

15th September 2021

**Meeting of Aberffraw Community Council
held at the Village Hall, at 7 pm on Wednesday, 15th September 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, A Jones, W Hughes, A Hughes,
D Fowlie, E Roberts, E F Roberts, R F Owen, B Owen, Cllr B Owen, Cllr P Rogers
Clerk – S Gill

1 Declaration of Interest – D Fowlie – Football Club Donation

2 Minutes

- The July Minutes were agreed. Proposed MJS, Agreed DF

3 Matters Arising from the July 2021 Minutes

- Standing Order / Code of Conduct / Financial Regulations – Agreed. Proposed EE, Seconded MJS
- Asset Register - Cllr Fowlie and Cllr Woods held over to October Meeting
- Risk Assessment – Cllr Woods and the Clerk held over to October Meeting

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- June Minutes had not been made public due to discussions concerning the wording of a paragraph. The paragraph had been removed and the Clerk requested the Council agree the June Minutes so that they could be made public. Proposed MJS, Seconded AJ

5 Financial update

- The Clerk gave a financial update – will be posted with the September Minutes.

6 Village Hall

- The Clerk, on behalf of the Sub-committee issued a status report – this will be placed on the Notice Board and Website along with the agreed Minutes.
 - The Clerk requested that the issue with the Village Hall Bank Account be resolved asap.
 - The Clerk gave an update on the position of the previous two year's accounts and whether they were ready for Audit.
 - The Clerk gave an update on the current year's financial status.
 - Cllr Fowlie queried the accounts and other aspects of the report. The Clerk explained that there had been previous reports distributed to all members. It was also made clear by the Clerk that requests had been made to the Sub-Committee to hold monthly meetings and to offer more support on the running of the Hall – still outstanding.
 - Cllr Fowlie queried the grant money (obtained by the Clerk) being paid into the ACC bank account. He had been informed that this was an incorrect use of the money, as the ACC are not a charity, and the Village Hall is. The Clerk explained that the grants were all obtained in the name of the Aberffraw Community Council as a not-for-profit set up. All the companies granting the money had contacted the Aberffraw Community Council and there are no irregularities in the payments. The Clerk also, informed Cllr Fowlie that the money had been "red ringed" for use by the Hall – although it was not a requirement of the grants.
- Cllr Fowlie highlighted that as a new member to the ACC, he had no understanding behind the Vexatious Status and the legalities of the disbanding of the former VHMC. Cllr Woods explained the thorough legal search that had been carried out by the ACC Solicitor, and that One Voice Wales had informed the ACC that the documents issued by the former VHMC, together with other issues made the former VHMC members Vexatious and One Voice Wales had forwarded the Vexatious Policy.

7 Allotments

- The Clerk stated that one allotment had yet to pay the May rent. A discussion arose regarding Sub-Letting of allotments. The Clerk to check all allotments for any sub-letting.

8 Picnic Area

- Cllr Eddie Roberts and Cllr Woods have removed the broken seat.

9 Playing Field

- Cllr Fowlie stated he was unhappy with the delay in obtaining a replacement toddler swing and would himself find a replacement. The Chairman and Clerk both explained that the swing was on order, had been paid for by the Clerk and was now awaiting delivery.

10 Donations

- Aberffraw Football Club had requested financial assistance from the ACC. As a matter of practice, the ACC make a donation each season. This season it was agreed that the ACC make a payment of £250.00.

11 Community Concerns –

- A4080 – The Clerk highlighted the issue again of the 40-speed limit being stopped too soon. That the junction to Pandy Bridge and down to the Old Bridge Car Park was in a No Speed Limit Zone and made it difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. The Clerk has again written to the Highways Department. Cllr Peter Rogers and Cllr Bryan Owen to take the issue back to Ynys Môn Council.
- Daffodil Bulbs – Cllr Fowlie proposed that Bulbs be sought and planted around the village, seconded KW
- British Legion Poppies – Cllr Fowlie to make contact.
- A Public Member – Mrs A Jones highlighted that the grass requires cutting at the Old Police Station. Cllr Woods to contact Scottish Power.
- A Public Member – Mrs M Roberts requested an update on the Mast request by Walden Co. Cllr Topps stated there had been no further contact. The Clerk to keep behind any contact made by Walden Co.
- ACC Members and Public Members are concerned about the grass cutting etc. on Bodorgan land within the village. The new Estate Manager to be invited to a meeting.
- A Public Member highlighted the state of the weeds in Bodorgan Square.
- A request was made from a member of the Former Village Hall Management Committee to hold a meeting to outline the reasons behind the disbanding of the committee. It was agreed that a meeting be held on 1st October at 7pm.

12 Resignation of Clerk / Vacancy

- Adverts have been placed for the role of Clerk. Closing date for applications is 13th October.
- Cllr Fowlie requested information on where the adverts had been placed. Cllr Woods stated that the advert had been placed on the notice board, in the post office, on the website and had been forwarded to Ynys Môn Council, One Voice Wales, SLCC. Cllr Woods also explained that there was a shortage of Clerks on Anglesey, due to many resignations this year. It has been a difficult year with all the changes in Regulations etc. Cllr Woods also highlighted that a response had been received from Alun Foulkes who would be able to take the role next May. However, the current Clerk is leaving at the end of October. It is hoped that members of the local community will apply.