

**Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council  
held in the Village Hall, at 7 pm Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**All minutes taken at the ACC meetings follow the guidelines set out by the Welsh Assembly, the NTAG and SLCC. Guidelines state they must show the Agenda Item, and the Resolution / Decision. A summary is optional. The minutes must be agreed by the members of the ACC usually at the next meeting, and signed by Chair and Clerk, therefore there is a possible delay in publication.**

Present            K Woods (Chair), E Evans, C G Topps, M J Smithurst, R F Owen, A Jones, W Hughes,  
B Owen, A Hughes, E Fôn Roberts, D Fowlie, E Roberts, Cllr B Owen, Cllr P Rogers  
Clerk – S Gill

Apologies        None

**1 Resolution on Public Attendance.**

A resolution was made to not allow public attendance following Lockdown Guidelines from One Voice Wales and the Welsh Assembly.

Proposed: MJS, Seconded: EE – Resolution: Voting in favour – unanimous

**2 Declaration of Interest – None**

**3 New Members**

Eddie Roberts, Douggie Fowlie and Eric Fôn Roberts were welcomed to the committee. It was noted it was good to have a full committee after such a long time.

**4 Minutes**

The minutes for April 2021 meeting were agreed.

Proposed MJS Seconded EE

**5 Matters Arising from the April 2021 Minutes**

- Mortagne sur Gironde
  - The Clerk has been in contact with the representative from Mortagne sur Gironde to confirm there is interest in “Twinning”.
- Ysbyty Gwynedd Radio – The Clerk has contacted their representative for an address to send the cheque to. No response has been made to numerous emails. The Clerk will try phoning the Radio station.

**6 Financial Year End update**

- All documents were forwarded for the Internal Audit.

**7 Village Hall**

- The Hall has been given a Covid-19 clean again after the election.
- Fake News
  - The Clerk had issued (with full Quorum consent) a leaflet showing that the Poster from the Former Village Hall Management Committee regarding the re-opening of the Hall was Fake News.
  - Cllr Topps rescinded his consent to the Fake News leaflet being issued and was concerned that the leaflet would bring the Community Council into disrepute and that it was provocative.
  - Cllr Smithurst noted that if the Clerk had acted without full backing, then she would have been answerable to criticism. Cllr Smithurst confirmed that the Clerk had acted with full backing of the Community Council and that there was no risk of provocation or disrepute. All members gave full support for the Clerk’s actions.
  - In matters of a sensitive nature all Members and the Clerk must adhere to the Code of Conduct and the Clerk was found to have followed the requirements.
- It was resolved that moving forward with the Hall was imperative and as soon as lockdown was lifted the Hall would be re-opened.

- A Sub-committee of Community Councillors and the Clerk was formed to manage the running of the Hall and Events.
- Cllr Topps asked if former members of the Village Hall Management Committee would be allowed on to this new committee. The legal aspect of the Sub-committee is that it should consist of Community Councillors only. Members of the community are able to volunteer and assist where necessary, but do not have voting rights.
- It was confirmed that the former VHMC had not instructed a solicitor to submit a response to the Community Council's Solicitor.
- Cllr Woods confirmed that the locks had been changed on the external doors.
- Cllr P Rogers mentioned meeting with the former VHMC. Cllr Smithurst supported by other Members of the Community Council, advised that there was no "ground" to be gained by having a meeting at this stage. The former VHMC had acted without permission from the Community Council and had changed details of the Trustees with the Charity Commission. Confirmation of this change had been received from the Charity Commission. The Community Council's role was to safeguard the Hall for the Community, and they had done this by issuing the Solicitor's letter instructing the former VHMC that they would no longer be associated with the Hall.

#### **8 Allotments**

- All rents would remain at the current rates for 2021.  
Proposed MJS, Seconded CT – Voting was unanimous.
- Cllr Evans highlighted the January 2021 - The Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations. It was unanimously agreed that this should be issued along with the rent invoice to all tenants.

