

Meeting of Aberffraw Community Council

Held at the JOW Room, Village Hall, at 7pm on Wednesday 15th March 2023

Present	C Topps (Chair), D Fowlie, R F Owen, R B Owen, G Stallwood, E Smith, Cllr John Ifan Jones
	Clerk – J Davies

1.	Chair	CT noted the resignation received from Steve Griffiths. CT was proposed as chair for a further month but open to others if interested. Proposed by RBO, seconded by DF.	
2.	Declaration of interest.	DF declared an interest in point 9, the Council Fields due to his family connection with existing tenants, any Village Hall decisions due to being on the Steering group (point 8) and Planning applications (point 14) due to residing on the same estate as one of the applications being discussed.	
3.	Apologies	O Fowlie, J Smithurst, E Roberts, B Owen and Cllr A Wyn	
4.	Co-option of new councilor's	Applications had been received as follows – Ellie Smith – Southern Ward Arfon Wyn – Either Ward Elwyn Evans – Northern Ward Anonymous ballet undertaken – Clerk recorded Ellie Smith and Elwyn Evans had the highest number of votes. Ellie was asked to take a seat with the council members.	Clerk to inform Elwyn and Arfon of results. Ellie and Elwyn to sign acceptance forms at next meeting.
5.	Minutes of the previous meetings	The February 2023 minutes were accepted by all.	Proposed GS, Seconded RBO
6.	Matters arising from previous meetings	Car park consultation – SG summary read by Clerk. 25 houses contacted, 11 yes, 10 no and 4 no preference. After further discussion, it was agreed the maintenance cost would be prohibitive.	The clerk to contact Bodorgan Estate and confirm the car park was not required and discuss further possibilities. Clerk to report back.
7.	Admin and financial Review	The clerk summarized the current position. 2 invoices to be approved IACC for election costs and One Voice Wales subscription Continued membership of One Voice Wales was particularly noted.	Invoices approved to pay. One Voice Wales membership – Proposed DF, RBO seconded. Clerk to complete form and send payment.
		Grass cutting tender closing date is after meeting. Clerk to distribute once applications assessed.	
		Clerk was still progressing land sale at the new Cemetery and has sent instructions to the Council's Solicitor to progress this.	
		The Clerk has distributed the Standards Councils Final letter. The Clerk will focus on the items noted By the council such as finalizing the training plan.	Clerk to update the council over the next Few meetings.
		The Clerk requested that a list be compiled of the Organisations that the council wished to ensure A representative is assigned.	Clerk to email a draft list for comment/additions.
		Village Hall Internet – Clerk stated cost was £20 Per month. ES noted users had requested Internet. All agreed needed for the Hall.	Proposed RBO, DF seconded.
		Vexatious Status Mrs. G Mahon – CT ran through summary of review and Clerk recommendations. All agreed vexatious status should be removed.	Proposed GS, RBO seconded.

		The Clerk requested to councilors as cheque signatories. GS and ES volunteered which was agreed by all.	Clerk to organize necessary forms.
8.	Village Hall	CT confirmed the Steering group have had only 1 Meeting and proposed an open meeting as the Financial accounts have been updated. DF requested more time to establish the model to be used moving forward. DF in discussion with Menter Mon. CT emphasized public meeting is needed as Soon as possible. DF thanked the current and previous clerk for the Provision of the financial statements up to date.	Steering Group to report back at next Meeting.
9.	Field Update	The council discussed the proposal to be allowed to offer a rent-free period at their discretion if, for example, the field needed to be cleared. In particular plots 13 and 22. DF declared interest.	Proposed RFO
10.	Village Projects	Prosiect Pum Mil – DF summarized possible funding for projects, Cllr John I Jones noted they should be particularly appropriate for the television. Fund is £5,000.	Councilors to feedback ideas for projects
		GS discussed the Arch Deacon’s enthusiasm for Increasing the biodiversity at the graveyard and Suggested this is supported by the council.	GS to report back further at next meeting
		The Bragdy pump position was discussed. Highways have indicated areas. All agreed RHS. Mr & Mrs Mahon to be contacted.	Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Mahon
		DF noted wall and bench where okay for artwork as discussed previously, funded by Menter Mon.	DF to take forward and report to council
		The artwork for the Bus Shelter was agreed with a blue background. DF to progress discussions with Ysgol Pencarnisiog and Rhosneigr.	Df to report back to council
		CT noted a plaque for the Village Hall to note its memorial status will cost between £400-500. CT proposed raising funds. Several councilors offered donations.	Proposed CT, RFO seconded. Clerk to create poster and accept donations.
		The Prince Llewelyn sign needs painting as soon as possible DF to contact Anthony Elliot. Stump needs removing.	DF to report back on progress.
11.	Playing Field	The council discussed the next step of development. DF and Clerk to take forward but leave for the moment while other work is completed.	
12.	Website	DF asked that Easter Fayre posters are put up on website. Clerk to take on board recommendations by Standards Council re members details, declaration of interests and gifts register.	
13.	Planned Events	DF referenced his circulated email. DF noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coronation Event - Football Club Duck Race - Hall Open Day (last weekend in June) - Tug O War (last weekend in August) - Theatre possibly returning in September - Ring of Fire To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.	
14.	Planning applications	Planning applications presented where discussed. DF noted his declaration of interest and described the proposed extension to 15 Ystad Y Fron. CT noted overall there were no comments or observations made by the council. DF did note that he had not seen a notice on the lamp posts	

15.	Community Concerns	<p>Cllr J Jones gave update on their work within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highways are promising yellow hatch lines in front of bridge and yellow cones to stop parking. - Catering van noise will create complaints again but on private land. Will be monitored. - Bro Alliance – looking for small projects. Will keep council updated. - Problems with the road around Llyn Coron still awaiting a reply. - Please promote the Warm spaces free food at Min Y Mor on Thursdays - Cable Bay area double yellow lines will continue this year. - Bodorgan is creating a footpath system, but no details received yet. 	
		Public Toilets – Df noted this would be discussed on the 26 th April and maybe left to the Village Hall public meeting to discuss.	
		DF noted a letter of thanks should be sent to Alec Gilmore for cutting the grass	DF to send details to Clerk for letter
		DF noted a get-well message should be sent to Eddie Roberts wishing him a speedy recovery	

There being no further business the meeting then terminated.