

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd April 2024

1505: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm. and welcomed all in attendance.

1506: PRESENT: Cllr Haycock, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Green, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Evans, Cllr Puddick, Cllr Thomas. There were two observers present.

1507: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Ms Darvill sent her resignation due to ill health, with the Clerk. Cllr Louise Hughes has had an accident and was too unwell to attend.

1508: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club

1509: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: The Chairman Cllr Haycock said that he was very sorry to learn of Cllr Ms Darvill's resignation but wished her all the best for the future and thanked her for all her efforts to date. Cllr Haycock then invited Mr Mike Senior to make a presentation about 2 spare defib machines that could be available to the Community. The Clerk was asked to contact the BT Centre in Friog and ask if they would like the machine which could be fixed to their outside wall.

1510: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON March 6th, 2024: The minutes were confirmed as correct by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Puddick.

1511: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON March 6th, 2024: There were no matters arising.

1512: CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported on the following items. There were two applications for the vacant position and with the resignation of Cllr Ms Darvill there were two applicants for two positions. A discussion took place, and it was agreed that both applicants would be offered the positions. The clerk would write to both parties outlining the responsibilities of becoming a Councillor and both parties would be invited to the next meeting in May. Cllr Roberts said that with the notice being in the Notice Board for over a month both parties be coopted. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Green. A copy of the Code of Conduct will be emailed to both. It is best policy to have a full Council when possible. A notice asking for Tenders for the grass cutting responsibilities has also been in the Notice Board for a month with one applicant. The contract will be awarded to that applicant. The Information Board are back on the Promenade, with compliments of the Maritime Department. The wreck that is half in the water and half on the Sand at Penrhyn Point will be removed within April, either by the owner or if not by Maritime Contractors and a bill will be sent to the owner. Cllr Evans asked again if the grass in front of the Penrhyn Bar Grill could be cut. Now it seems to be full of dog mess and children are being caught in it. It cannot be part of the existing contract unfortunately. Thought will be given to putting a notice in the Notice Boards asking for anybody interested to Tender. The question of illegal overnight parking had been raised again with Maritime both at Penrhyn Point and on the Promenade. Maritime are keen to stop the overnight parking, but they are hampered by legalities. However, they will speak to their legal department again. This issue is causing a great deal of anguish for residents. The issue of dumping of human waste and other waste is continuing to cause concern as well. It is totally unacceptable. Some visitors are rude and intimidating to locals trying to access the banjo. The Yew Tree project is still going ahead, The Clerk has a meeting on the 16th at the Cemetery. A letter had been written in support of leaving the Air Ambulance at Caernarfon and Welshpool. This is ongoing. Maritime have still not corrected the signs about the dog "go" and "no go" areas on the sea wall, this is causing a lot of confusion to dog walkers and quite a lot of nastiness on social media. It should be reiterated that the rules are Cyngor Gwynedd and not Arthog Community Council. As the first tier of government the ACC is expected to make sure the rules are followed. The ACC has a duty to ensure that the sand and sea are not polluted by dog mess. The ACC also has a duty of care to keep children safe on the beach. It has been confirmed that Maritime will be making both shingle paths ready for May Bank Holiday. They were very happy with our suggested contribution of £500.00. The ACC will be invoiced in October. The issue of bin emptying was also discussed. The speaking solar panels had been investigated by CG and they did not know anything about them. The fast fibre for Fairbourne was discussed and seems to be nearing completion with enough vouchers validated hopefully.

1513: TO DEAL WITH ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PHONE CALLS: No correspondence.

1514: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: No items.

1515: PLANNING MATTERS: No new planning matters

1516: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The ACC received a thank you from Arthog Village Hall for the donation of £500.00. A request had been submitted for Fairbourne/Friog Village Hall donation. All documents were enclosed. This was discussed and was approved by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Mrs Langford. Cllr Evans asked if the Fairbourne Church received a donation. The Clerk said that she had never been asked by the Church for a donation. Renewal for One Voice Wales had been received and it was agreed that it should be renewed. The Clerk will now go to the Bank and request online banking now that the minutes had been approved. Two cheques were circulated for signature, £500.00 and £282 for OVV. The proposed recycled plastic boat discussed at the last meeting was approved for purchase by all. The monthly financial statement was circulated to all. The bank accounts are all in order. The request for the annual audit had been received from the Welsh Audit Office. Cllr Evans suggest a picnic bench in one of the old Sea Hut areas in front of Penrhyn Bar and Grill. Cllr Evans also asked about an imaginative welcome sign for Fairbourne. Sign Creation will be contacted for ideas and a quotation. Cllr Evans said he would be happy for it to be located on his land and he would build a creative flower bed below it.

1517: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: No questions.

1518: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

FMFPB: No report.

Cemetery: No quotations had been received for the work required in the cemetery. It is proving a problem.

FAT: No report. Next meeting will be in May.

Harbour Committee: No agenda or minutes had been received.

Golf Club: No meeting had taken place. Stuart Eves has said he will call a meeting the third week of April. Cllr Roberts will report back at the next meeting.

1519: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The land before Penrhodyn in Arthog, where the trees have been felled and rocks have fallen, is causing an issue with stabilization. A solution is being sought by all parties. The traffic lights at Friog Hill are still not working correctly and there does not seem to be a date in mind when the work will be carried out. Cllr Evans said that he was still waiting for approval to put a grid across the road beyond the golf club to stop the sheep invading the Village.

The Clerk said she had received an email, late, from a resident in Penrhyn Drive South, regarding overnight parking and the issue of dog on the beach. The Clerk said that she will write to the individual concerned. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

One of the observers asked why replies were not received from Gwynedd Council, sometimes not at all, or even in a timely manner. The answer given to him was that because its Cyngor Gwynedd, they can do what they want.

1520: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1st May changed to 8th May 2024 in Arthog Village Hall Changed to Fairbourne Village Hall