

Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council
held at the Village Hall, at 7 pm Wednesday the 20th November 2019

Present: *J H Owens (Chair), M T Smithurst, A Jones, B Owen, C Davies, E Evans, Cllr B Owen, Clerk:
 Richard Emlyn Rowlands*

Apologies: *Cllr P Rogers, R F Owen*

1. Village Hall

The Chair welcomed everyone and invited Mr and Mrs Mahon to speak first. An update was given on the activities of the hall committee and concerns were expressed regarding the cost of running a Public Toilet and the additional water costs. It is intended to apply for financial assistance. A very successful Craft Fair was held on Saturday 16th November. The Church had a raffle, tombola stall and light refreshment stall at the fair. Refurbishment of the hall has been completed. The Boiler treatment is costly.

2. Sands of Life

Mr Denyer explains that Sands of Life is a major conservation plan to restore and improve the sand dunes in four special areas of conservation, over 10 sites in North and South Wales. The scheme is administered by Natural Resources Wales and is intended to restore and enhance habitat for our rarest wildlife.

Aberffraw is one of the areas earmarked for the work within a Special Area of Conservation from Abermenai to Aberffraw. Work planned for completion over the next 3 years includes:

- Change the dunes to create movement in the sand
- Recreate wetland habitat.
- Promote sustainable grazing by rabbits.
- removal of shrubs and non-native species

He offered to provide further updates by emailing SoLife@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16/10/2019 were accepted as a true record, proposed by MTS and seconded by AJ

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16/10/2019

The Dothan Crossroads signpost - The wooden signpost on the crossroads needs to be replaced. Cllr Rogers, who was absent, reported in October that he had contacted the Disabled Workshop in Caernarfon. A new signpost has been ordered but there is no information about the date it will be available. Cllr Rogers was not present to provide further information

5. Visit to RAF Valley

The Chairman and Mr E Evans along with their wives attended. They had a chance to see around the site and see several aircraft. A very pleasant and interesting visit.

6. Planning Applications

None received

7. Accounts

The new Clerk appears to be familiar with the accounts system.

8. Correspondence

No items to discuss

9. Any Other Business

9.1 It was reported that the step at the cemetery gate near Maes Llewleyn was loose and in need of attention.

9.2 The lock has been removed from Playground Gate due to missing keys. The Chairman explained that the lock had been removed to allow access for grass cutting. The Chairman proposed that the gate be left unlocked for a period and the situation monitored.

9.3 It was proposed that the former Clerk be paid £ 500 in appreciation of her professional service. MTS proposed, AJ seconded

9.4 Mrs Christine Davies announced her resignation from the council as she was planning to move to Rhos on Sea. Her resignation letter was received, and she was thanked for her service to the community.

9.5 A letter of resignation was also received from Mr Stuart Austin, who had moved to Llangefni.

The following message was received on Sunday 24th November 2019. Many attempts to contact Mr Rowlands by phone and email have been unsuccessful:

*From: Richardrowlands <richarrowlands99@gmail.com
To: jhowens@btinternet.com <jhowens@btinternet.com
Sent: Sunday, 24 November 2019, 21:55:41 GMT
Subject: Community Council*

John,

After due consideration over the last two or three days I have decided that I no longer wish to be the Clerk at Aberffraw Community Council to take effect immediately.

I did call at your house on Saturday afternoon but you were not in so I have left all the relevant documents in the Council meeting room in the village hall.

Richard