

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 2/12/2015

273. Present: Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr M.Scott, Cllr P.Thomas, Cllr P. Parker, Cllr M.Wiles, Cllr P.Roberts, Mrs. S.Williams (Clerk)

274. Apologies: Cllr J.Rees, County Councillor L.Hughes, Cllr S.Eves, Cllr D.Hughes, Cllr J.Haycock

275. Declaration of Interests: - None

276. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair.

None

277. Minutes of Meeting Held on 4th November 2015

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct. Save for 271 should read Ynys Faig and not Ynys Fechan. This was corrected.

278. Matters arising from minutes:-

- 1) 240 (c) From Next Year, boats launching from Penrhyn Point will have their insurance checked.
- 2) 240 (m) Flower boxes, Arthog will have 2 small boxes. Hodson's will fund the flower boxes for Arthog and Mr Renshaw will fund the boxes for Friog. Mr Salt and Mrs Scott have agreed to 'look after' the boxes.
- 3) 265 Clerks Report: - 'The wet patch' on the road into Arthog has now been rectified. Cllr Roberts suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Highways thanking them for their rapid response.
- 4) 265 Clerks Report: - a security gate has now been placed on the Pill Box on the sea wall at Penrhyn Drive South
- 5) 266 (a) – The Rock Armour placements have been completed.
- 6) 266 (b) – The Community Council will not be involved in the Beach Patrol.
- 7) 266 (c) - Directional Signage including mileage will be ordered and erected by ACC.

279. Clerks Report

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the survey report from G.L.Jones (Fairbourne Playground) had been received and the Clerk was instructed to obtain two quotes one for painting and one for repairs required.

The Clerk informed the meeting that GCC would be doing a 'leaf sweep' in Meirionnydd on 23 November.

Further to correspondence from North Wales Health Board which was discussed at the September meeting, the Clerk would arrange for a representative to attend a spring meeting to discuss Health and Health Services in North Wales.

Further correspondence was sent to GCC regarding the placing of the flower boxes and the weeds growing through the wall by the cemetery, but as yet there has been no reply.

Replies are still to come from Liz Haynes with regards to the upkeep of the footpaths.

Further investigation into IT support has been done and in particular with Dell.

Despite making contact with the editor of the Sibrydion, the contact details of the Clerk were yet to be amended.

280. Specific Items Brought to Attention

(a) Fairbourne Moving Forward implementation Plan

FMF Project Board meeting - 25 November

The Welsh Government researchers are now appointed and will focus on the 3 projects (Buy to Let; SMP2 effect on people and economy; Supporting Community resilience). Cllr Parker will pass details of the researches onto the Clerk.

Next Public Event on [22 January](#) will be in a presentation format with questions from the floor and will cover the Friog Corner proposals, Buy to Let progress, the Researchers, Monitoring results and, most importantly the Masterplan. Stands will be set up around the Fairbourne Village Hall where attendees can discuss issues in more detail.

National trust 'Shifting Shores' event was attended by Lisa Marshall and Fairbourne Facing Change who manned a stand exhibiting Fairbourne Project, where it was stressed that Community engagement is a top priority. Network Rail was also present and they agreed to attend future Project Board meetings.

Raw data from the Ground Water Monitoring exercise was presented. Data is recorded in 15 minute intervals. All bore holes are collecting data showing significant fluctuations. One rose 1m in 4 hours. Next step is to develop a relationship between the data fluctuations and sea, ground

water and river levels.

FMF Masterplan (Framework Planning) meeting - 30 November

The Masterplan will be the detailed plan to manage the changes brought about by the predictions made in the Shoreline Management Plan 2.

It is recognised that legislation to deliver the SMP2 will need to be drawn up.

The Community will expect answers to their questions from the politicians, especially at local level.

Greg Guthrie (Royal Haskoning) and Huw Davies (Gwynedd) are to prepare a presentation defining the problem to be made at the Public meeting to be held in January.

Buy to Let meeting - 1 December

This initiative is high profile being Welsh Government funded, Senior Gwynedd Council Cabinet members to be briefed to move this forward. So far unsuccessful attempts have been made to engage with local Housing Associations so the net is to be cast throughout UK and Europe.

