ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2 September 2026

1. Chairman's Welcome:
The Chairman welcomed all present:
Cllr E Puddick - Chair
Cllr R Langford – Vice chair
Cllr J Haycock
Cllr B Thomas
Cllr C Horton
Cllr J Evans
Cllr I Green
Cllr L Baynes
Cllr A Young
Mrs Young – Clerk

2. Apologies for Absence:
Nil

3. Councillors' Declaration of Interest:
Cllr I Green – Fairbourne Golf Club
Cllr L Baines – Fairbourne Golf Club
Cllr J Evans – Fairbourne Golf Club
Cllr A Young – Fairbourne Golf Club

4. To Confirm Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Wednesday 1 Jul 2026 and the EGM on Wednesday 10 Jul 2026.

Minutes confirmed as true representation of the meeting, proposed Cllr Puddick, seconded Cllr Thomas– Unanimous

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM & EGM Meeting Wednesday 6 May 2026

a. Cllr Baynes brought in a letter from RFD. Cllr Baynes was advised to ask Jaspa about the finance requirement for the donation to be considered.

b. Clerk mobile phone to be cancelled. Clerk explained the handset was being used as a one time passcode for various agencies/companies and until all of these have been rectified, the phone contract must remain in situ. The matter is being looked at and is in progress.

c. Letters to the previous directors of Fairbourne Golf Club Ltd directors. Letters were sent out to all three directors inviting them to attend this meeting to explain the situation with the company. This was superseded by the EGM where the matter was discussed at length.

d. Letters and responses from Mr Cook regarding Fairbourne Golf Club Ltd and Clwb Golff Fairbourne Ltd. Clerk advised all the previous emails had been sent to councilors. Mr Cook is enquiring about the transfer or sale of assets to do with FGC Ltd and has stated as the new golf club captain, he does not recognise the directors of the company. He has been advised that FGC Ltd and CGF Ltd are separate registered companies and the ACC has no jurisdiction over them. Directors are appointed by the company and not ACC. He does not accept this, despite being made aware of the existence of the evidence to the contrary. Mr Cook does not acknowledge the evidence the ACC has replied with and his emails have become accusatory. Clerk referred the matter to One Voice Wales and will await their advice.

Discussion about the history of the situation and the covenant which secures the amenity for golf. FGC Ltd is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. It has a covenant which states if the

company ceases the facilities are given to ACC to preserve the facility for the future. The directors are not paid and the assets cannot be transferred or sold.

e. Hard standing on roadside in Arthog, Pen Yr Oden. Not heard anything back from YGC.
Decision: Clerk will chase Adrian Williams CG. Chair has a partnership meeting and will raise it there.

6. Clerk's Report and Special Items Brought to Attention.

a. Clerk reported she is still finding her feet and trying to establish the workings of the role. There are lots of items to attend to. In particular salary, contract and registering the council as an employer with HMRC, as the previous clerk went through her accountant, this function was not necessary.

b. Bank accounts are now fully accessible via online banking and the previous clerk has been very helpful with guidance and advice.

c. Presentation from Mr Mike Reily – Chairman TAITH
Mr Reily gave the background as to the transport registered charity which has been set up to provide assistance to residents for medical appointments at local surgeries and hospitals. Not all service users are eligible for Ambulance transport and this charity aims to fill the void. Service users pay the volunteer driver 50 pence per mile for the service, but the driver does not get any money for travel to and from the service users address and this is where the donation from the council would be allocated.

There is clearly a need for this type of project in this remote part of the country, and the council were eager to assist. However, this service is available only to the boundary of Fairbourne and is not provided to the residents of Arthog. It was highlighted that Friog and Fairbourne have local access to better transport links and in fact Arthog was probably more isolated, due to location and only being serviced by an infrequent bus link. Considering this information, Mr Riley was advised as to the boundary of the ward and the precept contributions were made by all and unless the TAITH service could be extended to incorporate Arthog, then the council would not be in position to help. He agreed to revisit the matter with his committee to try to extend the reach of the project.

He was asked about the financial element of the bid and he advised TAITH was very recent and had no accounts to publish to date. He was advised to provide the last 6 months accounts for consideration of the bid.

