

Meeting of Aberffraw Community Council

Held at the JOW Room, Village Hall, at 7pm on Wednesday 20th July 2022

Present: K Woods (Chair), M Smithurst (Jim), E Roberts, D Fowlie, R F Owen, C Topps,
B Owen, S Griffiths (Vice Chair), E F Roberts, O Fowlie and G Stallwood.
Clerk – J Davies

1. **Declaration of Interest** – No Interests where declared.
2. **Apologies** – Cllr A Wyn
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2022** – DF noted that it was not his intention to upset SG and apologised. SG accepted the apology. The minutes were proposed by StG and 2nd by GS.
4. **Councillor Resignation** – KW noted the resignation of Cllr Rachel Owen from the Llangwyfan. The position will be readvertised. EFR suggested that the common-sense approach would be to appoint the next highest person in the recent May election, which was supported by majority of Councillors.
5. **Matters arising from the June minutes** –
 - a. **100 Club** – SG did not want to take further. After further discussion it was decided that the council would take this further themselves. DG to look into license, KW to draft terms of reference and each councillor to sell 15 tickets. Proposed by DG, 2nd by JS.
 - b. **Village Hall Camera** – The camera had been fitted but WiFi and a laptop was needed to complete the installation, KW to investigate. KW confirmed the cost of the CCTV was £750 and was paid 50/50 between Wayside Stores and Aberffraw Shop as a donation to the village hall. CT thanked KW for the donation.
 - c. **Village Hall Caretaker** – Clerk to advertise position.
 - d. **Village Green** – Bodorgan Estate to lease the area to the Council. KW to keep members updated.
 - e. **Public Toilets** – Door to be repaired as soon as possible by KW/ER.
 - f. **Allotment Space** – Clerk to advertise new allotment space. It was noted that Megan's granddaughter would again be asked to confirm their intention with their allotment.
 - g. **Grant Applications** – The Council were advised that there was a £250,000 Welsh Government Grant available (summary document circulated). KW and Clerk to investigate further for Sept meeting.
6. **Financial Review** – The Clerk had not been able to circulate an update financial summary, but one would be sent after the meeting. The Clerk noted two grants had been received, £783 (tbc who from) and £96 from Menter Mon.
An application will be made to reclaim the VAT for the grassing cutting invoice just received. The Clerk said it would be beneficial to use a bank where online banking is available – DF stated the Football Club use Lloyds Bank where statements can be viewed, and payments made online by the Treasurer.
The Clerk requested clarity on a cheque received re the late Mrs Linda Austin from the funeral directors. This was clarified by the council.

KW also mentioned potential Grants that were available to the communities for development of the playground and Village Hall. This will be investigated further in the September meeting.

- 7. Village Hall Report** – SG gave a review of the hall activities for the month. Noted in particular was a donation of £250 from Bryn.
SG stated that she was resigning from the 31st July due to Cllr bullying and meetings being arranged secretly. KW thanked her for her hard work. CT asked if the official resignation had been received, which was confirmed by KW. JS noted that SG had set a high standard. CT proposed an advert be placed for a caretaker as soon as possible, seconded by StG.
GS suggested that an AGM be held to appoint a Committee to run the Village Hall. KW confirmed this point had already been discussed and agreed in previous meetings.
- 8. Allotments** – The Clerk confirmed ER to take over D Nash’s allotment and paperwork had been sent out for signatures. ER’s allotment space will be advertised for candidates.
The Clerk advised that the late invoicing for the allotments was due to a software issue and the invoices would be issued as soon as possible.
- 9. Picnic Area** – KW reported on the area known as the ‘Village Green’. Bodorgan had strimmed the area that day but also have indicated they will lease the area to the council for a peppercorn rental. This would be a good space for resident parking. Bodorgan will work with the Council to transform the space. KW will send out further information when received from Bodorgan Estate.
- 10. Graveyard Update** – StG and GO had been clearing further graves – 45 done to date. Further helpers needed. KW and DF to help when available.
- 11. Playing Field Update** – KW reported that this area needed development and as mentioned the council need to source grant monies to re plan the area. DF noted grant applications take a great deal of time to prepare. DF also stated that he did not believe it is fair to put further work onto the Clerk without their prior agreement as it is outside of their responsibilities. Additionally, KW stated that he had the contacts to ‘plastic weld’ the dangerously damaged slide to make it safe for the summer holidays. All councillors to think about further. To be discussed in the September meeting in more detail.
- 12. Website Update** – The Website was up to date and would now have a signed copy of the Standing Orders in a clearer position.
- 13. Planned Events – Horticultural Show** – Hilary was still the Groups Treasurer and CT thanked her and Terry for continuing her assistance. CT emphasised the show was an independent setup but needed more volunteers for the Friday, Sunday, and Monday for the set up and clearing in time for the Bingo at 5pm.
- 14. Planning Applications** – The planning paperwork for Dinas Bach (LL63 5EQ) had been distributed in time for comments to be fed back. Responses from DF, and noted OF, had responded with his declaration of interest due to their proximity to the property. JS replied to the email “As the contents does not affect this part of Berffro, I Abide by any decisions made in council”. KW emphasised that the Council can only comment and any comments where on behalf of the Village as a whole.

- 15. Community Concerns** – Comments have been received regarding the public toilet. KW explained the issue with the door. KW and ER to move this forward as soon as possible.
- 16. AOB** – GS read letter received from Mr John Allen Roberts re the preservation of Welsh Culture in Aberffraw. All councillors agreed this needs support. During the discussion, JS aggressively stated that he “hates the English with a passion for diluting the local culture. Further discussion included grants, clearing the tree from the Prince Llewellyn sign, best way to spend any fund received – to be discussed in more detail at the September meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday 21st September 2022