

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2025

1655: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all present.

1656: PRESENT: Cllr Roberts, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway, Cllr Mrs Langford, , Cllr Haycock, Cllr Evans, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Mrs Molloy, Cllr Green CG Cllr Louise Hughes

1657 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All present.

1658: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green declared an interest.

1659: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No special announcements. However, the Clerk said that although an invitation had been extended to Stuart Eves to attend this meeting to discuss Golf Club matters, an apology had only been received at 6.30pm that evening. Cllr Roberts had a meeting with Stuart Eves on that morning with regard to the Barclays Bank situation, which hopefully may well be resolved in the near future. An original signature from the original board of directors of the Golf Club.

1660: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON, Wednesday 8th January 2025. Confirmed as correct by Cllr Puddick, Cllr Narraway.

1661: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 8th January 2025: No matters arising.

1662: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that again it had been a very quiet period between the January meeting and the February meeting and that there was again very little to report.

The clerk had learnt this day that the RAF MOD Centre will be closing in March. Employees had been offered jobs at RAF Valley. To date there had still been no reply from the emails sent to Liz Savile-Roberts and Mabon ap Gwynfor. CG Councillor Louise Hughes offered help in finding out what is happening. Wynnstay will now deliver planter and benches next Thursday. Yew Trees have been planted and looking good. They are mature trees and six feet tall. Cllr Rhian Langford had spoken to the Clerk about speeding through Arthog, the Clerk wrote to Steffan Jones and Adrian Williams for a possible solution. Friog Hill repair will start the following week. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the works. 6 months has been allocated for the work to be completed. The work will all be carried out at night between 8.00pm and 6.00 am. Cllr Roberts had established where footpath 18 is. A culvert has been blocked and will be repaired during February. It was noted that two wall crashes had occurred during January/February in Arthog on the main road. The Clerk was asked to write to Stuart Eves again, inviting him to attend the March meeting to talk about Fairbourne Golf Club Limited.

1663: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: Nothing to report

1664: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: Nil

1665: PLANNING MATTERS: No new planning matters.

1666: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk had circulated the current financial papers; all is in order. The ACC is still waiting for FAT, Friog/Fairbourne and Arthog Village Hall to apply for their donations and to be billed for room hire. There is still donation money left over to be spent by the end of this financial year. Bills from Cyngor Gwynedd and Guthrie Jones and Jones should be paid before the end of the financial year, for the renewal of the Golf Club Lease between ACC and CG. The Clerk reported that the ACC website was now repaired and working. It was suggested that maybe a donation could be given to the Church to help with the repair of the window which was caused by a vandal from Dolgellau, and that matting will be ordered for under the new swing. Cllr Ms Molloy will speak to George about the costs involved with the Church repair, if a donation was made to Fairbourne Church then a donation would also have to be made to Arthog Church. This should be borne in mind. Cllr Puddick asked if the donation to the Friog/Fairbourne Village Hall could be increased, at this moment in time the Clerk said unfortunately not. A bill for land drainage of the Golf Club dating back to 2019 had been sent to the ACC. The Clerk asked if the ACC should pay it, the Cllrs said no. A cheque that had been written out was cancelled. A cheque to the value of £1780 was circulated for signature made payable to Wynnstay for the furniture.

1667: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: CG Councillor Louise Hughes reported that on the 6th March CG are talking about increasing council tax by 8.6%, and that there were rumors of bin collection going to monthly. Louise Hughes had been asked who clears the ditches behind Fford Corsen, the answer is the Titley family, and it appears that work had not been done. The Titley family will not allow NRW to do the work we are told.

1668: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- (a) Fairbourne Partnership – Clerk - Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for February.
- (b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Roberts/Cllr Evans – No report submitted. The Clerk said that a resolution to the Lease situation was desperately needed. Cllr Haycock thanked Cllr Roberts for the efforts he has taken to try and get this resolved.
- (c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Roberts – No report submitted.
- (d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas/Clerk – Work will commence on the footpaths asap and tree felling will also be considered. No quote for grass cutting has been received. Path work will commence soon and scalping's will be used.
- (e) Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick – Work is progressing.
- (f) Playpark Representative – Cllr Narraway. Net swing delivered; superstructure built. Feet hols being dug through tarmac, gravel and slate. Matting samples shown and discussed. Future adult/teenage gym elements a possibility. Zip wire possible. Climbing modules could be considered for future years
- (g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Narraway/Cllr Evans.
Southern promenade now cleared of grass and weeds.
Dog dirt holding up progress.
Northern section to be cleared next.
Litter fairly clear.
Dog dirt very poor through the village.
A start has been made on the shrub clearing by the station car park.
- (h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors – No report
- (i) Village Hall and Signs/Murals – Cllr Mrs Woolley. No report
- (j) Harbour Committee – No report submitted. But it was reported that Kane Triggs had been made Harbour Master and that new signs should appear on the Promenade soon.

1669: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: No other business. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

1670: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th February in Arthog Village Hall.