

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 6th May 2015

189. PRESENT: Mrs D Hughes (Chairman), Mr P Thomas, Mr J Kirkham, Mr J Rees, Mr P Parker, Mr Wiles. Mrs S. Williams (Clerk- in attendance)

190. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr M. Scott, Mrs L Hughes, Mr J Haycock, Mr P Roberts, Mr S Eves (absent no apology)

191. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

192. Council Website Update Q& A- Presentation by Elfed ap Gomer:

The Council welcomed Mr ap Gomer, who is now in charge of running the Community Council's website. Gwynedd Council have given financial assistance for the development of a bilingual website.

Mr ap Gomer explained the basic requirements of the website, which will include the contact details of the Clerk- which will be a neutral e-mail address. The Ward that each councillor is representing will be included.

The councillors agreed for their phone numbers to be included in the website, but not their e-mail addresses.

Councillors will need to show their political affiliations on the website and the portfolios they hold with the Community Council. The register of members interests will also be made available on the website. When seats on the council become available this will also be published on the website.

Confirmed minutes will be published on the website along with agenda. If any additional items need to be translated the Clerk should be contacted. Costs of translation were discussed. Public to be informed that translation is available.

Audited accounts will also be on Website. Any council information which is placed on the council notice boards, will also be on the website.

Mr ap Gomer showed the councillors the Website for Llanelltyd Council, which was the model that would be adopted by ACC. The website would also show footpaths and the boundaries of ACC.

Cllr D. Hughes agreed to compose a welcome from ACC which will be put on the website, along with geographical and historical points of interest- this will be bilingual.

Cllr Wiles mentioned colour contrast and font size for partially sighted people. Mr ap Gomer could see no problem with the fonts that he uses.

Mr ap Gomer closed his presentation on the website update and left the meeting.

193. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st April 2015:

- i) The minutes were agreed save for 186 item (v) Cllr Parker was not reporting the issue of the sluice gates as a fact, merely that he had heard about the sluice gates.
- ii) The correction was made and the minutes were then agreed as correct.

Matters arising from minutes:-

- i) Cllr Thomas to contact Mr Anderson with regards to Tree Survey and to send to Clerk and what his recommendations are.
- ii) Item 183 (i) There will not be any RIB rides as the boat is up for sale.
- iii) 'Shute' type bin now at Point. 'Passing loop' bin is now in Tywyn for adjustments.
- iv) It was reported that no litter had been left at the Point during the Easter and May -Day holidays.
- v) The Clerk was to contact Bethan Owen, Gwynedd Council, with regards to the signs.

Thanks were given to Cllr Scott and Cllr Kirkham for their hard work.

194: CLERKS REPORT:

The Clerk read out her report.

195: PENRHYN POINT MANAGEMENT:

- i) Cllr Kirkham will meet Meilir Hughes on Friday 8th May 9.00 am to discuss the pros and cons of a lease.
- ii) Cllr Parker showed a map where the waste bins are sited in Fairbourne. There will not be a bin at the Friog end as Gwynedd Council can not empty a bin due to vehicular restrictions.

196: FAIRBOURNE FLOOD WARDENS:

- i) Cllr Kirkham read out a report prepared by Cllr Scott.

197: SPECIFIC ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION:

None

198 : CORRESPONDENCE:

- i) Cllr Kirkham read out a letter from Fairbourne Golf Club highlighting the current situation and the financial constraints of the Golf Club.
- ii) Letter from SNPA refusing the 'Hydro- electric scheme at Bron Llety Ifan Arthog
- iii) Clerk reported on a telephone message received from PCSO Lake- Bullen, stationed in Tywyn, inviting Community Councillors to a Crime & Disorder Forum in Tywyn Secondary School.
- iv) Public liability and Employers liability policy was received from Sean Chambers.

199: PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) No observations or objections were raised to planning application for Ty yr Ysgol, Islaw'r Dref, Dolgellau.
- ii) Letter from SNPA refusing the 'Hydro- electric scheme at Bron Llety Ifan Arthog.

200: PROJECT BOARD

- i) Cllrs Wiles & Parker attended a Working Group meeting on 23 April. A full transcript of the meeting can be found at : <http://fairbourne.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Fairbourne-Working-Group-Minutes-of-Meeting-230415.pdf>

201: FINANCIAL REPORT:

- i) Bank statements are still being sent to Sue Jones, but in the name of D. Hughes.
- ii) The quote supplied by Sean's Lawns was agreed by the Council.
- iii) Dail Dysyni was discussed by Cllr Thomas who proposed a £100 donation, this was seconded by Cllr Parker. The Council agreed. The £100 to be paid in June.
- iii) The Royal Welsh Show is being sponsored by Meirionnydd County for 2016. A request for financial support had been received by Dolgellau area appeal committee. Cllr Rees sits on the panel as does the husband of Cllr D. Hughes. The following was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Thomas:- £125 for the financial year 2015/16 & £125 for the financial year 2016/2017.
- iv) The clerk informed the council the balances of current account £7905.89 and the business reserve account £4734.30.

202: Councillors Questions and Reports:

- i) Cllr Thomas reported that the Cemetery sign has been damaged.
- ii) The Council want a sign erected at the cemetery stating that there is no access to the Mawddach Trail from the cemetery.

A sign is also needed at Morfa Mawddach station and the old Arthog Railway Station, to direct the public to the Mawddach Trail.

- iii) Clerk to contact Snowdonia National Park with regards to the signs.

203: AOB

- i) Next Project Board meeting will be held on 24th July at 10:30.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:-

Election of Officers:

- i) Cllr Kirkham was proposed by Cllr D, Hughes and seconded by Cllr Scott (by Correspondence) to be the Chair of ACC. This was agreed by the Cllrs present.
- ii) Cllr Haycock was proposed by Cllr D, Hughes and seconded by Cllr Thomas to be Vice-Chair of ACC. This was agreed by the Cllrs present.

Cllr Hughes, thanked the Council and the Clerk and wished Cllr Kirkham " All the best."

Representatives:

- i) Cllr Scott stood down as representative of Fairbourne Village Hall.
- ii) Cllrs Wiles & Kirkham will be ACC representative of Fairbourne Village Hall.
- iii) Cllrs Wiles and Parker will be ACC representatives on Fairbourne Project Board.
- vi) Cllr D, Hughes Representative LLais Cymru.

204 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 June 2015

