

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 2/9/2015

234. Present: Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr P.Roberts, Cllr M.Scott, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr S.Eves. County Councillor L.Hughes.

235. Apologies: Cllr J. Rees, Cllr M.Wiles, Cllr P Parker, Cllr J. Haycock, Cllr D.Hughes

236. Declaration of Interests:- None

237. To Receive any Special Announcement from the Chairman.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th October and not 7th as scheduled. The Clerk will inform the absent Councillors of the date change.

238. Minutes of Meeting Held on 1st July 2015

i) The minutes were agreed save for items 224 (iv) 'Matters Arising from minutes' should read 'may' and not 'will'.

Matters arising from minutes

i) 224 (vi) quotes for moving boulders at the bottom of the slipway/ car park Penrhyn Drive South came too late, the Council will look again at this in the New Year

ii) 231 Cllr Eves reported that he had not had time to speak to Murray Dods, General Manager Fairbourne Railway about attending the Council meeting in October.

239. Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the audit paperwork had been returned from Hacker Young and relevant notices had been placed in the Council Boards. The notices will be displayed until 10/9/2015.

The Internal auditor suggested that the Council use an 'Analysis book' to record receipts and payments as opposed to the 'cash book' system which is currently being used.

The internal auditor also reminded the Council that they are obliged to operate PAYE on the clerks remuneration, unless an exemption has been obtained as was the case with the previous clerk. The council agreed that the Clerk should contact an Accountant to deal with this issue.

240. Specific Items Brought to Attention

(a) Penrhyn Point Management- Cllr Scott informed the council that the work of boulder placement had been given the go-ahead in the 1st week of August.

Cllrs Kirkham and Scott placed signs informing the public what would be happening.

The placing of rock armour primary function is to protect the SSI area. The placing of the Rock Armour was overseen by the Maritime Officer. NRW did not attend when the boulders were being placed.

Re-alignment of some boulders will need to be arranged

The Councillors were shown a map of where the boulders had been placed.

The Council discussed the use of a gate situated at the 'rise' at the entrance to the slipway. Cllr Eves stated that this would remove 40% of the parking space. Cllr Eves suggested that an 'honesty box' at the gate and also a sign informing 'For Boat Launching Only'. Cllr Roberts stated that as boat owners were not paying for launching they shouldn't have preference.

There had been three incidents of littering since Easter and the Council were pleased with this. Signs informing the public that the '*road was not suitable for large vehicles*' had not been placed.

(b) Voluntary Beach Patrol-

The council will approach the Maritime Officer with the idea of start a beach patrol. Cllr Thomas, thought that this should be the remit of the Harbour Master and should be organised by him as this is not for ACC as there may be issues around liabilities.

(c) Management of Uninsured vessels launching from PP-

The council agreed that the Clerk was to contact the Maritime Officer regarding the issue of insurance.

(d) Application Of Speed Limit-

ACC agreed to 30MPH from Golf House to Penrhyn Point. This may not come into force in March 2016.

(e) Enquiries about the signage at PP-

Slipway signs shown to councillors. These will be placed at PP by the end of October. The council are very grateful to Mr Barry Davies, Maritime Officer for all his hard work and support regarding PP.

(f) Boulders at Penrhyn Drive South-

The Council agreed to leave this until next year.

(g) Travellers-

ACC proposed that Gwynedd Council be approached to install a Height restriction barrier at the Carpark at Penrhyn Drive South. This was agreed.

(h) Yew Tree Trekking Centre-

Yew Tree Trekking Centre (YTTC) from Cannock Chase ,operating out of Abergwynant, 'took over' the turning circle. Having been approached by the Maritime officer, it was established that they were not trading despite reports that they were. Mr Murray Dods raised concerns that they were using his land to trade.

YTTC also used the carpark at Penrhyn Drive. Could they trade from GC Carpark?

Cllr Thomas - stated that horses are allowed on the beach at anytime as long as they are not endangering members of the public.

Cllr Eves -stated that there had recently been two accidents associated with YTTC.

ACC agreed that the clerk should write to the Maritime Officer about the concerns of the council.

