

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 7/9/2016.

406. Present: Cllr Scott,(Chairman), Cllr P. Roberts, Cllr Wiles, Cllr Eves, Cllr Kirkham, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr L. Hughes (County Councillor) Mrs. S. Williams (Clerk).

407. In Attendance

Mr Rueben Woodford – NRW.

408. Apologies: Cllr J. Haycock, Cllr P. Parker, Cllr P. Thomas.

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409. Guest Speaker - Mr Rueben Woodford -NRW

Mr Woodford presented the meeting with the pre submitted questions from the Councillors and his draft answers. He stated that he would forward final responses.

410. Declaration of Interests: -

None

411. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair :-

Cllr Scott discussed the length of future meetings and referred to guidance in the '**Good Councillors Guide**'.

The audit will be discussed in place of Item 9(b).

412. To confirm Minutes of Meeting Held on 6th July 2016

The minutes held on 6th July 2016 were accepted as correct apart from item 400, Correspondence, Amendments to Code of Conduct Gwynedd Council. It had been omitted in the minutes that the Council had agreed to the Code of Conduct. Once corrections were made, minutes signed as correct.

413. Matters arising from minutes :-

398 Letter received from resident of Fairbourne expressing an interest in being co-opted onto the Community Council. As the vacancy was for the Islawdref Ward and not Fairbourne, the councillors agreed that there were sufficient councillors representing the Fairbourne Ward. The Clerk would make enquiries to the elections officer of Gwynedd Council to establish if it would be possible for Cllr Roberts to be co-opted to Islawdref and thereby leaving a casual vacancy in Fairbourne to be filled by the interested party.

414. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the a text message had been received from the local level crossing manager regarding the sinage at Morfa Mawddach. This has been passed on to Gwynedd Council who have made arrangements to rectify the missing the sign. Memorial Bench - John Lyons and family have requested to contribute to installing a memorial bench and plaque in memory of their cousin to placed on the promade . The council agreed to this in principle, however the family will need to fund the project.

The clerk received a telephone call from Gwynedd Council with regards to a rodent problem in Fairbourne. Cllr Scot informed the meeting that the problem was under

control.

The clerk gave further information regarding the public toilets in Fairbourne. Cllr Hughes proposed that ACC are interested in partnering Gwynedd Council, in keeping the public toilets open but not in the whole scale management of the toilets. This would be subject to further negotiations with Gwynedd Council. This proposal was agreed by the meeting.

The clerk reported that she would not be available to attend the October meeting, Cllr Hughes would make enquires as to someone who maybe available to stand in for the Clerk during her absence.

Cllr Scott stated that a replacement for the Clerk will need to found.

415. Specific Items Brought to Attention

a) Cllr Scott discussed the vandalism that had occurred to the tennis court. Cllr would ask local residents if they would be in favour of a local tennis club being established.

Cllr Scott also mentioned that the football nets need to be replaced. Cllr Scott wanted to know if any money could be taken from the Youth Account to fund this.

b)The Clerk reported that the audit papers had been returned by BDO as further information was required. BDO had identified a number of amendments that need to be corrected and the annual return to be reapproved by the council. The letter from BDO was circulated to the members, who agreed to the amendments being made by the Clerk.

BDO wanted confirmation as to whether or not the Youth Account should be included with in the community accounts annual return. It was established that the Youth account should be included as it was minuted in ACC minutes of 28/2/1989 under Matters arising. " The public meeting took place at the Church room, Fairbourne on Tuesday February 14th when the matter was further discussed. It was decided by a majority vote that the money be administered and controlled by the Arthog Community Council, and that the money be deposited in a separate account entitled 'Fairbourne Youth Account' and that applications for contributions from the fund should be received by March 1st of each year."

The Councillors agreed that this was the position and amendments to the Annual return was duly authorised. The Councillors also agreed to put into place all the recommendations as set out in the letter from BDO. Following on from one of the recommendations regarding the Budgetary process, the Councillors have agreed to hold an Extra Ordinary meeting in November to set a budget.

b) Penrhyn Point Overnight Parking

Report from Cllr Wiles Report Attached.

c)Fairbourne Learning Project

Cllr Wiles report attached.

No comments were made by the meeting on Cllr Wiles report.

d) Fairbourne Flood Plan Update

Cllr Scott reported that the NRW had suggested that residents in Fairbourne register. Cllr Scott will be having a website discussion with Mr Burrows in the next week.

416. Correspondence

Letter received from Mr and Mrs Howell of Station Rd Fairbourne. Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council Highways Department.

Unllais Cymru - Understanding the Law. Training event 22/9/16.

Unllais Cymru - Area Committee Meeting 21/9/16 7pm Dolgellau - Details given to Cllr D. Hughes.

One Voice Wales Conference 1/10/16.

One Voice Wales - 'Fly Flag for the Commonwealth 2017.

One Voice Wales - Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee Consultation.

Gwynedd Council Legal Services- Road Closure Beach Road & Penrhyn Drive North Fairbourne- Race the Train 2016.

Gwynedd Council - Re Salt Bins - Cllr Roberts has checked the salt bins - all in good condition and two need to be refilled.

Gwynedd Council - Proposed Speed Restrictions 30mph & 40 mph - Fairbourne, Llandecwyn, Harlech, Y Bala, Tywyn and Friog/Arthog.

Gwynedd Council - Enquiry about overnight parking has been passed to the parking enforcement officer.

SNPA - Eryri Local Development Plan review - Assessment of open spaces.

SNPA - Reviewing Eryri Local Development Plan.

SNPA - Community Councils Open Evening.

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Came & Co - Insurance renewal - Council agreed to renew.

Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig - Open Call Community Ownership.

Dail Dysynni - requesting Financial assistance £100 doantion made.

Letter from Fairbourne Dance Club - requesting Financial assistance - ACC respectfully declined.

Fairbourne ,Friog and Arthog Senior Citizens Association - requesting financial assistance £400 donation made.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Ms C.Walford on her successful organisation of the Fairbourne Race the Train event.

Cllr Eves requested that the Clerk write to NRW expressing ACC's disappointment on the delay on completing work at Friog Corner.

417. Planning Applications

SNPA NP/5/52/337C Erection of porch extension Is y Rhod Arthog. LL39 1YU – Permitted.

SNPA NP/5/52/186J Application for Erection of Garage at Hafan Y Haul 7 Ysguboriau, Arthog- No Objections save for a technical point on the plans which shows no access where in fact there is an access.

418. Financial Report and Payments Made

Current Account as at 26/8/16 £6052.17p

Business Reserve Account as at 5/8/16 £4737.65p

Youth Account as at 5/8/16 £7706.37p

Payments made:-

Stamps £22.61p

L..C .Jones Grass Cutting Arthog Cemetery 3x cuts £294

Clerk -Clerical Duties £800

Came& Co Local Council Insurance £1338.46p

FFA Senior Citizens Association £400

Dail Dysynni £100

Income:

Fairbourne Golf Club-£1

Gwynedd Council Precept- £4250

Aviva- Collision Claim- £305

419. Representatives Reports

Cllr Eves - **Fairbourne Railway** :- Reported on up coming maintenance work.

Cllr Scott- **Councillors Surgery**. To take place on the last Saturday of September.

Cllr Scott stated that Fairbourne Festival was a great success and the golf club did well

420 . Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 5th October 2016

Meeting Closed 9:30pm