

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aberffraw Community Council**  
**Held at the JOW Room, Village Hall, at 7pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

**Present:** K Woods (Chair), M Smithurst (Jim), D Fowlie, R F Owen, C Topps, S Griffiths (Vice Chair), O Fowlie, G Stallwood, Cllr Arfon Wyn, Cllr John Ifan Jones.  
Clerk – J Davies

1. KW opened the floor to the general public for 5 mins pre the start of the meeting –
  - a. G Stallwood – in reply to the accusations made by S Gill, GS stated she was not a liar, had not started rumours and did not deem herself nasty.
2. **Declaration of Interest** - KW *declared an interest in point 16 of the agenda*
3. **Apologies** – E Roberts and E F Roberts.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2022** - DF noted several errors within the 20th July minutes. DF also noted that the EGM, the budget meeting, the meeting between Aberffraw Community Council and Aberffraw Village Hall Management Committee and October 2021 had not been sent. Additionally, DF noted a comment made by JS which he believed was hate speech and should be minuted.

The Clerk confirmed no emails had been received with regard to amendments per the agreed process and apologised for not forwarding the financial review and copies of the minutes.

KW asked for members to send any amendments as previously requested. JS noted his unhappiness at DF's extensive amendments of the minutes at the meeting.

KW asked for a vote of confidence in his position as the chairman. CT confirmed this was not required as the Community Council has already voted KW as Chair – DF proposed a vote of no confidence due to agreed agenda points remaining outstanding. The proposal was not seconded therefore dismissed.

KW reminded councillors it was a breach of the Chair and Vice Chair positions when 3rd parties are contacted by other councillors without prior discussion by the community council.

DF proposed minutes be revised, OF seconded. KW requested that DF send an email within a week of receiving the minutes with noted errors.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20/7/2022** – as July minutes where not agreed, any July matters arising would be moved to the next meeting.
6. **Financial Review** – a paper copy of the up to date financial position was distributed. JD detailed the income and expenditure since the last meeting. The bank balance of £3,810.74 with a Vat claim of £615.00 submitted to the HMRC and a further claim of £231.00 to be sent.  
DF requested a copy of the budget minutes and queried the caretaker invoices and why was the council paying the costs. JD confirmed these costs had been covered by the Village Hall receipts of income and grants, noted in the heading 'Village Hall Contra'. DF mentioned this CC was had one of the highest precepts on the island. JT noted the high cost due to Covid has to be taken into consideration and the increase in the grass cutting charges.  
SG ask if there where any costs the Village hall can pay anything back? KW confirmed the community council always paid for grass cutting and insurance for the hall, but this could be

looked into. KW confirmed there would be an independent review by an external auditor and the report would be forwarded to the council members for comment when completed.

7. **Village Hall - Report** – JD reported that the bank account signatories are now transferred to Cllr Eric Roberts and the CC Clerk. A further form was needed to change the postal address. KW suggested that Alun Folkes prepare the independent report, proposed by CT, seconded by JS. This will cover all transactions between the Community Council as a public report.

**General Update** - CT asked if the boxing club had sufficient funds for the rent of the hall, as before? KW suggested a local business should sponsor this and contribute to the hall. KW to report back at the next meeting. OF asked how much is needed? KW will get back to OF re needs but estimated £15/hr, tbc.

Welsh Classes – have booked the hall for the calendar year and have requested a key.

Yoga – also requested a key. KW is putting together a key log.

Keep Fit – as above

Ring of fire – rented hall for £200 and may receive more.

JT suggested second hand computers – have the council got any? – SG noted Welsh classes did not use technology, probably not required.

Anglesey Druids – Renting hall in November.

CT noted there is evidence the Community Hall was built as a memorial hall. No indication anywhere – CT we need to confirm this and how we can celebrate it. KW deep history of area plus the parish council at the time. To be researched further.

**Village Hall Caretaker** – Clerk confirmed advert went out generally. No applications received, just enquiries. KW reported interest from a young man, Jamie Owen, from boxing – who is 16yrs old, but has a guardian that will be present. He has already trialled for 6 weeks. Official application needs to be made – appoint for 6 month trial period. Prop CT/2nd OF. JS – notify Zurich insurance? Min wage for age to be paid and timesheet. Clerk to organise papers required.

**Hall maintenance** - KW organising quotes/report looking at access ramps, etc., a review of the building. Drain tests to be done and some other inspections – the report will be distributed when completed. Grants can then be sourced to match VH funds subject to council agreement.

8. **Allotments Update** – The Clerk confirmed the rental letters had been sent out and apologised for the delay. DF noted they were several months overdue. Mrs Harris has released plot 13. JT noted the small paddock adjoining that plot – clerk to contact Bodorgan Estates re this paddock and advertise plot. Meurig will be taking over plot 22 from November.
9. **Picnic Area Update** – KW asked DF if football lads could help, DF stated would be unable to assist in the foreseeable future due to work commitments. It was stated Cllr E Roberts had produced a risk assessment and that it would be circulated with members, with the biggest issue being divots. One bench removed and needs a lot of repair. The area needs some additional work DF to text KW re any availability of helpers.
10. **Graveyard and Aberffraw Heritage project Update** -
  - a. 79 graves cleared by SG. KW – Thanks to Steve for your work. GS mentioned the famous people buried in the graveyard – should be noted.