7. Correspondence:

a. Call from member of the public whose fiancée was in the process of buying a house in the area. He was complaining about a caravan on adjacent land that was potentially an encroachment.
Decision: The person was advised as to the correct channels to complain through Cyngor Gwynedd as ACC had no powers to deal with this matter.

b. An email from an Arthog resident who was raising an issue about the bus stop at Bryncoch, Arthog being on a corner and almost in the road. It was perceived to be hazardous, as when the traffic goes past there is nowhere for people to go. Chairman has raised this issue with Gwynedd council and Cllr Evans said it was adjacent to his land and the fence is damaged.
Decision: Cllr Evans plans to move the fence and put some hardcore down to move the bus stop further away from the road to assist local bus users.

c. Dog waste bins were overflowing on the sea front. Clerk contacted CG and this issue has now been resolved. Discussion about this being a common issue.
Decision: Chair will approach Fairbourne partnership to ask how often they were planned to be emptied.

d. Letter from Mr Liyanrachchi about concerns about Fairbourne Golf Club and assets.

Decision: Clerk to provide a response to Mr Liyanrachchi outlining the situation and confirming the ACC does not control FGC Ltd or CGF Ltd and any questions should be directed to companies house or the relevant company. To explain there is a covenant in place that if the company fails the assets are passed to ACC. This prevents the sale or transfer of the Golf Course.

8. Planning Matters:

Discussed the current planning application in Arthog ref: C25/0393/01/DT. All councilors previously had sight of this application and there were no objections. Clerk notified the planning office of no objections from Cllrs by deadline.

9. Financial Statement and Report:

a. Clerk provided an overview of the balances of the accounts:

- ACC Reserve account: £4,253.73
- ACC Youth savings account - £6,304.07
- ACC Main current account – £20,059.10
- ACC Cemetery account - £6,322.10

b. Clerk reiterated the need to spend some of the current account monies. Chair proposed a plan for spending some money on projects.

c. Remittances this month – second part of the precept has been paid for £9000 and the parking meter payment has been received of £1230.15

d. Invoices requiring payment:

- Grass cutting invoice from Predure Roberts for the cemetery for £200.00.

Authorised for payment via BACS, invoice signed by chair.

10. Receive Councilors' Questions:

a. Yellow legged hornets - Cllr Horton gave details of the impact of yellow legged hornets and the effect on other pollinators. A nest has been spotted in Wrexham, so it is important members of the public take a photo of suspected insects and report sightings. Discussion on how to raise awareness.

Decision: Place posters in notice boards and publish on the ACC Facebook page.

b. New website – Cllr Puddick reported on a company who are working on the village website and this is modern and will better serve the community.

Decision: Wait for the construction of the village hall website and see how useful it is, then make an informed decision

11. Representatives' Reports:

a. Fairbourne Partnership – Chair advised he attends in his capacity as Resilience officer and suggested another Cllr to attend as representative. Cllr Baynes and Clerk volunteered to attend the next meeting on 12 March 2027. Cllr Baynes for the new representative; proposed Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Langford, carried unanimously.

b. Golf Club report – Cllr Young reports the remaining board members of FGC Ltd had a meeting and appointed herself and Jack Evans onto the board of directors to help. The initial meeting was recorded and minutes taken.

- An additional meeting, which was recorded was held three weeks later. For transparency, all minutes were published in the golf house and a statement from FGC Ltd clarifying the position of the company.
- The outstanding confirmation statement for companies house, which was due in May 26, has now been completed. This ensures compliance and prevents companies house from striking off the company, which was an imminent threat.

- All new directors have been nominated to companies house and the old director has been removed.
- Mast lease renewals are in progress, in transpires Airwaves have not paid their lease for two years.
- The lease for Clwb Golff Fairbourne Ltd from FGC Ltd is in hand and a local solicitor has been instructed. The head of terms is in progress with the tenant company.
- An asset register has now been created for the company, to ensure transparency.
- An AGM in the golf club is planned for October once the financial institutions have had the mandates sorted out. It will be open to all to attend, questions for the board are invited with ten working day's notice.
- Access has been gained to the bank accounts. The Barclays mortgage has been confirmed as being paid off and the mandates are in the process of being organized.
- The board is now legal, in a good position and everything done prior has been in the best interests of providing a golf facility for the enjoyment of local resident and tourists.
- It was proposed that now a declaration of interest has been made by Cllr Evans, he should no longer be the golf club representative. Cllr Horton volunteered to take over. Proposed Cllr Puddick, seconded Cllr Langford, carried unanimously.
- Cllr Puddick stated to Mr Eves the previous director of FGC Ltd that he had said the whole board of FGC Ltd were resigning which had facilitated the need for additional directors. Mr Eves disputed this.

