A check will be made by Cllr Puddick and Cllr Green. The potholes before the railway crossing and just after, have been temporarily filled. Cllr Mrs Malloy also mentioned that there is a pothole at Fford Merion. The Clerk will get a photograph and inform CG. A request for information regarding the Sensory Boat project had been received from Lauren Baines. It was explained that the funding of £1444.00 was from a successful application for funding not from the Precept. The initial request had been for £5000.00 to spend on playpark equipment. This request did not meet the parameters of that funding scheme, but the sensory boat did because it would benefit the whole rather than a niche. A new equipment box in the tennis court had been ordered from Wynnstay. The white lines have been reinstated in the tennis court by Mike Scott. The Clerk confirmed that the beach resculpting had been completed and appeared to be a fantastic job. A letter of thanks

had been sent to NRW. The Clerk said that she had completed a request for Digital awareness. The result came back that the ACC was not digitally safe. However, with a precept of £15,000.00 there is no money to spend on individual equipment for 10 Councillors. A provisional date of 15th April has been set aside by Cllr Mrs Young for a defib demonstration. She requested that as many Councillors attend as possible. The Clerk said that if Cllr Mrs Young sends details to her, she will type up a notice advertising this in the three Notice Boards.

1858: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence or phone calls.

1859: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1860: PLANNING MATTERS: No outstanding planning matters to report.

1861: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk gave a run-down of the finances for the end of the 2025/2026 financial Year. There were no questions. The current account £5851.71 (£1000.00 ringfenced for De-fib items), reserve account £4230.97, Youth Account £4039.70 and Cemetery Account £6187.10. Unfortunately, the One Voice Wales subscription of £315.00 did not come in, in time for this financial year. The Clerk asked for permission to pay this bill, and it will come out of the 2026/2027 accounts. The Clerk explained that there was a headstone in the Cemetery showing 2 names, but the ACC has only accounted for one burial. **This remains unexplained.**

1862: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Cllr Ally Young asked how the ACC lets residents know what is going on in the Community. The Clerk explained that she has a base of 76 email addresses dating back to the Newsletter that went out several years ago. Also, all items of interest are put in the three Notice Boards. There is also a facility to use the website as a source of information. Cllr Mrs Young suggested that an ACC Facebook page be considered. The Chairman reminded all that the Partnership Website is currently under development. Cllr Mrs Young said that if she had access to the ACC Website, she would be prepared to add items. The Clerk said she would contact Elfed ap Gomer. Cllr Narraway reminded all that Facebook can go horribly wrong if it is not carefully filtered.

It was agreed that all future items of news/interest will be posted on the Website. The Clerk recirculated forms for signature again, being the end of the financial year, indicating that no Councillor had claimed expenses. These will be sent to the remuneration panel.

1863: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – The Clerk reported that the next meeting will be in September.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Evans - No report. Cllr Roberts has now resigned.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – No report. Cllr Mrs Young will become the representative.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk. See Clerks report.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – No update.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway – Weeding and oiling continue. There is persistent low-level vandalism/ASB at the swing plus smashed ceramics. High level of litter in both parks. Helped by a Dad to remove old rusty equipment box. Tennis court plugs removed and replaced with sustainable version. Tennis net and loops mended. New poles made and tested. G L Jones basketball hoop inspected. Fencing is loose west end of MUGA.
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway – Flag raised as soon as profiling was finished. Flower planters looking smart. Litter still normal amounts. Southern Flagpole still dropped and 2 life belt housings still down. A new parent helped move the bench from the tennis court to Friog corner. New residents in the “Chalet” expressed appreciation for the picnic benches on Penrbhyn Drive North. However, they were shocked at the amount of dog mess on the promenade path.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors. Always monitored.

1864: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

1865: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6th May in Arthog Village Hall, commencing 7.00pm.

The Chairman asked if the three observers had any comment to make. The discussion then went on for a further half hour after the end of the official ACC meeting. It should be remembered that the hall is booked from 7.00 to 9.00pm and meetings are limited to 2 hours.