

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GANOLFAN – ARTHOG ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2016

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

436. Apologies: Cllr S Eves.

437. Declaration of Interests: None

438. To receive any Special Announcements from the Chairman: None

439. To Confirm: Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2016. The Minutes held on 5th October were accepted as being correct.

440. Matters arising from the minutes:- None

441. Clerks Report: The Acting Clerk had not managed to bring any new potential clerks to this meeting. The potential person had ruled herself out due to her present work load. He had written to One Voice Wales and had been sent a Job Description, however reading through the document it would have meant alot of the information was not applicable to this Community Council. It was suggested that a job advert be put in the Sibrydion and to see what response there was. Sharon was not too keen on coming to the meeting but had informed the Clerk that she would have to spend atleast an hour each day on Community Council work.

The Clerk asked about the storage of our old documents. He had spoken with the Clerk from Llangylennin and their CC store their documents in two filing cabinets at their Ganolfan. Storing the CC documents within Arthog Ganolfan was not an option due to lack of space. The Clerk would ask the Fairbourne Village Hall if they had any space.

The Clerk had written to the Highways regarding the Double Yellow lines issue on Beach Road, Ragwort towards Penrhyn Point and loose Block Paving within Penrhyn Drive South Carpark. He had had a reply to the

latter and that the problem had been fixed. Clerk to write and thank them. No reply from Highways regarding the other two letters. Clerk to contact them again. Fairbourne Railway had been written to regarding the Ragwort in the dunes. No written reply as yet. It was pointed out that they had a statutory right to clear the plant as it was a notifiable disease to clear the problem. Cllr Parker said that he would approach the General Manager for an explanation.

The Clerk had received a letter from PCSO Lake-Bullen regarding obstruction of pavement access in Glan Y Mor by residents on Bin Collection day. The suggestion now was that a letter drop and notices would be put in Glan Y Mor regarding keeping access points clear on all occasions including Bin collection days.

The Clerk had still not heard back from Cllr Louise Hughes regarding her visiting the Gwynedd Planning Officer regarding having to put a formal application in plus £190 in order to have 4 signs situated in Fairbourne & Friog which would benefit the local community. There could be a 50% discount as the application was on behalf of the Community Council.

The Clerk had hoped to attend a meeting of Tywyn Old peoples Forum regarding the Dyfi Bridge proposal. Due an access problem at the venue, he was not able to attend, but it would seem that the Contractor was only centred on pushing the scheme into the town. Cllr Scott asked if he could draft out a letter to Ken Skates AM in Cardiff Bay. This would be circulated to all Cllrs for their comments.

442. Saturday Surgery Feedback:- The only item was that a resident of Fairbourne had raised the issue of white lineage, cat's eyes and rumble strips coming down Arthog Hill towards Fairbourne on the A493. The rumble strips in particular are annoying as they are sunk in to the surface. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways for an update.

443. Reuben Woodford Reply:- The Clerk had had a reply from RW and basically he felt that enough time had been spent in Fairbourne recently, not only overseeing the work, but also meeting up with residents. NRW was carrying out alot of work on the Afon Henddol and ditches but their staff and their equipment were also required down the Afon Dysynni. The Clerk said that it would cost a considerable amount of money to print out

all the Q & A sheet from the CC and the NRW to both print and letter drop this information. Cllr Wiles had said that Lisa Marshall could help out by sending them out on their next letter drop.

It is believed that the NRW is presently short of money, however emergency money would always be made available if specialist work was to be carried out.

444. (b) Penrhyn Point Update:- Cllr Wiles gave a brief report on the matter. As yet, he had not had a reply from the David Smith NRW and his legal department. It was the area below the tarmac area that was of real concern at the moment as most of the camper vans would park in the dip and away from the slipway. Cllr Kirkham was going to mention at the next Barmouth Advisory meeting that it was hoped to put a gate with a 'managed' locking system on the 'rise' before the slipway. The Fairbourne Railway were now in favour of a gate. A vehicle (4 x4) had gained access down to the station area at the end having avoided a locked gate and other boulders. Putting a gate on the 'rise' would free up some boulders not required in their present position.

445. (c) Community Flood Plan Website:- Cllr Scott reported that he had been to Bangor to visit the NRW HQ and plans are now in hand to go to Elfed ap Gomer to discuss the website, its format and its layout. More information at the next meeting.

