

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 14/10/2015

247. Present: Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr P.Roberts, Cllr M.Scott, Cllr P. Thomas, D.Hughes Cllr J. Haycock, Cllr M.Wiles, Cllr P Parker. S.Williams (Clerk)

248. Apologies: Cllr J. Rees (absent – no apology, Cllr S.Eves, County Councillor L.Hughes

249. Declaration of Interests:- None

250. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair.

Lisa Marshal GCC Business Manager will be attending the next meeting

251. Minutes of Meeting Held on 2nd September 2015

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct.

Matters arising from minutes:-

- 1) 240 (b) Voluntary Beach Patrol- No further news from Barry Davies
- 2) 240 (c) Vessels launching from PP-Agenda Item for meeting of Harbour Advisory Group set for 15/10/15. It was also noted that all registered boats should display a sticker. This should be checked by the Harbour Master.
- 3) 240 (d) Application of Speed limit- Clerk to contact GCC if March consultation period could be brought forward.
- 4) 240 (g) Height Restriction Barrier at Penrhyn Drive South- to be followed up Clerk
- 5) 240 (h) Yew Tree Trekking Centre- No further details obtained as yet.
- 6) 240 (i) Race the Train- No further contact.
- 7) 240 (j) Clerk's Electronic Support- No further update as yet
- 8) 240 (l) Identity cards/High Visibility Jackets- Cllr Scott reported on the costings of obtaining High Visibility Jackets a total of £69.53 was quoted. The issue of HV jackets was to easily identify Community Councillors when dealing with parking problems. The Council agreed it was not the responsibility of the community Council to move vehicles and not to get involved in 'policing' the area. Cllr Haycock stated ACC had no statutory powers in to do this. The placing of the Rock Armour would indicate the areas in which parking was not allowed. It was agreed not to purchase HV Jackets.
- 9) 240 (m) Community Flower Boxes. Cllr Scott gave three quotes for the purchase of the boxes. Amazon £70, Tailor-made £110, B. Round £80 (stained) The Council Agreed that local business should benefit and the work was awarded to B. Round. Application forms for grants from various sources were given to Cllr Scott.
- 10) 240 (n) Mr Harry Lister was pleased with his gift from ACC.

252. Clerks Report

The Clerk thanked the Councillors for agreeing to change the date of the meeting.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that there is a consultation period with regards to the proposed changes to planning regarding Retail Centre Development.

GCC will be inspecting the reported footpath problems and once the contractor has finished for the year GCC will reimburse ACC. An arrangement has been made for the contractor to have a look at the definitive maps for footpath maintenance.

The renewal documents from Came and Co regarding the insurance for ACC has arrived.

Information has been received from various groups regarding grants to help improve 'green spaces'.

The Clerk also informed the Councillors of a training event to be held at the Dragon Theatre Barmouth.

The Councillors were informed of the 'Challenge Gwynedd' drop in session in the Free Library in Dolgellau on 10 November between 11:00-13:00.

253. Specific Items Brought to Attention

(a) Fairbourne Moving Forward.- See attached report

(b) Penrhyn Point Update- The Rock Armour is short by 7 boulders, the cost of the extra boulders is £500. The Maritime Office requests a contribution from ACC. The Council agreed in principle to a contribution of £250, Cllr Kirkham will discuss this with the Maritime Officer. The Councillors agreed to this course of action.

It was resolved not to install a gate on the 'rise' before the slipway.

The issue of overnight parking was discussed and it is apparent that the 'No Overnight Parking' Signs are being disregarded. Cllr Hughes reminded the council that they have no statutory powers to enforce parking and that ACC should press Gwynedd Council to introduce a 'bye-law'.

Cllr Wiles suggested that a Traffic Regulation Order may be more appropriate. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the appropriate officer in Gwynedd Council.

