

## ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL AT 7PM.**

**488. Present:** Cllr J Haycock, Cllr (Mrs) D Hughes, Cllr J Kirkham, Cllr S Eves, Cllr P Parker, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr (Mrs) L Hughes (Gwynedd Cllr), Cllr M Scott (Acting Clerk).

**489. Apologies:** Nil

**490. Declaration of Interest:** None

**491. To Receive any Special Announcements from the Chairman:** As this was the last meeting that Cllr (Mrs) Hughes, Cllr Parker and Cllr Wiles will be attending due to retirement, he wished to thank them all for their hard work whilst they have been on the Council and in particular Cllr D Hughes who has been a valuable member of the Arthog Community.

**492. Guest Speaker:** In the unavoidable absence of the Guest Speaker Mrs Lisa Marshall, the Chairman read out a statement from her in which she said that an update on Friog Corner had been provided in the March Newsletter of the Project Board. The Project had met up with the NRW as well as Greg Guthrie and Professor Mike Phillips of Swansea University in order to understand more about the wave climate at Friog Corner with a view to coming up with a design to provided a solution at the Corner. They are going to use the flood modelling data being produced by the Technical Group to ascertain the length of time the the defence will have to be in place for. There will be further dicussions with the NRW towards the end of May.

FMF Group Governance Event / Stakeholder Engagement Event is being held at the Golf Club on 24<sup>th</sup> May, when it is hoped to have a high level profile minister (s) attend the event and others regarding flood risk management decision makers. FFC have been invited, along with members of the business community and she would like to invite two ACC members. Any person that is invited is expected to contribute in a positive way and not be negative! ACC would give their response after the May 4<sup>th</sup> Elections. Lisa will continue to attend the drop in sessions at the Fairbourne Railway until late November.

**493. To postpone the next Council Meeting until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Eves. All in favour so that decisions on representations etc can be made on this night.

**494. To confirm the Minutes of last Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Kirkham. All in favour.

**495. Matters Arising:** The issue of the toilets was raised again and the Clerk had written to Dilwyn Williams – Chief Executive Gwynedd Council expressing the ACC's concern over the proposed closure and that Fairbourne was being treated

unfairly in their proposal of possibly including Fairbourne within the 50 toilets to be closed. The Fairbourne Railway had decided to hire in a couple of 'Porto Loos' should they close the toilets in April. Following the meeting with Bethan Hughes, this would not be the case for the moment. This was in view of the fact that all food outlets had to provide toilets for members of the public. A reply had been received from Iona Hughes the PA of Dilwyn Williams, who said that the CEO would reply to our letter once he has had replies from the relevant officials in their departments.

**496. Clerks Report:** Up until yesterday, I still hoped that Mr Will Williams would still be attending the meeting tonight after arranging a handover etc but this was not to be and he informed me that his current circumstances were too complicated for him to carry out the role of Clerk. I am getting strong criticism from my wife who does not expect me to come home tonight with the books. There could be two options that I approach Mr Bedwyr Gwilym from Blaenau Ffestiniog who is presently the Clerk of Tywyn and Brynchrug Community Councils. Cllr Eves suggested Mrs Susan Brittain who had expressed an interest before. Cllr Eves said he would get in touch with her.

The Clerk had spoken with John Roberts the internal auditor as he wanted to get the books etc to him before May 25<sup>th</sup> when he could pick up all the other Community Council's books for auditing. He was going to post the items to him before Easter. Mr Roberts informed me that he would let me know when they are ready.

The Clerk had had no replies from various Gwynedd Council officers to whom he had written to and nothing from the SNP regarding the alterations at Capel Seion.

**497. Special items brought to Attention:(a) Footpath 13.** At a meeting held between the NRW and Gwynedd Council last week, NRW accepted something needed to be done to address the problem but that they will not consider repairing the Breach but are prepared to look at creating a raised path running alongside the road. They asked for time to consider other options before responding to both Gwynedd Council and ACC. Cllr Parker pointed out that putting a pathway alongside the road would just mean cars parking on it, The Clerk was asked to write to the Ramblers Association and ask them for their comments.

**(b) Penrhyn Drive Slipway:** Barry Davies has said that the complete structure will be removed up on to the top, broken up and then taken away. The Dragons teeth that are in various states of displacement, will be placed on the shingle in between the tarmac footpath on the promenade, and the road running towards Friog Corner. Discussions are due to take place with Cadw as to their eventual resting place.

**(c) Flood Plan and Website:** Cllr Scott attended the Flood Resilience Forum Conference at Llandudno where the Chief Clonstable of North Wales spoke to him and proposed that a 'Flood Evacuation Exercise' be held in Fairbourne and to see the lessons that could be learnt. The Exercise would be more of a 'Table Top' Exercise rather than the real thing. Cllr Scott welcomed the opportunity for further discussions and felt it was another opportunity to promote Fairbourne. The stand that he set up was visited by many people and in particular looking at the website which is almost finished. Just awaiting a final



be out of work at the end of the Summer Term. Presently they have 2.5 teachers at the school. On Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be events both up at the School and in the Fairbourne Village Hall to mark the closure of the school in the form of a Sports Day at the School and a Social in the Village Hall. It should be noted that no money left over at the old school will be passed on to the new school.

**(b)** Cllr Parker still remains as the Acting Chair of Fairbourne Facing Change and as yet nobody else has been earmarked for the position.

**(c)** Cllr L Hughes informed the meeting that is the new Councillor for the area as nobody else had put themselves forward.

**502. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This was subsequently changed to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May as the Village Hall was not available on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**503. Meeting closed at 8.40pm.**