446. (d) Letter to Sibrydion re Tennis Court @ Play Park:- Cllr Scott read out a letter which he asked if he could put in the Sibrydion regarding the setting up of a Tennis Club in Fairbourne that could perhaps manage the putting up and taking down of the tennis net. As it is a 'hard court', the option is there for people to play the whole year round especially during the Winter. Draft letter accepted.

447. (e) RE Play Park:- Whilst not in correspondence, Cllr Scott had been in the Play Park the previous Saturday and noticed that the timber surrounding all the 'rubber surfaces' of the apparatus was rotten and needed replacing as soon as possible. He felt that as it was a specialist job, then GL Jones from Bethesda should be brought in and do the repairs, plus the painting and also the safety inspection at the conclusion. This was all agreed and that Cllr Scott would speak to GL Jones. He would also put

pressure on Les Hunt on the to repair the fencing, as GL Jones would not issue a safety certificate until it was done.

448. To deal with any Correspondence:- A lot of letters had been received by the Clerk from One Voice Wales, regarding various events and training. The Clerk was asked to only print off relevant letters for the meeting.

A letter had been received from Mr Chris Goss regarding the street lighting not only in Belgrave Road but the light outside his house which was detrimental to him having a good night's sleep which was not the case before the lights were changed to LED lights. Letter to be forwarded onto Highways.

A reminder letter from the SNP had been received regarding any spare land the CC knew of. The only land spare that Cllrs could think of was between the old people's bungalows and Tawelfan in Friog.

A letter had also been received from Gwynedd Council regarding any homeless people within the area. Apart from a person a couple of years ago, there were none to report of.

A letter had been received back in July from Sharon Williams but only just passed on to me from Steffan Jones and the bin collections. The Clerk was to write to Mr Jones, saying that more collections should be made during holiday seasons and bins not left overflowing over weekends for Cllrs to collect surplus rubbish and dog waste.

449. To Deal with any Planning Applications:- An application had been received from the Snowdonia Planning Authority regarding an extension etc to be built at the Arthog Ganolfan. No objections were made.

A letter also received regarding a **Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use or Development**. This referred to land known as Hen Long has been used for Holiday Leisure purposes including siting of a chalet and toilet hut 1st April - 30th September. This has taken place for a continuous period of 10 years. Time for enforcement action has now expired.

450. Financial Statement and Report:-

NatWest Current Account:-

As at 29 th September		7,7337.50
Less Clerk Wages	133.33	
Postage	22.61	
Goal Nets	36.81	
Vodafone	12.60	
AA Groundworks	1000.00	(Presented, but returned. Signature Problem)
Total	1205.35	6132.15

As at **28th October** **7,132.15**

To be Paid:

LC Jones -	Grass Cutting	98.00	
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M Scott -	Stationary	19.76	
P Roberts -	Footpaths	<u>1000.00</u>	
		1215.76	(5916.39)

A problem had arisen with a cheque to Cllr Roberts regarding signatories on a cheque to him. Another was made out payable to P Roberts for £1000.

NatWest Business Reserve:-

As at 5 th October Incl Interest	4738.24
As at 4 th November Incl Interest	4738.25

NatWest Youth Account:-

As at 5 th October Incl Interest	7,707.04
As at 4 th November Incl Interest	7,707.37

451. Representative Reports:-

Cllr Wiles as representative for the Village Hall said that a date had been

set for the work to start and also as to when to finish. The Lottery had approved the grant and work to proceed 1st week in December and end 1st or 2nd week in May.

Cllr Parker gave a report on the Fairbourne Moving Forward Project and his report is attached.

Cllr Kirkham handed in the report that he was to give to the Barmouth Harbour Advisory Committee in Barmouth the following Thursday. His report is attached.

Cllr Thomas brought up the subject of Broadband in the Arthog area, and that his was more reliable now. Chairman Haycock was still having problems, and his service was very much hit and miss but that it was better than before.

Cllr Scott raised the issue of a CC wreath for Remembrance Service and also the Road Closure. He would investigate tomorrow with LC Jones and take it from there. It would seem from the Vicar in Llwyngwril that the CC is responsible for obtaining the road closure. The Clerk would set aside a book for when certain events happen, inspections etc so that we are not chasing ourselves and playing 'catch up'.

Prior to the precept meeting on 9th November (Wednesday, the Clerk was asked to contact the elections officer – (Mr Brian Harvey) as to the cost of two elections.

Meeting Closed at 21.05