

**ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**1606: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING:** The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

**1607: PRESENT:** Cllr Roberts, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Green, Cllr Evans, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway and Cllr Ms Molloy. The Clerk Angela Thomas and CG Cllr Louise Hughes

**1608: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** No absences.

**1609: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Green – Golf Club

**1610: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:** No special announcements.

**1611: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.** Confirmed as correct by Cllr Mrs Woolley, seconded by Cllr Thomas

**1612: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024:** No matters arising.

**1613:** Co-option of Cllr Ms Molloy.

**1614: CLERKS REPORT:**

- (a) Welcome Sign – Progress. Still trying to trace where the sign is located and make a payment to whoever is now running the business.
- (b) Friog Hill Traffic Lights – Progress – Progress has been delayed due to Network Rail issues; however the funding is ring fenced and work will progress as soon as all parties are in agreement.
- (c) Request for donation for Christmas Lights – actioned and received by the Christmas Committee
- (d) Wall and shrubbery Network Rail Carpark – The clerk is still waiting for confirmation, or other, from Network Rail.
- (e) Under Salt Marsh location filming – Report. Filming is completed for now; the crew will however return in December for a few more days to finish up
- (f) Fast fibre update – Report – Fibre is being installed regularly now in all three Villages.
- (g) Flood Warden Plan to be updated to be included on the new Fairbourne Website. Cllr Puddick said he would ensure that the plan was fully up to date with the current information.
- (h) Floodgate – responsibilities. The Clerk asked permission to send an email to all stakeholders expressing concern with the current set up for closing the Golf Club flood gate. Closure is currently dependent upon the Steam Railway. The Clerk said she would ask for a meeting between all four parties.
- (i) A request had been received by the Clerk from a second filming Company. This would only involve 2 days maximum filming. Cllr Evans was asked to reply to the request as it involved filming on his land.
- (j) A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed closure of Coed y Brenan, Cllr Roberts attended a meeting there and there is a great deal of disgust at the proposal.
- (k) The request for a bench in Friog has been approved by Cyngor Gwynedd. The Clerk had approval to order the bench.
- (l) Arrangements were made for the placement of the road closure signs for Remembrance Day between Cllr Roberts and Cllr Haycock.

**1615: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS:** Nothing to report

**1616: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION:** Nil

**1617: PLANNING MATTERS:** No new planning matters.

**1618: FINANCIAL MATTERS:** 2 cheques were circulated for signature. One for paint and material and one for L C Jones for grass cutting. The financials are all in good shape. The proposed budget for 2025 to 2026 was circulated and it was unanimously agreed that the Precept would have to be increased by £1000.00 for next year, to £15,000.00,

mainly to cover grass cutting costs. A vote was taken and passed by all present. The charitable donation of £5000.00 received from Little Door Production Company will be sent mainly on the playpark bettering the facilities for the young people of all three villages in addition to other projects, a further two benches, one for Friog and one for the Promenade. This needs to be spent before the end of this financial year. It is hoped that banking online will be completed this month and up and running now that the Bank is open, and the manager has returned.

**1619: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Cllr Mrs Woolley has produced a poster for the playpark which was very well received. The idea is to coat it in a protective varnish and maybe wait until Spring to put it up. Cllr Haycock asked if the leaves could be removed from the Cregennan Road. The Clerk said she had had a conversation with Adrian Williams CG and the leaves will be swept up as soon as most of them have fallen. CG Cllr Louise Hughes gave a run-down of what is happening within the Gwynedd Council. Cllr Puddick had been asked by a resident what CG will be doing with the money that they have received from Little Door Film Production Company. Cllr Evans confirmed that the Christmas tree has been delivered and the socket has been installed at the disabled toilet. The electrician will be submitting an invoice to the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Molloy said that she and another resident will be starting a wreath making group in the Village Hall for the Christmas period. Cllr Narraway and Cllr Roberts both reported an increase in dog mess along several of the paths and promenade within and around Fairbourne. Cllr Narraway also asked if he is breaking any rules by removing weeds and brambles around the car park.

**1620: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – Clerk
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – The November meeting had still not taken place so there was nothing to report. The Clerk said that she would write an email to Stuart Eves asking for a proposed date for the next meeting. This issue needs moving on and hopefully all in place by the end of the year. Cllr Haycock is very concerned.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk –
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Work is progressing.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway. Cllr Narraway read a report on the progress that he is making in repairs to the playpark equipment. Boat assembled and successful.  
Grinding and painting with “Smoothie”  
Goals mended - again!  
Weeding almost complete  
Undergrowth removal started surrounding “Multi-use Games Area”  
  
Net Swing researched as a requested piece of equipment. Roughly £2500 (Film funds)
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans –  
Old bench by Alans Chippy removed.  
Some of its wood used to repair a sea-front seat.  
New recycled plastic picnic bench in place.  
Last mowing at the new sea front picnic bench near Beach Halt - litter shows continued use  
Litter picking collections since the early October storm shows phenomenal amounts of bottle lids (and increased dog dirt)  
Beach Road Carpark perimeter tidying/ trimming started.”
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – The ditch clearance was well underway and making good progress. However, the Titley ditch system had still not been cleared which could leave Ffordd Corsen vulnerable. No progress had been made in clearing the ditches in Glan Y Mor. Ex Cllr Mike Scott reported that the ditch at the back of the miniature railway had been cleared by Network Rail which was helping with the flow.
- (i) Village Hall and Signs/Murals – Cllr Mrs Woolley.
- (j) Harbour Committee – No report.

**1621: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business.

**1622: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Arthog Village Hall.