(c) 30 MPH- It was resolved that the Clerk write to Gwynedd Council for an update

(d) Parking Charges at Beach Road Car park- The Clerk was to contact

the appropriate officer in Gwynedd Council in order to find out if the parking charges in the car park could be changed to being free of charge between the hours of 6pm- 8am. Could the Double Yellow lines be Joined together from the Car Park to the junction at Beach Road/ Penrhyn Drive South. It was reported at the meeting that people had been enquiring about the cars parking outside the amusement arcade. Cllr Roberst suggested that the parking does in fact cause drivers to slow down.

(e) Purchase of Toilet Sign. The purchase of a toilet sign at Beach Road by 'amusements' will be discussed at a later date

(f) Purchase of Traffic Sign – It was agreed that the purchase of Traffic Signs was not within the remit of the Community Council

254. Correspondence

SNPA- Invitation to AGM in various locations including –Coed Y Brenin Dolgellau on 17th November at 6:00pm- 9:00pm

SNPA- Planning application for Farm Workshop at Bwlch Gwyn Uchaf – approved

SNPA- Planning application for 99kw hydro-electric scheme Bron Llety Ifan Arthog –Approved

Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod- enquiring about financial support. As this was not within the ACC area the council decided against making and financial contribution

Planning Aid Wales Workshop-Institute Building Caernarfon 23rd September.

GCC – opening hours for Registration Services in Dwyfor and Meirionnydd. From 5th October the offices will be open from 10:00 am -12:0pm Monday-Friday.

GCC Notice of works- Hedge Cutting on A493- West of Glasfryn Terrace to Horeb Chapel.

GCC will no longer replenish the salt bins following winter 15/16. An estimate of £156 per bin had been estimated. The Council agreed to leave the bins where they are and look into the matter further in the Spring

Wales Audit Office- External audit Arrangements –Annual Returns for 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/17. The new external auditors for ACC will be BDO LLP Southampton

255. Planning Applications

No planning applications were submitted.

256. Financial Report and Payments Made

The Clerk read out the balances of monies held. It was also reported that the bank statements were still being sent to Cllr Hughes address. It was resolved that the clerk be added to the mandate to enable the clerk to deal with the bank, this would be dealt with further at the next meeting.

The following payments were made:-

Fairbourne Flood Wardens (Stationery) £ 12.23

Sean's Lawns £ 360.

257. Representatives Reports

Cllr Scott gave an update on the Fairbourne Flood Wardens. All relevant forms had been returned, but some were incomplete. Four residents in Area 'A' were recorded as vulnerable. Mr Burrows would find out what their evacuation plans are. One Resident would need the assistance of the Emergency Services.

Area 'B' – Survey will be completed by next week.

The Community Council thanked Cllr Scott for all his hard work.

Cllr Haycock reported on Ysgol Y Friog. One member of staff had been lost, One extra Governor will be appointed. Cllr Haycock will be meeting with the Budgetary Officer in Dolgellau in the coming week. Cllr Haycock also reported that proposals for the recruitment of the head of the new 'super school' will be in place by the end of the year.

Cllr Haycock reported that the financial situation and the new Gader Catchment area for 2017 were also discussed.

Cllr Thomas has discussed with Dilwyn Rees (Undertaker) the internment of a casket into a full size grave in Arthog Cemetery.

Cllr Parker- report attached

258. To Receive Councillors Questions

Cllr Scott suggested that ACC purchase a sign directing members of the public from Morfa Mawddach to Fairbourne. Cllr Scott would look into this.

Cllr Roberts report a 'wet patch' on the road approaching the 30 MPH speed limit towards Fairbourne. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact GCC.

Cllr Roberts enquired if he would tender for the footpath maintenance

contract, when the tendering process begins next year. The Councillors agreed that he could.

Cllr Thomas asked if there had been a recent playground inspection. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this.

Having read the insurance documents from Came and Co, Cllr Thomas suggested that further discussion on the cover required should take place in the July meeting, prior to the policy being renewed.

259. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 4th November

Meeting Closed