

**Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council will be held in the JOW Room, Aberffraw Village Hall,  
7pm Wednesday 19th of February 2025**

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b></p> <p><b>Clerk:</b></p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p>	<p>Bryan Owen (Chair) Allan Rees, Barry Owen, Vaughan Pritchard, Oliver Fowlie, Ellie Smith, Rachel Louise Jones, Elwyn Evans</p> <p>Elen Jones</p> <p>Douglas Fowlie, Glenys Stallwood, Chris Topps, Cllr John Ifan Jones, Cllr Arfon Wyn.</p>
2	Declaration of Interests	No declaration of interest.
3	Agree on the minutes of 15 January 2025	The council agreed on the minutes dated 15 January 2025. The proposal was made by VR and seconded by BO.
4	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>	
4.1	Play Area Mural - Visit from Menter and the Artist	<p>The Chair welcomed Angharad from Menter Môn and Ffion, the artist painting the mural for Aberffraw.</p> <p>Mural Discussion: The artist discussed the mural’s content, location, and previous work in other communities.</p> <p>Location Decision: The committee reconsidered the mural location and agreed it should be placed at the entrance to the village rather than in the play area for everyone to see as not everyone visits the park. The council approved the gable end of 15 Stryd Llewelyn as the best location.</p> <p>Permissions: Angharad (Menter Môn) will liaise with Anglesey County Council for authorisation to place the board on the gable end.</p> <p>Mural Content: Councillors requested images of the bridge, Church in the Sea, dunes, beach, church window, birds, nature, and Huw Glan y Môr be included.</p> <p>Next Steps: The artist will create 2-3 draft mural designs based on the agreed images. The council will vote via email after the meeting to allow the project to proceed promptly, ensuring grant funding from Menter Môn can be utilised.</p>

4.2	Road Leading towards Bwlan Farm	The County Councillor was absent and unable to provide an update; therefore, this item will be included in the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion and an update.
4.3	Bridge - Cadw	The councillor was absent and unable to provide an update; therefore, this item will be included in the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion and an update.
4.4	Cemetery Path Cleaning	Community Councillors Allan Rees and Barry Owen confirmed that they have cleaned the cemetery paths. The Chair expressed gratitude to both, as well as to Ian Paul from Llangwyfan for lending the power washer free of charge. The Clerk will reach out to Ian Paul to express gratitude.
4.5	Play Area	Councillor ES provided an update: The playground inspection revealed additional areas requiring attention. We are considering involving the local community to help prioritise the next steps. A questionnaire will be shared to gather input on what residents would like to see, enabling the Clerk to price the equipment and apply for grants.
4.6	Village Hall	<p>The Chair has visited the bank regarding the village hall account but will need to schedule an appointment at the Bangor branch to resolve access issues, as Treasurer Jane Davies is seriously ill. The Clerk and Chair have reached out to request the necessary financial documents to ease the burden. Until the finances are fully updated, we are unable to hold an AGM to appoint a new Aberffraw Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>Chair noted that a request has been received from the public to use the village hall tables and chairs, and it has been agreed by the council that this is fine. The Clerk will ask Nerys to open and close the hall, while the public will be responsible for collecting the tables and chairs.</p>
4.7	Community Hub	The Clerk has been in touch with Medrwn Mon, and Min y Mor has received a grant for the Warm Spaces initiative this year. However, there is still a grant available if the Village Hall Committee wishes to host a similar event. Due to the current situation, where the village hall does not have an active committee, it will not be possible to pursue any grants or new activities at this time. The committee will need to contact Bethan Jukes for support once a new committee is established.
4.8	Burial Costs	The Clerk has gathered burial cost information from other community councils for comparison. Since our community council has not increased the precept this year, it was recommended by the Clerk that we review costs such as burial fees. After comparing, the council found that our rates are the lowest, and it was deemed necessary to review and the council agreed on an updated burial cost to come into force from the 1st of April.