The meeting agreed that a quality Prospectus and marketing material would be produced to target suitable associations. Thought to be too much local bias so non Gwynedd Land Agents are to be approached for this work,

(b)SMP 2- Sub Committee

Cllr Parker, made a proposal to form a Sub Committee to support the Fairbourne Project Master Plan which is attached. The venue and clerical duties of the sub-committee were discussed. Questions raised on the by the Councillors:-

- 1) Would Lisa Marshal take the minutes at the first meeting?
- 2) Would there be any financial support from G.C.C for clerical duties i.e pay for some to take minutes?

The sub-committee should comprise of 4-5 people, the following councilors showed an interest in the role on the proviso that they would not be able to attend all meetings and there should be no summer meeting, Cllrs Parker, Wiles, Thomas and Roberts.

It was anticipated that the initially there would be a lot of intense work. The inaugural meeting would be to establish Terms and Reference of the Sub Committee.

281. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Clerk:-

GCC –Questionnaire as to the Financial Challenge facing Gwynedd Council. ACC strongly object to the closure of the foot crossing of Barmouth Bridge.

Unllais Wales – Forwarded to Cllr D. Hughes.

Neighbourhood Watch- passed on to Cllr M.Wiles.

GCC- notice of works A493 near Glasfryn Terrace – to cut hedge, edge strengthening and erect fence.

Community Health Council – request for volunteers to join the Health Council.

GCC- Draft report 'Statement of Licensing Policy'.

Consultation on Policing Priority meeting in Golf Club Dolgellau at 6pm 14/1/2016.

Marie Curie requesting donation- ACC decided against making any donation as this was not a local charity.

Red Cross requesting donation- ACC decided against making any donation as this was not a local charity. This letter was received at last months meeting.

Letter of thanks received from Fairbourne Bowling Club, who also has requested if they can keep surplus money from donation to buy outdoor storage. The Councilors had agreed to this.

282. Planning Applications

Planning applications were submitted from:-

SNPA –NP5/5211D –Permission retrospective application for extension of the domestic curtilage and for the Retention of Existing Static Caravan to Be Used as Ancillary Accommodation to the Property known as Vaynor, Vaynor, Arthog

SNPA- NP5/52/LB100A- Old Toll House Friog LL38 2SJ. Proposal for listed building work already executed including re roofing; adding roof lights to rear; new rainwater goods; alterations to roofs of rear extensions;

replacement door and windows; re-pointing; and internal works including adding new concrete floor, and new bathroom and kitchen fittings.

283. Financial Report and Payments Made

The Clerk informed the Councillors that an up to date balance of monies in the bank could not be presented at the meeting, as the Clerk was still awaiting current statements from the bank.

The following payments were made:-

Clerical Supplies (analysis book)	£22.99
J.M.Evans (Rock Armour-ACC contribution)	£300
G.L.Jones (playground survey)	£220
Friog & Fairbourne Village Hall	£1000
Arthog Village Hall	£1000

284. Representatives Reports

Cllr Scott reported that there are still 190 properties left to register with the Flood Warden scheme with aim of reducing this to 30 properties.

Registration forms are very straight forward to complete. Cllr Scott suggested that the uptake to register could be increased if residents signed up for 'Warnings' rather than 'Alerts'.

Cllr Scott reported that the Fencing along Penrhyn Drive South, (road side), needs to be removed as the posts have become rotten. The removal of the posts will need to be put to out to tender. Cllrs Scott and Roberts will dismantle posts and stack in preparation for removal; this will be done in the New Year.

Clerk to contact Barry Davies regarding the removal of the fencing and that the fencing is not to be replaced.

285. To Receive Councillors Questions

Picnic Table at Penrhyn Drive South needs to be replaced at a cost of £85 +VAT. Proposed by Cllr Scott seconded by Cllr Roberts. The Council agreed to this.

The bench that used to be situated close to the Toll House, Friog, to be replaced and re-sited in a new location at Friog corner. Cllr Thomas suggested that this should be done once the work at Friog Corner has been completed. The Council agreed to this.

286. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 6th January 2016

Meeting Closed 9.15pm