

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TENNIS COURT CAR PARK, FAIRBOURNE DUE TO STRICT WELSH COVID RULES, ONLY 6 IN ATTENDANCE, ON WEDNESDAY 7th April 2021, COMMENCING 7.00PM FOR 1 HOUR.

1038: The Chairman Opened the Meeting: Cllr Roberts opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance for turning up on a cold evening.

1039: Present: Cllr P Roberts, Cllr (Mrs) G Salt, Cllr (Mrs) J Woolley, Cllr (Mrs) H Neville, Cllr S Eves, and the Clerk Angela Thomas

1040: Apologies Received: N/A

1041: Councillors' Declaration of Interest: Nil interest

1042: To Receive Any Special Announcements: Nil

1043: To Confirm Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020. Minutes confirmed by Cllr Eves and seconded by Cllr (Mrs) Woolley.

1044: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2020 – No matters arising.

1045: Clerks Report: The Clerk reported that all repairs to the tennis court/5 a side football pitch had now successfully been completed and the area was now up to the ROSPA safety standards. Covid 19 had made it exceedingly difficult to get the repairs expedited but that two residents had undertaken the project. It needed expediting quickly as even though the courts had been padlocked and notices put up saying the area was closed, teens from the village continued to use the area which put the Community Council under pressure to get the job done quickly. No Smoking Notices had been put up as per the new regulations. The notices were supplied by Gwynedd Council. The areas had also been swept clean of glass and the white lines reinstated. Some of the equipment in the playpark area was found to be in a dangerous state. G L Jones were contacted, they came and removed two items of equipment and repaired the cradle swings. The playpark remains open, and the additional work will be carried out in due course. All items in the playpark are safe and up to ROSPA safety standards. The Clerk confirmed that the flagpole will be re-instated by 1st July by the Maritime department and that a report is due reference the ramp. The ACC are grateful to the Maritime Department for arranging the re-instatement of the flagpole. The repairs to Friog Corner had been completed. Time will tell if the repair has been successful. A plaque had been acquired to commemorate the good works that Eric Wilding had been involved in. Once Covid restriction have been lifted then a ceremony will take place on the Promenade to reveal the plaque.

The Clerk reiterated that at the next meeting, hopefully a full council meeting, the Risk Assessment, the Asset Register, the end of year Accounts and all standing orders must be checked, approved, and seconded on the evening. The Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been sent to OVW for the annual renewal of subscriptions.

1046: Special Items Brought to Attention: No special items brought to attention.

1047: To Deal with Planning Matters: Planning notifications are forward to the Councillors on a weekly basis if there are any planning applications that fall in the ACC area.

1048: Financial Statement and Report: The Clerk gave each Councillor a copy of the current statement of accounts to the end of March 2021 and the cheques and expenditure allocated for April 2021, for the 4 Bank Accounts held by the ACC. One of the points raised because of the external audit was that the Current Account is holding too much money unless the ACC has projects that it is going to carry out. It was decided that the reserve account will hold a balance of £4000.00, that amount of money is needed to cover the possibility of having to hold an election. The youth account should be re-named as Youth Account and Youth Projects. It was also confirmed that any expenditure in the Cemetery should be paid from the Cemetery account, i.e., weed killing and grass cutting. If there are no burials in between time, then the Cemetery account will have to be topped again from the Current Account.

As of 24th March 2021

Current Account: £9172.51
Reserve Account: £745.94
Youth Account: £7357.00
Cemetery Account: £3280.00

Mobile phone payment £13.50, G L Jones £678.00, One Voice Wales £242.00 and equipment and labour costs for tennis court repair £820.00 still to be presented.

Cheques going through the system and cheques banked as follows:

9th September - Came and Co, Insurance renewal - £1656.35.
9th September - Mike Scott – Flowers £21.48
9th September - Clerk – Wages £1500.00
9th September - Ink/Stationery - £96 64
9th September - GC Path Grass Cutting - £1000.00
9th September - FAT – Donation - £1000.00
12th October - Grass Cutting Cemetery - £125.00
12th October - 3 Ink Jets - £116.70
12th October - Alwena Jones – Solicitor - £150.00
5th November - GC Internal Audit - £192.00
5th November - Ink Jet and Wreath for 11/11/2020 - £56.90
5th November - Weed Kill Cemetery - £25.00
2nd December - Welsh Air Ambulance - £300.00
12th January 2021 – External Welsh Audit - £415.15
1st February – Elfed ap Gomer Website maintenance - £384.00 (2 websites)
4th February – Ink Jet and stationery - £75.20
4th February – Sign and Slate E Wilding - £80.00
26th February – Wynnstay Wire Fencing £111.00 (refunded)
15th March – Huws Gray – 4 rigid fence panels - £184.61
10th March – Arthog Village Hall Donation - £500.00
10th March – Friog and Fairbourne Village Hall Donation - £500.00
18th March – Payment for Labour and Equipment for repair of Tennis Court - £470.00
18th March – Payment for Labour for repair of tennis court - £350.00
25th March – One Voice Wales subscription renewal - £242.00
5th April – G L Jones – Maintenance of Playpark and replacement of equipment £678.00

All the above cheques were signed and approved by either 3 Councillors or 2 Councillors and the Clerk.

The 2020-2021 Precept was approved. (Added later to the minutes and signed by the Chair). Inadvertently missed off the first set of minutes.

Because of Covid 19 it became increasingly difficult to carry out needed and necessary duties due to some needing to self-isolate, not being able to travel, unable to hold meeting, no connectivity allowing for Teams or Zoom Meetings and 2mtr distancing.

The Clerk was pleased to report that after months of waiting the Arthog Community Council passed the External Audit with BDO, despite several difficulties encountered. A total of more than 100 town and community councils have still not presented their account for the last financial year according to the Welsh Audit Office.

1049: To Receive Councillors' Questions: - No questions

1050: Representatives Report: -

Playpark – Cllr (Mrs) Neville - report given earlier.

Golf Club – Cllr Roberts and Cllr Eves – a meeting will be arranged to take place with Leo Mantle and James Green to finalise outstanding matters that have had to be left due to Covid 19.

Fairbourne Amenities Trust – Cllr Eves and Cllr Roberts – A summary was given regarding the progress on the Disabled Toilet – soon to be opened and other matters.

Cemetery: Cllr Thomas to summarise at the next meeting.

There were other topics to be discussed but because the meeting was being held outside and the evening had turned very cold the meeting closed at 8.00pm

1051: Date and Time of Next Meeting: Hopefully, 5th May 2021.