

## ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CANOLFAN, ARTHOG, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

**219. PRESENT:** Mr J Kirkham (Chairman), Mr J Haycock, Mr M Wiles, Mr P Thomas, Mr J Rees, Mr P Parker, Mr M Scott, Mr P Roberts, Mr S Eves, Mrs S Williams (Clerk- in attendance)

**220. ABSENT –No Apologies** Mrs L Hughes, Mrs D Hughes

#### **221. PRESENTATIONS :**

John Davies and Dafydd Hughes NRW were welcomed to the meeting. Both had been involved with the recent 2013 work in Fairbourne. They gave a very interesting and informative talk about the progress of the work. The work in Morfa Friog is directly linked to the Fairbourne work and they have to provide salt land mitigation. There will be 2x 100 meter breaches. There will be an archaeologist on site, and they confirmed that the tide will be able to flow in and out. There would be about 1 weeks work using local labour and the debris would be removed from Fairbourne.

The Councillors were also shown a map of the site. The council was informed that there would be a survey of nesting skylarks prior to any work being done and any proposed work has been delayed until September. There will still be areas for walking and a Management plan after the work has been completed will ensure that the area is monitored and NRW will react as necessary. The area will be breached by the sea naturally in 10-15 years, but the condition needs to be met now and NRW would be in breach of planning consent if this work is not done undertaken.

Cllr Eves requested a letter to planning committee as the village is not happy with this. Cllrs Eves and Roberts expressed a wish that the breach should occur naturally.

NRW were asked if they could attend the 'drop-in' meeting in Fairbourne on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for 2pm-6pm with information for the public and also where the public can express their concerns.

Any problems with potential flooding were for NRW to manage and deal with. Dafydd Hughes gave an example of the culverts being full; the water will automatically be taken away under Beach Road.

NRW concluded by stating that the storm of 2013 was a 1 in a 80 year occurrence. Rock armour, about 900 tons will be placed at Friog Corner to prevent a breach. There will be a report about this and NRW will keep the Council informed.

The Council thanked NRW for their presentation. NRW left the meeting.

**222. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**223. TO RECEIVE ANY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

- i) The Chairman expressed that he would like the Representatives list to be looked at in matters arising.
- ii) The Chairman expressed that any approach to any Officer, in writing or email should be done in the first instance, through the Clerk as the 'Proper Officer'.
- iii) The Councillors are to contact the Clerk if they wish any items to be included under AOB on the agenda.

**224 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015:**

The minutes were agreed and approved by the Council.

**Matters arising from minutes:-**

210 ii) There has been a meeting with Barry Davies regarding the positioning of Rock Armour. Work authorised by Barry Davies must be passed by NRW. NRW will oversee the placing of the Rock Armour to ensure minimum disruption.

iii) Slipway Signs will be in place within three weeks.

Cllr Scott will arrange a meeting with Barry Davies and Colin Jones regarding limited Parking/ No overnight Parking signs and also Traffic Calming.

iv) GCC may no longer be paying for the Grass cutting around the Amusements and the Golf club. The last cut will be in September then it is the responsibility of the Community Council. Clerk to get quotes.

v) Cllr Scott will organise a 'Beach Clean'.

vi) Barry Davies stated that his department could not afford to remove the boulders at the slipway/car park Penrhyn Drive south.

vii) It was reported that all but one of the Flood Wardens had their photos taken for ID purposes. The Deputy Flood Warden was now well.

**225: CLERKS REPORT:**

Nominations for Birthday Honours need to be returned by 24<sup>th</sup> July.

One Voice Wales 'Larger Councils Conference will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

If any Councillor would like the link to the Welsh Assembly – Public Health Bill, to let the Clerk know and the link will be forwarded.

#### **226 SPECIFIC ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION:**

There was a discussion about the Rock Armour to Penrhyn point, and who will oversee the work. The council will await outcome of correspondence between Barry Davies and David Smith. The Rock Armour will be coming from Tonfannau.

There will be free launching of boats at Penrhyn Point, however all boats must be insured and they are not to exceed the speed limit.

#### **227: FAIRBOURNE FLOOD WARDENS**

Cllr Scott informed the Council, that all but one of the flood wardens had now had their photos taken in preparation for their ID cards.

Cllr Scott also reported that the Deputy Flood Warden was now well.

#### **228: CORRESPONDENCE:**

GCC- Temporary prohibiting of traffic at Beach Road Fairbourne

Unllais Wales- Conference Royal Welsh Showground

SNPA- Mawddach Trail signage

SNAP- Mentoring Programme

GCC –Restructuring of registration services in Dwyfor and Meirionnydd.

Planning Aid Wales- Training Workshop for Community Councillors 27<sup>th</sup> July.

St Cynon's Church- Requesting permission to use ACC notice board to display Church events this was agreed by the Council

Brithdir CC – meeting to discuss Central Government cutbacks- 25<sup>th</sup> June

Dail Dysynni- Thank you for £100 donation

#### **229: PLANNING APPLICATIONS: None**

### **230: FINANCIAL REPORT and PAYMENTS MADE:**

The following Payments – were made:-

Pitchcare £228.06

H. Gray £8.59

Clerk (postage) £ 23.60

### **231: REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Cllr Parker- Fairbourne Project Board- No report

Cllr Wiles – Fairbourne Facing Change – No report

Cllr Eves – Fairbourne Railway-will give a report at the September meeting. It was noted that as Trustees, the Community Council need to have regular meetings. The Council are to invite Mr Murray Dods, General Manager, to the Council meeting in October. This will then be an annual invitation in order to give a financial update and strategic plan for the coming year.

Cllr Kirkham- Fairbourne Village Hall, Reported following the AGM of FVH ( minutes available) There was £20,000 in the 'kitty' – largely from bequests. There had been an application to the Lottery Fund for renovations and there was match funding in place.

Cllr Scott gave an update from the Golf Club and informed the council that there would be a fund raising event on Saturday. There was £4,000 from the communication mast to last until November. Green fees for the month of June were down by £230. The current membership stands at 54.

Cllr Scott also pointed out that the tennis Court had been 'white lined' and that there were 2 invoices for cement and also an invoice for the white line machine. The Council thanks Cllr Scott for all his hard work.

Cllr Haycock, attended a meeting last week in Dolgellau and he reported that every school in the catchment area was under threat of closure- 4of 10 schools will remain open. Dinas and Ysgol Friog will remain open. Posts of Head teachers will be advertised nationally. There will be a temporary Governing body of 20 members and not all communities will be represented. In 2017 there will be a new school and the wish is for staff posts to be sorted out by the end of the year. Transportation of children was also discussed and Cllr Haycock will keep the Community Council informed of any further developments.

### **232: TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Scott discussed the 30 MPH limit through Arthog. A response was awaited.

Cllr Eves reported that he had been asked by a member of the public about the possibility of Skate Park as part of Fairbourne regeneration

Cllr Eves asked if a charge could be made for boat launching. Cllr Kirkham informed the council that this would be the responsibility of the Maritime Officer.

The issue of boulders at the end of the slipway at Penrhyn Drive South was raised and the Clerk to get quotes.

The Clerk was also asked to find out about the possibility of grants for disabled access at the slipway at Penrhryn Drive South

### **233 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 2<sup>ND</sup> September 2015

Cllrs Haycock and Parker submitted their apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 20.35