

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ARTHOG
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1 July 2026

Chairman's Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present:

Cllr B Thomas

Cllr E Puddick

Cllr Mrs R Langford

Cllr J Evans

Cllr I Green

Cllr Miss L Baynes

Cllr Mrs A Young – acting as clerk for the purpose of taking minutes

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr C Horton

Councillors' Declaration of Interest:

Cllr I Green – Fairbourne Golf Club

Cllr Miss L Baines – Fairbourne Golf Club

Receive Any Special Announcements from the Chair –

Chairman announced resignation of Cllr Richard Narraway.

Chairman provided a summary of recruitment efforts and subsequent interviews which took place to find a replacement Clerk. One applicant was selected but unfortunately, the successful applicant decided not to take on the position. Councillors were advised that in the interim, Stephanie Young would provide assistance in monitoring the council mailbox and forwarding on pertinent information to the Chairman and councilors.

To Confirm Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2026

Minutes confirmed as true representation of the meeting – vote unanimous

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Wednesday 6 May 2026

No matters arising.

Election of Officers and representatives: Chairperson and Vice Chair and representatives.

The current Chairperson, Cllr Bryn Thomas thanked everyone for their support, through what has been an eventful and at times challenging year. He in turn was thanked for his hard work and dedication to the position. Cllr Bryn Thommas then stood down as chair.

Cllr Ernie Puddick will now assume position as chairperson of the community council.

Volunteers for the new Vice chair were canvased from Arthog, and Cllr Mrs R Langford was voted in unanimously.

The new Chairperson addressed councilors. Much has happened in the last few months and although it has been quite turbulent , we look forward

Clerk's Report and Special Items Brought to Attention:

- (a) Review and adopt risk assessment filed with the Clerk - Adopted unanimously
- (b) Review and adopt Councillors' Code of Conduct filed with the Clerk - Adopted unanimously
- (c) Review and adopt Councillors' Register of Interests – Cllr Miss Lauren Baynes, Cllr Green – Fairbourne Golf Club
- (d) Review and adopt Standing Orders filed with Clerk – Adopted unanimously.
- (e) Review and adopt Financial Regulations filed with Clerk – Adopted unanimously.
- (f) Review and adopt Asset Register – Adopted unanimously.

- (g) ROSPA safety Inspection Spring 2026 22 June – Chair, Ernie Pudidck was in attendance. Some concerns over items identified historically which require attention. Further details discussed in the relevant representative report below.
- (h) Review and adopt the Insurance Documents – Adopted unanimously. Documents filed with the clerk and will need to be renewed in the Autumn
- (i) Review and Adopt Biodiversity statement – Adopted unanimously.
- (j) Review and Adopt Equality and Diversity Statement – Adopted unanimously.
- (k) Signing off the Accounts 2025 to 2026 - Completed during May meeting.
- (l) Annual report posted to Website – Interim clerk to ensure Annual report is sent to the web manager for publication.
- (m) Review and adopt new online banking requirements and cheque signing. – All invoices will be paid by cheque. Until a new clerk is in post, the mandate can't be lodged with the bank and therefore online banking is currently unavailable.
- (n) Review and adopt the listing of Arthog Community Council Councillors and their details – Agreed as up to date and accurate.

Correspondence:

Email received from Mike Riley Fairbourne resident and chair of Taith Tywyn and area community transport, to appeal for a donation.

- **Discussion:** It was agreed by all councilors that the scheme seemed a worthy cause given the rural nature of our communities and difficulties experienced by some residents in attending medical appointments, not just hospital appointments whereby the Welsh ambulance run a volunteer driver service. However, it was felt more information was required.
- **Decision:** Clerk would contact TAITH chairman and invite him to present at the next meeting in Sept.

Email from Fairbourne golf club Captain, raising a number of concerns and asks several questions some to the directors of the Ltd company and some directed to the ACC.