c. Fairbourne Amenities Trust report – Cllr Young nothing to report due the AGM being cancelled and no date forecast for the AGM to be held. The FAT chairman Mr Eves said he had decided on a date and will publish it in due course on the noticeboard. He will give fourteen day's notice.

d. Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas reports the grass has been cut and everything is looking tidy.

e. Resilience/Flood warden report – Cllr Puddick is waiting for the meeting with NRW and has raised the heavy growth in the ditches which may cause issues in heavy rain.
- Cllr Evans reports the ditches are being dug by a contractor, Thomas Plant, for NRW and they started today. They have previously been dealt with by a scissor/finger mower and they now require digging to deal with the silt, which costs more per meter.

f. Playpark Representative – Cllr Puddick gives details of the springer rotting and reporting it to Playsafe and GL Jones.
- The inspector had previously noted the corrosion on the equipment and had alerted the previous playpark rep about the corrosion. It appeared to have been painted over and the corrosion had not been dealt with.
- GL Jones had quoted in the region of £14,293.20 to rectify the issue. Chair asked for a breakdown of costs rather than a total figure.
- Chair also asked about the gates for the roundabout, which have now been supplied. GL Jones have been approached for the repair to the roundabout.
- Grant for the basketball nets has been obtained and discussion about where to place them. They must not obstruct the tennis courts.
- Cllr Puddick is applying for funding for the exercise equipment and will speak to the local fitness lady, Jo about sighting them if successful.
- Cllr Puddick suggested having people trained to inspect a playpark. Playsafe run courses to train inspectors and do routine inspections of equipment. ROSPA do once a year inspection, but this would help for periodic checks of the play park.

Decision: Await the quote explanation from GL Jones ref the springer. Cllr Puddick to speak to local users to ascertain the best location for the basketball nets. Cllr Puddick to speak to Jo ref the sighting of potential exercise equipment. Approach Playsafe for costings of courses for inspectors.

g. Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Cllr Puddick thanked Cllr Evans for cutting the grass. One of the picnic benches has been moved closer to the bin. The other two will also be moved, to aid the train users to make use of the bins.

Decision: Cllr Puddick and Cllr Evans to move the other picnic benches.

12. Any other Business

a. **Grant application for £1000.** The Chair received a letter from Mr Stuart Eves, chairman of FAT. The day before the meeting. Mr Eves was invited to present the request. Mr Eves declined and stated it was all explained in the letter.

- Cllr Young asked about the details in the letter which stated Mr Eves was personally owed £886 for water rates and £749.14 for consumables, due to issues with previous treasurers. Cllr Young asked specifically what issues. Mr Eves didn't specify.
- He stated it was all part of the precept and the FAT was all good with maintenance and the ongoing refurbishment
- Mr Eves stated he had no access to the banking until last month, and therefore had to pay for things out of his own pocket. despite being named on the mandate.
- Mr Eves stated he had to pay the water bill, or they would have been cut off by Dwr Cymru.
- Cllr Young asked why the money owed to Mr Eves was not accounted for in the treasurers report from Dec 25 – Jul 26. Mr Eves stated he had provided the treasurer with all the invoices and receipts for these transactions.
- Cllr Young said that she had spoken to the previous treasurer (a qualified bookkeeper) and she stated the only thing she had to reconcile the accounts were the bank statement since Mr Eves had not provided her with any receipts otherwise she would have accounted for them in her report. Mr Eves said she was telling fibs.
- Cllr Young stated she did not dispute Mr Eves had made the transactions to keep the trust going, but there was nothing to evidence the transactions.
- Mr Eves stated the new treasurer was Mr Ian Rimmer and he had copies of the invoices and receipts. Cllr Haycock asked if the ACC could see those invoices. Mr Eves stated yes it would not be a problem.
- Cllr Young asked about the cash donations. On the letter provided by Mr eves the cash donaions where stated as £xxxx yet the bank statements for the same period evidenced £xxxx.
- Cllr Haycock asked if the cash donations were made through the Post Office. Mr Eves confirmed Ms Bartram does pay them in.
- Cllr Young stated the volunteers do an amazing job in maintaining the facilities and should be applauded. She would really like to support the donation, but not whilst there appears to be no oversight on the accounts, with only one person having control of them and unsubstantiated spending.
- Mr Eves stated there was no unsubstantiated spending on the accounts and the receipts and invoices were available.
- Mr Eves asked for the information the ACC had in relation to the accounts. Cllr Young stated the information was from the accounts the previous treasurer had published on the FAT WhatsApp group, so Mr Eves already had sight of it.
- Cllr Puddick asked Mr Eves about his declaration he would resign from the FAT. Mr Eves stated he said he may resign. Cllr Puddick had asked him to put it in writing as he acted as a conduit to inform the ACC.
- Mr Eves said the FAT was nothing to do with ACC.

