

ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARTHOG VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2023 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1361: THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING: The Chair, Councillor Mrs Salt opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1362: PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Salt, Cllr Mrs Woolley, Cllr Mrs Langford, Cllr Ms Darvill, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr S Eves, Cllr I Green, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr B Woolley, Clerk Angela Thomas. Guest: Matt Burrows, Fairbourne Flood Wardens and 2 members of the village public.

1363: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Haycock

1364: COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Green – Golf Club.

1365: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: No announcements

1366: Matt Burrows, Head Flood Warden had been invited to attend this meeting to confirm that all was in order with regard to the Flood Wardens and their responsibilities, his responsibility as Chief Flood Warden and to reassure the Councillors that all new residents moving to the Village were contacted and offered the chance to sign up for the advanced flood warning issued by the NRW and that all vulnerable people in the Village were accounted for. Matt Burrows confirmed that all was in order and that he was satisfied that all duties had been carried out. He confirmed that he held the keys to all the flood gates and sluice gates and in the event of a warning being issued he would ensure that all gates were closed appropriately. He also confirmed that he was satisfied that the Flood Wardens Web site was up to date. He asked that sometime in the future, before Winter set in, that the flood wardens could be issued with Head Torches. This was confirmed as being acceptable. The ACC would see to ordering the appropriate head torches.

1367: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 3rd May 2023 in Fairbourne Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Ms Darvill. The Chairperson signed the minutes as correct. At this point Cllr Mrs Salt would step down and the newly elected Chair would take the seat. However, Cllr Haycock was not present, he had confirmed that he would accept the Chair. The position of Vice Chair was offered to Cllr Mrs Woolley, who declined, Cllr Mr Woolley, who declined, Cllr Ms Darvill who declined and Cllr Green who also declined. The position was then offered to Cllr Eves who accepted. He asked Cllr Mrs Salt to stay as Chair for the rest of this meeting. The position of Vice Chair had to be held by a Fairbourne Councillor.

1368: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: No matters arising.

1369: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: Cllr Haycock elected as Chair, Cllr Eves elected as Vice Chair, Cllr Mrs Salt elected as HIA representative, Cllr Woolley elected as Harbour representative, Cllr Mrs Woolley elected as Village Hall representative, Cllr Roberts/Eves elected as Fairbourne Amenities Trust representatives, Cllr Roberts/Eves elected as Golf Club representatives and Cllr Thomas elected as Cemetery representative.

1370: CLERKS REPORT: Special Items Brought to the Attention of the Councillors for the Annual General Meeting 2023.

- (a) Re-visit and adopt risk assessment filed with the Clerk. Discussed at length and confirmed as being totally adequate for the needs of Arthog Community Council.
- (b) Re-visit and adopt Councillors' Code of Conduct filed with the Clerk. New version sent to all.
- (c) Re-visit and adopt Councillors' Register of Interests – If Any – Cllr Green/Golf Club.
- (d) Re-visit and adopt Standing Orders filed with Clerk.
- (e) Re-visit and adopt Financial Regulations filed with Clerk.
- (f) Internet Banking NALC section 6 rulings – discuss again for 2023.
- (g) Re-visit and adopt Asset Register.
- (h) ROSPA safety Inspection June 2023
- (i) Re-visit and adopt the Insurance Documents – filed with the Clerk.
- (j) Re-visit and adopt the biodiversity statement.
- (k) The statement confirming Councillors non-claim for expenses was passed around for signature for those still standing as Councillors. The Clerk has subsequently been advised that a letter from each Councillor confirming that no expenses have been claimed is required. This will be actioned at the July meeting.

All the above items were discussed at length, confirmed as being correct and were therefore proposed, by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Eves.

Cllr Eves gave a run-down of the FMFPB Meeting held on the 19th May 2023. A presentation was given by Andrew Buroni, Savills, in respect of the HIA findings and by Llyr Beaumont-Jones regarding Levelling up, Regeneration and HIA funding. Llyr has said that he would forward a copy of his presentation to all attendees. The Clerk was asked to book the Multi Use room for the 13th for drop-in sessions open to all residents and by Meilys Hulfryn-Smith the 14th June, for invited project board members to discuss the issues of funding and grant application processes and all its implications. The Clerk confirmed that the new access path to the beach had been completed and was working very well. The weather has been very kind and at the moment no maintenance has been required. The Clerk confirmed that the new furniture for the bus shelter in Arthog, the Beach Holt and the Arthog Church had been delivered and placed. The Clerk has received a request from Richard Narraway (FAT) for some signs to be purchased showing exactly where on the beach dogs were allowed. Richard had provided some costings and designs which were discussed by the Councillors, and it was agreed that these could be purchased. Richard had said that he would be responsible for the placement and removal. The Clerk was given permission to go ahead with the purchase. Proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Eves.

1371: SPECIAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION: No special items brought forward.

1372: CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

1373: PLANNING MATTERS: The issue of planning applications for work being carried out in the Village of Fairbourne was raised once again. The Clerk checks the weekly listing sent by Cyngor Gwynedd and nothing has been received with regard to the Springfield/Glan Y Mor Aire that has appeared. Whilst the ACC does not want to stifle progress and business in the Village it was felt that there were too many examples of what appear to be projects going ahead without planning in place. This was discussed at length and it was voted that the Clerk should once again write to the CEO Mr Gibbard voicing concerns about the lack of response from the Planning Department when contacted about these matters.

1374: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit papers had been sent off to Gwynedd Council for the internal audit. The monthly financial statement had been circulated to all Councillors'. There were no queries. The cheque book was sent around for signature. £250.00 L C Jones cemetery grass cutting and £200.00 for grass cutting P Roberts Islaw'r Dref Cemetery. A cheque to the value of £30.00 had been received from Hodson Decorators for FAT to purchase flowers for the flower boxes on the Village. This will be banked. A thank you letter will be sent to David and Matt Hodson for their generosity. There were no financial queries.

1375: COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS: No questions were raised.

1376: REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: HIA: Cllr Mrs Salt gave an update on the HIA. Savills will be in the Village on the 13th and 14th. The cost for these last two consultancy meetings will be met by Welsh Government. It was reported to be £7000.00. These last two meetings should conclude HIA Matters for this moment in time and not require any more paid for time from Savills. FAT: No matters arising. Golf Club: No matters arising. Harbour Committee: No report given. Cemetery: No report given.

1377: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th July 2023 – Fairbourne Village Hall.