

Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council
held at the Village Hall, at 7 pm Wednesday the 17th April 2019

Present: *J H Owens (Chair), R F Owen, M T Smithurst, C Davies, A Jones, Cllr Bryan Owen, Cllr P Rogers*

Apologies: *R B Owen, K Woods, C G Topps, W Hughes, E Evans, S Austin, A Hughes*

1. Mr & Mrs Harwood, Plas Llewelyn B&B

Mr and Mrs Harwood wish to purchase the land at the front of Plas Llewelyn from Anglesey County Council to create a private parking area for patrons of the B&B. As the land is an historic highway it would need to be subject to a stopping up order to enable its sale. The County Council have requested approval from the Community Council for the stopping up order.

Mr and Mrs Harwood explained that the parking area would help secure the future of the business which, in turn, helps the economy of the village by bringing customers to other businesses in Aberffraw such as the pub and the shop. They are concerned that a lack of parking spaces could result in customers going elsewhere. MTS proposed that the Community Council approve the stopping up order stating that the business requires a parking area particularly in view of the recent parking restrictions introduced in the village. Concerns also regarding safety following reports of individuals continuing to drive over the kerb across the area at speed. Proposal seconded by CD who suggested that an information panel could be installed on the site explaining its history as a highway. RFO expressed his objection to the proposal, pointing out that the Community Council had refused a similar request in the past. The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Harwood for attending and both left the meeting. It was agreed that the decision regarding the land requires careful consideration as it cannot be reversed at a later date. Due to the fact that only 5 members were present, it was suggested that the decision should be deferred until the May meeting in the hope that a greater number of members will be in attendance. Clerk to inform Mr & Mrs Harwood.

2. Minutes

As there was only one member present who attended the meeting held on 20/03/2019 it was agreed that the acceptance of the minutes should be postponed until the next meeting.

3. Matters Arising from minutes of Meeting held on 20/03/2019

2.1 Website – Clerk reported that Mr Stallwood has agreed to assist the Community Council in updating the current website in order to meet the statutory requirements. The current website will remain operational as a temporary measure to allow time to consider other options.

2.2 Dothan Crossroads – replacement sign – Clerk to make enquiries.

2.3 Overgrowth on boundary between footpath at Maes Llywelyn and the playing field - Estimate of £200.00 received from Liam Jones to cut and collect grass and brambles and leave at grass clippings pile in playing field. It was agreed by all that Mr Jones should be asked to proceed. KW not present to report back.

2.4 Aberffraw in Bloom – CD reported that Mon CF are not planting flowers this year. JHO reported that he had repaired some of the planters. It is understood that one of the residents of the village has planted a container near the church. MTS volunteering to plant container outside the Post Office. It is hoped that the work carried out will encourage others to consider volunteering.

2.5 Clerk's post – Clerk reported that she had received no enquiries in relation to the post. Post to be re-advertised. Clerk to make enquiries with Anglesey Council regarding circulating email advertising post to council staff. All members asked to make enquiries with individuals who may be interested. Current Clerk to remain in post until the end of June 2019.

2.6 Playing Field – Cutting of brambles and overhanging branches at playing field. Mr Liam Jones asked to proceed.

2.7 Notice board – JHO reported that he had sourced a Noticeboard of a size sufficient to display 8 x A4 for the price of £499.00 + VAT. All agreed that JHO should proceed to order.

2.8. Purchase of Cemetery land – Confirmation received from Anglesey County Council that the sale is proceeding and is currently in the hands of the solicitors.

4. Planning Applications

None received.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Anglesey County Council – Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum – Minutes of meeting held on 14/03/2019

5.2 Bodorgan Estate- Email from Mr Tim Dodd confirming that the Estate has carried out minor repairs to the track leading through the allotments.

6. Accounts 2018-2019

Deferred to May meeting.

7. Cemetery Grass cutting

Concerns had been raised following the March meeting regarding the length of the grass at the cemetery. Due to the delay in obtaining quotations it was agreed and authorised by the Chair and Vice-chair that Mr Liam Jones should be asked to carry out a one-off cut. Quotations to be invited on the basis that the first cut of the season has been carried out. Clerk reported that she had invited 3 contractors to provide a quotation and had received a response from 2 – Mr Liam Jones and RPG Groundcare. Details of prices read out by Clerk. It was agreed by all that the contract should be awarded to Mr Liam Jones.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Playing Field – It was reported that a number of sheep have strayed on to the playing field. It is understood that the owner has been seen in the area. Situation to be monitored.

8.2 Green Bin Charge – MTS enquiring regarding possibility of Anglesey Council following example of other local authorities and introducing a charge for emptying green bins. Cllr B Owen and Cllr P Rogers not aware of any definite plans at present.

8.3 Bro Branwen – AJ reported that a resident of Bro Branwen had expressed that the contractor does not collect the grass clippings after mowing the grass verges in the area. Cllr B Owen to make enquiries

8.4 Track leading towards Y Cei – Cllr B Owen reported that he had received complaints regarding the uneven surface of the track. Officer from Anglesey County Council highways to attend.

9. Finance

Payments:

31/03/2019	M Evans	Clerk's salary Jan – Mar 2019	£ 686.60
31/03/2019	M Evans	Clerk's expenses 2019-2019	£ 159.03

Receipts:

11/04/2019	Melvin Rowlands	Cemetery	£ 60.00
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