Decision: Await production of the invoices, receipts and clarification of the cash donation discrepancies before considering the donation of £1000 grant to FAT. Cllr Young to confirm with the previous treasurer that what she sent the ACC were the accurate accounts shared with Mr Eves.

b. **Ramp fund** – Mr Eves was asked about the existence of a fund to provide a ramp for Fairbourne. He stated the money was collected from the community to fund a ramp and employ a solicitor to fight Gwynedd council on the matter.

- Mr Eves stated the fund was nothing to do with the ACC and came about due to the Fairbourne facing change. FAT has control of the account and Mr Eves is the named person on the account. Also named is Ms Eleanor Bartram and going forward, Mr Ian Rimmer will be put on in the future.
- Cllr Baynes asked about what happens to the money now that Fairbourne is not getting a ramp? This was published in the Fairbourne Partnership information, following a lengthy investigation into feasibility.

- Cllr Horton explained the legal position when money is donated for a cause and the cause fails, the money must be returned to the donors. Mr Eves said the money was offered back to the donors and they said to put it in an account for when we get a ramp.
- Mr Eves explained that Ms Bartram oversaw it and the money was given to the FAT to hold onto.
- Mr Eves explained the ACC should also be actively looking at the installation of a ramp for Fairbourne. Cllr Puddick explained he had written to the FAT asking about the ramp account and it was ignored. Mr Eves requested he write again.
- Cllr Baynes asked about the management of the ramp fund and Mr Eves confirmed they were directors. Cllr Baynes asked if there was any possibility of having additional directors appointed to the ramp to help move things forward. Mr Eves declined the offer but stated if the ACC wanted to take on the whole responsibility the money was there.

c. One Voice Wales training – Clerk reports some uptake on these and good feedback. All councilors are encouraged to attend, especially the free ones highlighted in red in the email. All other courses are £40 and it would be worthwhile for at least one councilor to be versed in every subject.

d. Cllr Puddick to attend the planning conference on 30 Sep 26 at Builth Wells. Could the council consider the covering the costs of his attendance.
Decision: Proposed Cllr Haycock, seconded Cllr Young carried unanimously.

e. Statement payments of allowances. Email sent to all councilors regarding claiming or not for these allowances. £156 for working from home and £52 for broadband expenses.
Decision: It is a personal decision and authority to pay those who wish to claim was granted.

f. Cllr Hughes raised the matter of proposed tourist tax being introduced in Wales.
- Cllr Haycock said this tax will only apply to those who are staying in legitimate accommodation and will miss those who wild camp.
- Cllr Thomas said it will be an additional burden on businesses who will have to manage the payments.
- Collecting the money may be problematic with tourists, potentially creating conflict.
- All agreed it will have a detrimental impact and requires more thought.

g. Cllr Hughes reports a resident complaining about car parking on the pavement and wanting disabled parking. They have been taking photographs of illegal parking. Advised the resident there is nothing the ACC can do and to report it to CG or police.

13. Next meeting Wednesday 7th October - Arthog Village Hall at 7.00pm.