Concerns about who controls golf club assets and what the ACC is doing to ensure assets remain public ,

- **Discussion:** Cllr Bryn Thomas explains that if there was a breakdown of the Fairbourne Golf club Ltd company, the ownership of the assets would fall back the ACC. This is specified in a covenant which was put in place at the inception of the company and is lodged with companies' house. There is no evidence that the Golf club Ltd by guarantee has changes status and the filing of the financial document which states otherwise is likely an error. Companies house states Fairbourne Golf Club is Ltd by Guarantee. Cllr John Haydock explained that the Ltd company was set up to take on the mortgage for the golf club building and immediate land. At the time the ACC was informed they could not hold a mortgage for the purchase of the golf club. Fairbourne Golf Club Ltd by guarantee, referred to as Landlord and the private enterprise Clwb Golff Fairbourne Ltd by Shares referred to as tenant to avoid any confusion. The landlord has no say in how the tenant operates its business other than what is contained within the lease agreement between landlord and tenant. Which shall also determine the rent payable by the tenant to the landlord each month.
However, it is concerning to hear the landlord seems not to be operating within its constitution. There should be transparency of the accounts and an auditable trail on how directors are appointed. Furthermore, the lease between landlord and tenant should be available. It was stated that a lease has never been signed. Statement of confirmation was due in May 26. This has not been completed, and the company is at risk of being struck off.
- **Decision:** Clerk to write to all three directors reminding them of their statutory obligation to submit their statement of confirmation on time with Companies house.

Clerk to write letter to all three directors inviting them to the next ACC meeting to answer questions on the constitution and financial concerns. And minutes of meetings held.

Letter to Golf Club captain addressing his concerns and to answer questions directed at ACC.

10. Planning Matters: Nil

11. Financial Statement and Report:

Cllr Bryn Thomas provided an overview of the balances of the accounts:

ACC reserve account: £4,240.03

Youth account - £6,290.60

ACC council main account – £21,3011.80

Cemetery account- £6,187.10

Two invoices requiring payment:

Grass cutting invoice date 10/06/26: Cheque signed for £135.

Play safety invoice date : Cheque signed for 123.60

Receive Councillors' Questions:

Cllr Ernie Puddick has applied for a grant for two basketball hoops utilising the supply and fit quotes previously discussed. He requested cllrs think about where best to install the posts for the next meeting. The consensus was that

Decision: hoops to be placed either end of the football court and goal post can be moved if Basketball is to be played.

Representatives Report:

(a) Fairbourne Partnership – **Scheduled for September 2026**

(b) Golf Club Report – Cllr Evans has not been invited to any meeting and is unaware of any meetings held.

(c) Fairbourne Amenities Trust Report – Cllr Alyson Young stated the next meeting is scheduled to be on 6 July

Concerns raised regarding medical waste being left by the toilets, report to Gwynedd council. Cllr John reminded all cllrs not to post issues on FB as a cllr, but ok as a resident.

(d) Cemetery Report – Cllr Thomas

(e) Resilience/Flood Wardens Report – Cllr Puddick to be renamed and rewritten.

Ernie to request meeting with ditch manager before start of the ditch clearing starts.

(f) Playpark Representative –

Ernie to be acting as play park representative. Raised concerns on how corroded some apparatus is.

Following the photo of the spring dragon being received. Discussion ensued regarding the validity of the ROSPA inspection.

Requested supply and fit for replacement spring dragon and to replace the accessibility gates on the roundabout from JL Jones.

Issue with the nest swing one side is twisted. Cllr Evans have offered to assist in removing and rectifying twist.

Suggests a playpark group to

(g) Keeping Fairbourne Looking Smart – Representative required

Suggestion to advertise litter picking on a monthly basis via face book page. Cllr Evans suggested moving benches closer to bins.

(h) Ditches and Waterways – All Councillors to be amalgamated with flood wardens report

(i) Arthog Village Hall – Cllr Rhian Langford –

Nothing really to report. Awaiting quotes for windows grant details for Ernie to supply to Rhian.

(j) Fairbourne Village Hall – Cllr Puddick

Electrical support new led light, next purchase will be new stage lights, applied for food hygiene rating, achieved 4.

Any other Business

Special riding group:

Discussion: Cllr John Haydock explained that when he was Chair, he had been invited to present awards at the special riding group fun day and suggested that perhaps Jaspa Williams pbe invited to canvass the council for a donation. Lauren volunteered to contact Jaspa

Discussion: Use of the Arthog Community Council Facebook page for sharing information. Start with road closer at Penmenpool and advertising the Special riding group fun day

Decision: agreed unanimously.

Propose to remove unanimous.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September - FAIRBOURNE Village Hall commencing 7.00pm prompt