

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5th July 2023 – FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

1378: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Councillor Mr John Haycock opened the meeting at 7.07pm

1379: PRESENT: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Ms C Darvill, Cllr Mrs R Langford, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Mrs Salt, Cllr Roberts, GC Cllr Louise Hughes, and Clerk Angela Thomas

1380: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Eves

1381: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club.

1382: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No announcements

1383: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 5th June 2023 in Arthog Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Ms Darvill. The Chairperson signed the minutes as correct.

1384: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: 5th June 2023: No matters arising.

1385: CLERKS REPORT:

- (a) Funding/Grants Meetings – Cllr Georgina Salt/Sylvia Stephenson. This series of meeting took place, the second with a disappointing attendance. However, bids were agreed and will be submitted for consideration.
- (b) Reopen Footpath 13 Penrhyn Point Morfa Friog – no reply from the email sent to NRW.
- (c) Glan Y Mor – Letter and Village Hall Booking – Letter agreed and will be kindly distributed by Cllr Ian Green to all addresses in Glan Y Nor. Date set for Wednesday 26th July 7.00 – 8.00 pm.
- (d) Dr Martin Savransky/Dr Craig Lundy – Goldsmiths and London Metropolitan 14th July 3.45pm. It was agreed that Sylvia Stephenson, Georgina Salt and the Clerk would represent the ACC. A request had also been received from a German TV production for interviews.
- (e) Fairbourne Notice Boards – costings etc. – All costings finalised, Mike Scott has sent out invoices, some will pay on cash which will be banked others will pay by BACS. The amendments to the Notice Board have been well received, thanks to Mike Scott.
- (f) The Clerk reported that she had once again spoken to North Wales Police on behalf of residents who have complained about the sheep wrecking their gardens. The Police confirmed that this is not a criminal matter but a civil matter and as such could be perused through individual solicitors, showing evidence of destruction of plants, shrubs etc., or via trading standards siting neglect of stock. The sheep, through the hot period, were looking for fresh water as there is none provided on the marsh.
- (g) Roger Duke had been in touch with the Clerk regarding a footpath issue. Cllr Roberts is going to have a look at the area involved to try and establish whether there is a public footpath involved or whether it is just a neighbour dispute.

1386: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: It was pointed out that cars parking on the Promenade Car Park are parking with the front of their cars overlapping the tarmacked promenade path, thus restricting the through movement of wheelchairs and pushchairs. The Clerk was asked to write to the Maritime Department and ask if he promised barriers will be erected any time soon. The tamped down track to the beach was being used by visitors but with rougher weather forecast it was thought that the track would probably need some maintenance once the weather had settled.

1387: CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

1388: PLANNING MATTERS: A letter had been received in reply to the letter of complaint sent to the CEO Mr Gibbard. It did not answer the question as to whether all the changes that have been made to what the Springfield was Hotel, now known as Glan Y Mor Hotel, offering overnight parking for touring caravans and Winnebago's and offering grey and black water disposal. Cllr Thomas informed all that despite the ACC objection to pay and display this has been installed at Cregennan Lakes car park. A further possible breach of planning was brought to the attention of the ACC and this involves the Property Treetops on Arthog. The property is a holiday let and it appears that the detached garage has also been converted into a smaller holiday let. The Clerk was asked to write to SNP. The land behind the tennis courts which has retrospective planning for 5 bungalows, as a continuation of Heol Seythendrie, has once again been submitted for

development. The property known as Sea Shanty is continuing to be developed. It had caused some concern because there did not appear to be any windows in the lower level. It transpires that the lower level is to be garage and storage space and the first floor will be living quarters.

1389: FINANCIAL MATTERS: As a result of the Internal Audit the Clerk had been asked to show the movement in the four bank accounts separately. There is no movement as such except for a small amount of interest and account charges, however, the Clerk has complied with the request. The Clerk was also asked to provide a training programme for all Councillors, also via the recommendation from the Internal Audit. Cllr Mrs Salt volunteered to put together the programme which has now been added to the Website.

All four accounts were discussed. The financial state of the ACC is good. No issues. The cheque book was circulated for signatures on four cheques. P Roberts grass cutting, GC footpaths and Cenotaph £730.00, £226.99 to the Clerk for the purchase of a printer from Currys, Mike Scott for Flower Boxes £30.00, L C Jones, ACC Cemetery, £125.00. Subsequently permission had been obtained for cheques to be issued to Playsafe for the ROSPA Playpark and Tennis Court Inspection £106.80 and for £276.00 for the feather "no dog" signs for the beach.

The Clerk explained that the VAT Return had been made for the last financial year but had been declined by Customs and Excise because it amounted to less than £100.00. Paperwork for the External Audit has been sent to Cardiff and has been received and signed for.

1390: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: Cllr Ms Darvill raised the issue of there being no disability or push chair access at the start of the promenade footpath at Friog Corner. There used to be access before the rock armour project and sheet piling project. The question is can it be reinstated? She also again raised the issue of the Gwynedd Council signage to the ACC cemetery. It seems to slip and turn on a regular basis. Cllr Roberts said that he would, if he had time, try and fix it.

1391: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

HIA. Cllr Mrs Salt gave a report on the progress of the HIA. Savills had been present at two meetings on the Village disseminating the results for residents to understand. This had been at a cost of £7,000.00, funded by, we have told, Welsh Government.

FAT: Work is progressing

Golf Club: A new roller shutter door had been installed to keep the equipment safe.

Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Harbour Committee: Nothing to report. No invitation to attend had been received either in person or via Teams.

1392: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 6th Arthog Village Hall.