

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2022
HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.00PM

1287: The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7.07pm

1288: Present: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Green, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Eves, Clerk Angela Thomas

1289: Apologies: Cllr Mrs Salt. An HIA report and Christmas Wishes from the Chairperson was circulated to all Councillors at the meeting. Apologies from GC Cllr Mrs Hughes.

1290: Councillors declaration of Interest: Cllr Green, Golf Club.

1291: To receive any special announcements from the Chair: No special announcements.

1292: To Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022: The minutes were confirmed as correct by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Woolley

1293: Matters arising from the meeting held on 2nd November 2022: No matters arising.

1294: Clerks Report: The Clerk reported that she had received a reply to a letter sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales regarding a spate of thefts and robberies from rural and outlying farms and yards. The report was read out by Cllr Roberts. The Clerk had asked Llion Pritchard for an update on several matters, ready for this meeting. Llion confirmed that Dr Halls report review by Water Co, Ruthin had been finished. The report is now going through a QA process. Llion gave a quick summary of the HIA. Over the 3 days there were 100+ visitors, each staying an average of 40 minutes. Demographic was top heavy with most visits from post retirees, mostly homeowners in Fairbourne. A meeting with Welsh Government, Leanne Lewellyn is still to be confirmed. Points were sent to Llion for the upcoming Project Board Meeting Agenda. An invoice had been received from the Treasurer of the Friog and Fairbourne Village Hall for the sum of £264.00 for hire of the Multi Use Room, 9th to 11th November by Savills. 11 hours per day at £8.00 per hour, times 3 days. The Councillors unanimously thought that this charge was excessive, especially because Savills had donated to the Village Hall and that the HIA was being conducted for the benefit of all Fairbourne/Friog residents. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall chairman and treasurer and ask for the bill to be reconsidered. Remembrance Day went without to many hitches. Cllr Roberts and ex Councillor Peter Thomas kindly managed the road closed signs. Two motor bikes however barged their way through the service and the Police were not in attendance. It was noted that the numbers attending was reduced from the previous year and this mainly since several notable attendees have sadly passed away this year. Rev. Ruth Hansford conducted the service and Cllr Georgina Salt laid the ACC wreath. A debate regarding the relocation of the Air Ambulance was scheduled to take place with both Liz Saville-Roberts and Mabon ap Gwynfor attending. The section of ditch at the Village Hall has now been cleared but the bridge opposite the Shoe was still to be repaired by Dwr Cymru.

1295: To deal with any Correspondence: A letter had been received from Mike Scott detailing the current financial state of the Fairbourne Amenities Trust and asking of the ACC would once again be able to donate £1000.00. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously agreed that £1000.00 be again granted to FAT. It was noted that Mike Scott would be retiring from the position of Chair at the end of the year. The Clerk was reminded to write a letter of appreciation to Mike in January.

1296: Planning Matters: No planning matters received; however, the topic of the Springfield Hotel was raised. There is a persistent rumour circulating that the current owner, Philip Percival plans to locate permanent Pods and a toilet and shower block at the rear of the hotel. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department to ask if a planning application had been submitted. Individual plots are currently marked out separated by shrubs.

1297: Financial Report: The Clerk read out the current financial statement. There were no unexpected payments, and the Bank Accounts were all in good order. As yet, the Financial Statement for the last financial year had still not been signed off by the Welsh Audit Office. There is no reason why they have not been signed off other than the fact the Audit Office is probably busy trying to sort out the financial irregularities concerning Betsi Cadwallader. One cheque was circulated for signatures. £1000.00 for Fairbourne Amenities Trust.

1298: To receive Councillors Questions: None.

1299: Representatives Reports: Cllr Eves briefed the Councillors on a meeting that was held with Barry Davies from Maritime and his boss, Cllr Georgina Salt, and the Clerk to talk about the replacement of the ramp on Fairbourne beach. Although no new solution was found it was felt that the meeting was very productive with many alternatives being discussed by Maritime as a possible solution. However, NRW are still insisting that no permanent structure would be allowed. Further discussions have been asked for in the new year. It was suggested that Sian Williams, NRW, be invited to Fairbourne to see for herself the issues that the Village and just as importantly tourists are having accessing the beach. Cllr Roberts read a report from Mike Scott detailing the actions still to take place and those completed within the two toilet locations. Hopefully all will be finished by the end of 2022.

1300: Date and Time of Next Meeting: The deputy Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm and wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year. The next meeting is 4th January 2023 in Fairbourne Village Hall. The meeting has been changed to the 11th January 2023 subsequently.