#### **9 Playing Field**

- The Toddler Swings are broken and need replacing. They have been taken out of action and replacements will be sought.
- A waste bin has been put in place outside of the gates and appears to be reducing the litter issue.
- Grant request has been submitted for assistance with improving the Playing Field.

#### **10 Planning**

25 Maes Llewelyn have submitted plans for an extension. There were no observations to submit from the Community Council.

#### **11 Wales funding first to help protect our dark skies.**

Having read all the information to hand, the Community Council agreed that there was a need to be cautious until more information could be obtained.

#### **12 Proposed installation of electronic communications apparatus at Nuedd Wen Aberffraw, Isle of Anglesey, Wales, LL63 5EY**

Cllr Topps has agreed to discuss this further with the company behind the installation.

Cllr Smithurst stated that he believed the installation would be too intrusive and Cllr A Jones supported Cllr Smithurst. It was unanimously agreed that once further information was to hand, there should be a WHOLE Village meeting. Cllr Topps to liaise with the Clerk for the next meeting.

#### **13 Community Concerns –**

- Visitors using fields as Toilets
  - This has been an issues during all the lockdowns. This shameful behaviour is extremely hard to Police on the Dunes and in Private Fields. Members of the Community have been going out on the Dunes and other areas cleaning up any mess left. There is no ideal resolution. It was suggested that the Clerk obtain signs to place in certain areas.
- Litter and Dog Poop Bags
  - A third bin has been put in place over the bridge leading to the Estuary. It was proposed that the Community Council request a Poop Bag Dispenser from Ynys Mon Council.  
Proposed AJ, Seconded MJS.  
Action: Clerk to contact Ynys Mon Council
- Bench at Trwyn Du
  - It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council would have the bench repaired. Discussion around materials ensued and a concrete seat was suggested to avoid future repairs.

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Action – the Clerk to progress.

- Dogs running loose on the Beach
  - The Community Council agreed that the complaint of dogs running loose on the Beach was a hazard when children are playing and for other dogs on leads. Due to the lack of a Warden in the area, policing a “No Dogs on Beach” status would be too difficult. The Community Council suggested we have signs to state dogs must be kept on a lead .  
Proposed AJ, Seconded MJS  
Action: Clerk to obtain Signs.
- Access Only Sign request
  - There have been incidents of visitors parking in the passing bays in lane leading through the Community Fields down to the Estuary. It was proposed No Access to the Beach signs be obtained.  
Proposed CT, Seconded BO  
Action: Clerk to obtain Signs
- Road from the Bridge down Waterside.
  - It was noted by Cllr A Jones that the surface need repairing and that there was an issue with people parking there and blocking the road. It was proposed that the issue was highlighted to Ynys Mon Council – Highways Department.  
Proposed CT, Seconded EFR  
Action: The Clerk to contact Highways Department.

#### 14 Update from Cllr Bryan Owen –

- Ynys Mon Council would be putting weed killer down around the village.
- Bodorgan Estate had been contacted to cut the grass on Llewelyn Street. The Clerk has also contacted Bodorgan Estate to cut this patch of grass and also the Picnic Area. Both agreed they had tried numerous times.
- Llyn Coron. The road is now open, but only with a temporary fix. NRW are aware of the issue.
- Old Bridge – this should be repaired in the next 3 or 4 weeks.

#### 15 SLCC Wales Renewal

- The Clerk’s membership of SLCC is now due for renewal. It was agreed that SLCC membership was important.  
Proposed CT, Seconded EE  
Action: Clerk to renew membership

#### MAY FINANCIAL UPDATE

##### 2021-2022 to 24/05/2021

#### Payments

Chq 747	£200	Macmillan Charity Donation
Chq 749	£576	Footpaths
Chq 755	£219.18	Clerk Salary
Chq 757	£143.70	Stationery

#### Receipts

100479	£45	Rowlands Funeral Director
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**Balance** **£7,810.65**

#### Business Reserve Account

**Balance** **£1,731.89**