- b. Aberffraw Heritage - GS presented Alan Roberts hand painted pictures – picture for sculpture? (eg Andrew Houghton’s sculpture in Rhosneiger), maybe posters in shops etc.
- c. GS noted the tree removed from in front of the sign, now visible – sign needs repainting. Quotes required for repainting. It was agreed Bryan Owen and Francis Jones would be contacted as they have painting knowledge. Proposed by GS, 2nd by CT.
- d. GS noted Pop up coffee mornings should be reinstated.
- e. DF proposed the Prince Llewelyn Picture should be on the bus stop . DF prop, SG 2nd. KW suggested contacting DP Signs and The Sign factory. It was agreed that Craig Gilmour would be invited to quote.

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11. **Playing Field Update** – KW reported the entrance post collapse is due to weight of gates. KW added a tie and will be fixed before 5th November and KW organising cleaning of the equipment. Quote received so far is £1,148 for new section and £300 installation which the council cannot afford.
12. **Website Update** . KW approached by Micheal Robinson, a website designer. Wants to collaborate with Neil about revamping site for free. Any proposal will completed and distributed to the council. KW to send details to Clerk.
13. **Planned Events** - CT reported on the The Horticulture and Flower show, the first one back after Covid. CT thanked all judges and helpers, particularly noting Margaret Roberts for her baked produce and help serving tea and coffee. The show was well received. CT- noted the flower show is independant of the VHC and ACC. A meeting will be advertised soon re the 2023 show. Probable date to change from Bank holiday, suggestion of 1 week after county show, to help growers. Any contributions – accepted. Terry and Hilary helped and this was greatly appreciated as their contribution was outstanding. Personal letter from the community council to be sent by Clerk.
14. **Planning Applications** – The application for 5 Y Fron was discussed following email sent via the clerk in August. Clerk had been sent plans with detailed information by a member of the public. Clerk confirmed no updated application had been received from IACC planning. DF asked if anything had been brought to planning. Cllr AW had not seen anything substantial, only small alterations – KW to take on personally, noting 7th October last day to comment but understood the original plans hadn’t been accepted. KW to chase this and will feed back.
15. **Community Concerns** – no concerns noted.
16. **Any other business** –
 

KW reported that Bodorgan had made contact re the ‘village green’. Ideas is to ease parking problems noted within the village. KW distributed a proposed concept for the planning application for discusson. KW read out Ed’s email re the plans with draft lease being sent. This would be at a peppercorn rental for residents only, gated with key and Time Zone. KW noted that the site boundry residents had asked previously for this as a garden and Bodorgan Estates said no. DF stated neighbouring properties around the proposed car park would need to be consulted prior to any agreement.

Questions - Zurich – has to be in our insurance, gated and restrictions and residential only and reduces the cost.

Will Bodorgan gravel the area – Yes.

CT noted areas are parking – Hall and in front of Llys Llewelyn where used by residents and without restrictions.

KW asked for the plan to be agreed in principle. CT proposed, 2nd JS – subject to detail and caution to be noted.

**Overnight parking** – CT noted problem and overnight parking signs bottom of Bangor street. Noted slopping out in the river, needs improvement. Send email cc John.

**Councillor Vacancy** – KW messaged left with ACC – DF noted Clerk to send email to council. As should notify Anglesey County Council in writing. Clerk to send official email.

Clerk noted Remembrance Poppys will arrive next Wednesday. DF confirmed Football club to put them up on 1<sup>st</sup> of November and take them down on the 15<sup>th</sup> on the 15th. CT – We also need a wreath with logo.

DF noted the email sent re the Police grant and it should be used if possible.

KW travelling to Aberffraw's twin town in France, Montagne - will report back on trip.

**Public Toilets** – no cleaner over summer so caretaker will take on cleaning and organise the security for the toilet.

**Cllr Arfon Wyn** reported on a number of local points –

- a. Bodorgan Estate had recently agreed a 5 year plan on increasing their holiday homes, in order for existing tenants to have time to relocate. Rhun articles in news paper.
- b. Visited the Ffron – no 5 and parking issues for beach
- c. Maes Llewelyn flats – cutting of grass has been improved.
- d. Min y mor – visited and left flower beds and troughs built by a group of young people with learning difficulties.
- e. Crown enquiry re Trailer with food – they have permission to sell hot food. But parking needs restricting – more than cones. Suggestions welcome.
- f. Further double lines will be painted on the main road in this years council budget over winter for next summer.
- g. County councillors urged the community council to get 3 quotes/go to tender on all works
- h. Cllr Arfon Wyn stated the slide in the park must be repaired if it is a hazard. KW said he had put a sign up but it was taken down. Cllr Wyn again stated it must be addressed.
- i. JS noted cyclists have also increased – additional traffic hazard.

There being no further business the meeting terminated.

Next meeting will be held on the 19th October.