4.9	Standing Orders	<p>The council has agreed to remind the public of the NALC Aberffraw Community Council Standing Orders regarding public speaking during council meetings. These include the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and provide evidence on items on the agenda at the end of the meeting.</li> <li>● Public participation is limited to 5 minutes unless directed otherwise by the chairman.</li> <li>● A member of the public may not speak for more than 5 minutes.</li> <li>● Questions raised during the meeting should not require an immediate response or spark a debate. The chairman may decide if a written or oral response is needed.</li> <li>● Those wishing to speak must raise their hand and stand unless they have a disability or would suffer discomfort. The chairman may allow them to remain seated.</li> <li>● Speakers must address their comments to the chairman of the meeting.</li> <li>● Only one person may speak at a time. If multiple individuals wish to speak, the chairman will direct the order of speaking.</li> <li>● If the public wishes to discuss something that is not on the agenda the question should be emailed to the clerk 3 days before.</li> </ul>
5.0	Electoral Review Programme 2025	<p>The Clerk expressed concerns she has received from DF which is absent from tonight's meeting. DF would like to express concerns about the current multi-member county council ward system, particularly its impact on local representation in the Aberffraw area and Anglesey. The large geographical size of the wards makes it difficult for councillors to effectively serve diverse communities, leading to diluted representation and accountability. DF suggests that smaller, single-member wards would improve local representation by providing clearer accountability, stronger community engagement, and more focused support. The clerk will reply to the Electoral Review Programme as a reconsideration of the ward structure to prioritise more localized representation.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Correspondance IACC - Planning</b>	
6.1	Full application for the replacement of a public information sign on land adjacent to Eglwys Sant Beuno / St Beuno's Church, Aberffraw	No objection from the Council.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Other Correspondence</b>	
7.1	Parking Problems at Bro Branwen	Cllr DF brought this issue to the Clerk's attention via email due to his absence from the meeting. Clerk highlighted significant parking problems at Bro Branwen,

		Aberffraw, including cars and vans parking on the grass and off the roads, as well as insufficient parking spaces for residents. Possible solutions were discussed, and the Clerk will contact the highway department to seek urgent advice on the next steps.
7.2	'Ei'n Hanes ni'	<p>The Clerk has been collaborating with Menter Mon to secure funding for the Ei'n Hanes Ni project in Aberffraw. The initiative aims to create a short video that encourages children to explore how the area has changed over time, focusing on its buildings, lanes, people, and language.</p> <p>The project will involve children and residents visiting various locations in the village, discussing its history, and uncovering lost information. This will be documented and compiled into a film, which will be shown to the local community at the end of the project. Welsh-speaking children and adults are being sought to participate.</p> <p>The Council agreed for the Clerk to proceed with the project. Ideas were shared, and some names were put forward to participate in the video. Elen will meet again with Menter Mon to discuss the next steps and will keep the Council informed of any developments. When the Clerk initially spoke with Menter Mon, they were considering September as the time to begin filming.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
8.1	Councillor's Allowance	It was agreed by all Cllr that were present that no councillors would claim the allowance, provided everyone is in agreement. Clerk to contact Councillors that were absent. The Clerk instructed all councillors to sign the form to confirm their decision.
8.2	Annual Returns	The Clerk has previously received confirmation from the RFO that Annual Return forms have been uploaded onto the website since 2020 and the RFO is working to complete 2023-24 returns.
8.3	Budget 2025/26	The Clerk has shared a draft budget with the community council. The council will look at the budget at next month's meeting, once the Clerk has received the necessary documents from the RFO, who is currently ill. The Chair and Clerk have reached out to the RFO to request all necessary documents to help ease the workload, given that she is unwell. However, the documents have not yet been received.
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Update from the County Councillors</b>	None of the county councillors were in attendance due to other commitments. Therefore, an update was not possible.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Matters for the next meeting</b>	<p>The council noted that the sign for Stryd yr Efail is currently only in English, listed as Chapel Street and the sign Stryd yr Efail is no longer there. The Clerk is to contact the Highways department to investigate the whereabouts of the Stryd yr Efail sign. It is expressed to the council the importance of ensuring that the signs remain bilingual. The Clerk will inform the highways department and request that they include this in their planned works for Aberffraw in the coming months.</p> <p>It has also been brought to the council's attention that the public footpath passing</p>

		<p>Bragdy is dangerous. The Clerk will contact the Council to arrange a visit.</p> <p>RLJ mentioned that she received a concern, which the member of the public had asked her to share on his behalf, regarding another individual knocking on the RFO's door while she was seriously unwell, which was deemed completely unacceptable. The Chair explained that this matter should be addressed directly between the two members of the public, as neither the Clerk nor the Chair have received any formal complaint or correspondence from the RFO.</p>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting 19/03/25</b>	