

## ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN, ARTHOG, ON 4/11/2015**

**260. Present:** Cllr J. Kirkham (Chairman), Cllr M.Scott, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr J. Haycock, Cllr S.Eves, Cllr P Parker. S.Williams (Clerk) L.Marshall (in attendance)

**261. Apologies:** Cllr J. Rees, County Councillor L.Hughes, Cllr M.Wiles, Cllr P.Roberts, Cllr D.Hughes

**262. Guest Speaker:** Lisa Marshall, Gwynedd Council Business Manager  
Lisa gave a very informative presentation about the current situation in Fairbourne in regards to SMP2. There will still need to be a lot of consultations as to what the public in Fairbourne want and there will need to be guidance from DEFRA on certain aspects. ACC need to play a large part in consulting with the public and there needs to be clear understandings of what steps to be taken. A meeting with Lisa, ACC and FFC would be arranged on what needs to be done and also draw up a 'Feasability Plan'.

Lisa highlighted there is a possibility that, due to current scientific information, that parts of Fairbourne may go into 'managed retreat' in about 40 years time.

Plans need to put into place to establish what needs to be done when. Councillors pointed out that things could change in the coming years.

It is envisaged that there will be 3 or 4 more projects in Fairbourne, however, nothing has been decided as yet. It is hoped that more meetings with the village will take place with the first to discuss future projects in early December. Ideas for the projects include Buy to let, equity release schemes. Also vacant properties, to be purchased by, for example, Care homes and or Housing Associations.

Lisa informed the councilors how Welsh Government money was being spent and that it was the job of GCC to support the residents of Fairbourne. The councilors asked some searching questions, such as is Ground water monitoring going on?, Is Friog Corner being properly defended. Lisa Marshall informed the Councillors that their comments would be taken back to GCC. There will be another public meeting on 22nd January 2016 2pm-6pm in Fairbourne Village Hall. Lisa Marshall thanked ACC and she would like to attend again. Lisa was invited to attend the February meeting.

Cllr Parker proposed that we implement SMP2 and elect a sub- committee. Seconded by Cllr Eves. Proposal was accepted.

The sub-committee will be formed in the December meeting.

Lisa Marshall left the meeting.

**263. Declaration of Interests: - None**

**264. To Receive Special Announcement from the Chair.**

None

**265. Minutes of Meeting Held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

The minutes were agreed by the Council as being correct.

**Matters arising from minutes:-**

- 1) 240 (b) Voluntary Beach Patrol- coming under 'umbrella' of Harbour Master.
- 2) 240 (c) Next Season, any vessels launching will have insurance checked.
- 3) 240 (m) – Local Businesses should be approached to provide finances for Community flower boxes.

**265. Clerks Report**

The Clerk gave feedback on her research done into purchasing a laptop computer. Council agreed that the Clerk should look into purchasing a Dell computer.

Confirmation was given that 'the wet patch' on the road into Arthog, was being investigated by the Highways Department.

Up and coming training events were shared with the councilors.

The Clerk also reported that there was unlikely to be any movement on the implementation of a 30MPH zone at PP before March 2016.

The Councillors were informed about the cleaning and security of the Pill Box on the Sea Wall at Penrhyn Drive South.

**266. Specific Items Brought to Attention**

- (a) Penrhyn Point Rock Armour – this should be completed by Monday.
- (b) Voluntary Beach Patrol-ACC no longer involved, this will come under the 'umbrella' of the Harbour Master.
- (c) Directional Sign- further discussion was had and Cllr Scott to deal with the sign company. The quote of £285 was agreed by the councilors.

**267. Correspondence**

Letter received from GL Jones Playgrounds confirming that they will carry out inspection of playground in Fairbourne including quote. Council agreed to quote. GL Jones will contact the clerk when a date is available for the inspection.

GCC – rough Sleepers Questionnaire – Clerk to Complete.

Unllais Wales – Requesting contact details of the Chairman.

Gwynedd Business Network- press release.

North Wales Coast Light Railway –letter read out.

Y Gader Catchment Area Newsletter Autumn 2015

Local Government Department – Welsh Government update for Community and Town Councils.

### **268. Planning Applications**

No planning applications were submitted.

### **269. Financial Report and Payments Made**

The Clerk read out the balances of monies held:-

Current Acc as at 28/10/15 £6725.79p

Deposit Acc as at 28/10/15 £4735.88p

The following payments were made:-

Poppy Wreath £18.50

Stationery (Flood Wardens) £34.37

Arthog Village Hall (room hire 2015 for ACC) £165.00

Fairbourne Bowling Club £114.99

British Red Cross annual request for funds – to be discussed at next meeting.

Friog and Fairbourne Village Hall request for funds- More information needed will be discussed at next meeting.

Arthog Village Hall request for funds- to be discussed at next meeting.

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### **270. Representatives Reports**

Cllr Scott informed the council that NRW will keep an 'up to date' register of people requiring flood warnings.

Cllr Haycock reported that the scheduled meeting with the Budgetary Officer in Dolgellau did not happen as predicted and the meeting will be rearranged.

Cllr Haycock informed the council that a new area head had been appointed- Mrs Helen Jones.

Cllr Eves will clarify at the next meeting the position with regards to whether or not ACC are Trustees of the Fairbourne Railway.

### **271. To Receive Councillors Questions**

The Councillors asked if the Police will be closing the road near Arthog Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday- Clerk to look into this.

The Councillors asked who would remove the wreaths from last year and tidy the area around the Cenotaph. Cllr Scott agreed to do this.

It was agreed that the Clerk inform GCC that the footpaths had not been attended too.

Cllr Scott thanked FFC officials for their hard work. The Council endorsed this sentiment.

The Council asked if Jonathan Anderson tree surgeon could carry out a survey of the trees in Arthog Cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this.

Cllrs Thomas and Haycock, mentioned saplings growing through wall near Arthog Cemetery- It was agreed that the Clerk report this to the Highways department.

Blocked drains by Ynys Faig- It was agreed that the Clerk Contact the Highways department.

Cllr Scott informed the council that a bench by the Toll Hose had been removed and could be re-sited on the promenade. No agreement was reached.

Cllr Scott informed the council that there was some disrepair to fencing on Penrhyn Drive South - this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **259. Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 2n December

Meeting Closed 9.15pm