

Meeting of Aberffraw Community Council

Held at the Village Hall, at 7.15pm on Wednesday 17th November 2021

Present: K Woods (Chair), E Evans, R Owen, M Smithurst, C Topps, D Fowlie, E Roberts,
Cllr B Owen and Cllr Peter Rogers.
Clerk – J Davies

Apologies received: A Hughes and E Roberts

1. A member of the public, Mrs G Stallwood, addressed the council regarding the integral history of the graveyard and its link to Aberffraw history. A request was made for a voluntary group from the council to assist with planning repair and cleaning work. MS and CT offered to visit the graveyard with Mrs Stallwood and report back to the council.
2. **Declaration of interest** – KW declared an interest regarding the new clerk. KW went on to clarify who had applied, with one application past the deadline and one withdrawn.
3. **Minutes** – The September minutes were read. DF noted the members present at that meeting had been corrected. The minutes were approved by MS and seconded by JE.
4. **Matters arising from the September minutes** –
 - a. Dog Fouling - KW reported he had chased various bodies and stickers where available from IACC. KW will discuss distribution when they are received.
 - b. Speed Limit – Cllr BO and Cllr PR summarised the discussions so far, including a meeting with Bodorgan Estates. BO and PR suggested the community council writing to the IACC and the Police would have more impact. Proposed MS, seconded CT. CT also mentioned a local van that could be parked in a better position, KW to discuss with owner.
5. **Vacancies** - KW reported the new clerk's position had been successfully filled by Jane Davies, but not a new Caretaker. SG and KT were covering needs at the moment, but generally it was difficult to attract candidates. MS suggested re advertising and KW agreed.
6. **Finances** – JD referred to the summary provided and reported that the books and records had just been handed over. However, the bank account was healthy and payments since the last meeting were in line with agreed expenditure. A more detailed report would be presented at the next meeting.
7. **Village Hall** –
 - a. A report had been produced by the acting caretaker SG, with KW directing to key points.
 - b. KW reported that the bank account was still frozen but the utilities DD and SO's were still being paid. KW also reported difficulties changing signatories and removing old members. A member of the public, Gillian Roynne, then addressed the council with regard to the bank and being willing to sign the correct forms upon receipt. KW confirmed he would approach the bank again. Cllr PR stated he was happy to see a reconciled discussion.
 - c. Bingo – MS expressed his discontent that the group had taken advantage of the flexibility of the council. KW confirmed they would be asked to pay all arrears in full on the 22nd or the Bingo could not continue.
8. **Allotments Update** – KW confirmed the availability of 1 allotment space due to the passing of Mrs D Nash and confirmation from Oswyn Hughes (Son). KW confirmed they will vacate the field by the end of November and the plot would be advertised as being available through the standard process.
9. **Picnic area and Playing Field** – KW reported that 1 gate post had rotted and a length of fence. KW will inspect the area further and produce a detailed tender for the work. The Toddler swing had been purchased and while there was ample ability and certification within

the community council group, contractors with the correct certification and an external risk assessment was needed. This would be done via procurement procedures and would include MacVenture as a local supplier. KW to progress. Proposed DF, seconded CT.

10. Donations –

- a. DF thanked the Community Council on behalf of Aberffraw FC for their donation. DF has asked the FC's secretary to forward a copy of financial report. DF to also inform the council who within the team live in the village.
- b. Df requested use of the hall on the 11th of December for a Christmas Fayre for the Football Club. DF cited previous years Fayre's run by the club and asked for a donation from the Community Council towards the Fayre. All agreed a donation of £150.00. Proposed by CT and seconded by MS. KW offered more further assistance from the Wayside.
- c. Charity Bingo – A request had been made for prizes by Rhiannon Bennet and Nerys who would be running the Bingo. It was agreed a donation of £150 would be made. Proposed by CT and agreed by MS. MS and CT agreed to personally contribute £50 each in addition.

11. Planning Applications – No planning applications had been received by the community council.

12. Community Concerns –

- a. The Beach Litter group requested heavy duty gloves for Health and Safety concerns. KW suggested contacting Cary's at IACC, Biffa and Keep Wales Tidy. The clerk to investigate further.
- b. EE then discussed the damage to the coastal road due to flooding. EE understood that NRW have objected to any shoring-up work. Cllr PR and Cllr BO will discuss with IACC and report back to the community council. Letters to the Islands MP's may also assist. Proposed by MS, seconded by EE. Clerk to compose and distribute for agreement.
- c. The Remembrance Service held was noted as appropriate and the mix of age group attendance was welcomed.
- d. DF proposed to continue with the tradition of a pensioners Christmas tea and cake event at the Hall. This will be up to the pensioners to attend. KW suggested writing to the Blakemore Foundation which should attract an automatic donation of £100.
- e. CT took the opportunity to thank the previous clerk, Suzanne Gill for her hard work and recommended a letter be sent in thanks. Proposed by EE and seconded by MS.
- f. KW discussed briefly training needs for the clerk up to a maximum of £120. Funding would be sourced where possible. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting then terminated.

The next meeting will be in January 2022 as the council recess for Christmas.