(i) Race the Train-

This year's event would be the last involvement of the RAF. Miss C. Walford(Fairbourne resident and local business woman) would like this event to come under the 'umbrella' of ACC and she would cover areas such as insurances and other related Health and Safety Issues. Any profits would go to ACC

Cllr Thomas suggested that if ACC agreed to this, then any monies raised and given to ACC should be ring fenced for a specific item. Cllr Eves suggested a 'Boardwalk' similar to the one in Borth.

Cllr Scott stated that he would be happy to be the representative.

(j) Clerks Electronic Support-

ACC agreed to this and the clerk was to explore this matter further.

(k) Regarding Contact with officers of the Council

This was discussed.

(l) Identity Cards

The issue of Community Councillors having Identify Cards and high

visibility Jackets with 'Community Council' marked on the back was discussed . It was agreed that High Visibility jackets would be used but not Identity cards. Cllr Scott would look at costing.

(m) Community Flower Boxes

It was suggested the if ACC could fund flowers/bedding plants for community flower boxes to placed underneath the village signs of Arthog, Fairbourne and Friog. The village garden clubs could be approached for advice and help. The Clerk to enquire if there is still a grant available from Gwynedd Council and Snowdonia National Park. Cllr Scott will get some quotes for boxes and will approach the village garden clubs.

(n) Acknowledgment to resident on reaching 100 years old

On September the 9th Mr Harry Lister of Heol y Gader, Fairbourne will be 100 years old. CC agreed to present him with a greetings card and bottle of whiskey. Cllr Scott will purchase these.

241: Correspondence

GCC - Temporary prohibiting of traffic at Beach Road and Penrhyn Drive North, Fairbourne. Race the Train 2015, 28th August 2015.

GCC - Works Programme September 2015. From War memorial pass Glasfryn Terrace to Bron Meirion.

GCC - Legal Services. Sessions on the Code of Conduct for community and town councils. Dates arranged.

GCC - Y Gader Catchment Area Newsletter.

SNPA - List of meeting times and dates for the Authority's main committees.

SLCC - Membership renewal.

PAW - Planning training workshop for Community and Town councillors. (Cllr Thomas may attend)

Joint Local Development Plan Newsletter.

Shelter Cymru Newsletter.

Un Llais Cymru - details of Annual General Meeting 3rd October 2015.

Royal Welsh Show 2016 (Dolgellau Committee) - Thank you for £125 donation.

242: Planning Applications

i) No observations or objections were raised to planning application for Bwlch Gwyn Uchaf, Bryn Road, Fairbourne.

ii) No observations or objections were raised to planning application for Proposed Base Station installation at CTIL 121274, VF 01060, TEF N/A, Fairbourne Golf Club, Penrhyn Drive North, Fairbourne.

243: Financial Report and Payments Made:

The following payments were made:-

Came & Company Local Council Insurance £1277.02

Hacker Young Chartered Accountants £246.00

Clerk (postage) £7.25

Clerk (clerical duties) £666.65

Sean's Lawns (cemetery July 2015, timber treatment) £235.00

Sean's Lawns (cemetery August 2015) £180.00

244: Representatives Reports

Cllr Scott gave an update from the Fairbourne Flood Wardens.

Fairbourne Moving Forward Multi-Agency Project Meetings Summary was circulated at the meeting. If there are any questions Cllr Parker will address them at the next ACC meeting.

245: To receive Councillors Questions

Cllr Scott has received a complaint from a resident of Fairbourne regarding obstruction of the post box situated next to North's Grocers shop. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Postmaster to advise them about the situation.

The contentious issue of car parking at Beach Road/Francis Avenue was raised. It was decided to leave this item for further discussion at the next meeting when more councillors are present.

Cllr Roberts stated that the steps on the style, which is located on the

footpath leading up from the churchyard in Arthog , needs to be repaired.

Cllr Thomas stated that the path behind Glasfryn Terrace needs a complete overhaul. The Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council on both of these matters.

Gwynedd County Councillor Louise Hughes discussed with ACC the savings that Gwynedd Council have to make. Proposals to these cuts are going out to public consultation and GCC Hughes strongly urges everyone to engage with the consultation.

246: Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th October 2015

Meeting closed