

**Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council to be held in the JOW Room,
Aberffraw Village Hall, 7pm Wednesday 15th of January 2025**

1	<p>Present:</p> <p>Clerk:</p> <p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Allen Rees , Douglas Fowlie, Vaughan Pritchard, Rachel Louise Jones , Bryan Owen, Cllr John Ifan Jones, Cllr Arfon Wyn,</p> <p>Elen Jones</p> <p>Glenys Stallwood, Ellie Smith, Chris topps, Elwyn Evans , Richard Owen, Oliver Fowlie, Barry Owen</p>
2	Declaration of Interests	No declaration of interest
3	Agree on the minutes of 20 of November 2024	It was agreed that the Minutes of 20th of November are correct. DF - Proposed - AR Second
4	Matters arising from the minutes	
4.1	Beach Car Park / Signs	The chair BO has met with the Estate Manager of Bodorgan Estate to discuss the car park. The Estate Manager indicated that, similar to the arrangements at Tre Castell, they would need to charge for parking if they were to undertake clearing and tidying of the car park. The Estate Manager planned to consult with Sir George Meyrick and follow up with us for further discussion. AR raised the question of whether the community would benefit in any way if charges were implemented. The Clerk has been asked to discuss this matter further with Bodorgan Estate.
4.2	Road Leading towards Bwlan Farm	Cllr. JIJ has spoken with Huw Percy at IOACC, who mentioned that at least a few engineers would be involved. They are currently awaiting an updated report. Once Huw Percy receives the report, he will follow up with Cllr. JIJ.
4.1	Bridget - Cadw	Cllr JIJ has received the following confirmation from the Council - The bridge is owned by the Isle of Anglesey Council, making it their responsibility. IOACC has been tasked with surveying the bridge to assess what work is required. The surveyors will visit the Bridge and report back with his findings. IOACC would need to work closely with Cadw if any work needs to be done on the Bridge. The Council has informed Cadw of the situation. AR has expressed interest in attending the survey with IOACC members. Cllr JIJ to contact the Council officer to request.
4.2	Cemetery	The Chair BO met with the Community Service Engagement Officer, who has agreed to assist the Aberffraw community by helping to tidy the cemetery, weather permitting free of charge. DF noted that work has already begun.
4.3	Cleaning of Cemetery	AR is happy to undertake the work as agreed in previous meetings but will need someone with a towbar to collect the power washer from Llangwyfan. Clerk to kindly ask Llangwyfan to deliver at a convenient time and date.
4.4	Play Area Report	ES, RLJ and EJ to meet to discuss the report. EJ has been looking at grants.

		<p>As agreed in the previous meeting Chair BO noted that there will be a container placed on the field to keep equipment for the Juniors of Aberffraw Football Club. RJ raised a concern as to where this container is to be placed on the field and also the risk of children climbing.</p> <p>DF noted that Aberffraw Football Club will have insurance.</p> <p>The council needs to confirm the container location.</p>
4.5	Village Hall	<p>Chair, BO noted that we had a very positive meeting last week with individuals keen to help. Financial records will be consolidated, updates provided, and the Charity Commission informed of the latest statements as a matter of urgency. Once all accounts and Charity Commission updates are finalised, an AGM will be called to appoint a new hall committee.</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted the RFO following the public meeting, who has since responded, stating she will begin working on the necessary forms next week. RFO has prepared financial summaries for each year up to 31st March 2024 and will format them correctly and have Internal Audit independently audit them. It is anticipated they will be ready by early February. The RFO had previously sent these financial statements to all council members.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised the importance of bringing everything up to date promptly so an AGM can be arranged as soon as possible.</p>
5.0	Correspondance IACC - Planning	No planning correspondence.
6.0	Other Correspondence	
6.1	Bodorgan Train Station Platform	The Chair shared his personal experience at the Bodorgan Train Station platform, highlighting how dangerous it is, noting that the public has to step up to the train from the platform. DF mentioned that he continues to receive significant correspondence from residents of Aberffraw and the surrounding areas regarding the platform being too low on the Bangor-bound line. It was agreed that the Aberffraw Community Council would write a letter of concern to our MP to bring attention to these issues.
6.2	Dark Sky Survey Report (Lighting Design Development Aberffraw Community Hall)	We have received a Dark Sky survey report, which prioritizes reducing light pollution at night and lowering electricity costs for the Village Hall as part of the SFP grant funding. All Councillors are in agreement with the proposed plans to upgrade the lighting. Clerk to confirm and ask the Council to start work.
6.3	Digital Health Check Report	The clerk shared the Digital Health Check Report for Aberffraw Community Council with the council. The Clerk will look into making sure that the Council is offering Multi-Location and Hybrid Meetings. Clerk to look for funding for software for this to be able to happen.
6.4	NRW Email - Sign on the Bank of Afon Ffraw	<p>The clerk has received another email from NRW regarding the issue that has been raised with NRW regarding trampling and the use of wheeled vehicles on the Ffraw Riverbank for launching kayaks and boats. Despite the sign erected by NRW and supported by Aberffraw Community Council it has not deterred this activity. NRW has reached out to ask if Aberffraw Community Council would support installing a small post-and-rope fence across the area to address the problem.</p> <p>Councillors expressed support for resolving the issue. However, RJ raised a concern about the fence's maintenance, questioning whether NRW would take responsibility if it became</p>

		<p>hazardous in the future. It was agreed that the fence would be erected on the condition that NRW assumes full responsibility for its maintenance and Health and Safety.</p>
6.5	Community Hub	<p>Anglesey County Council, in partnership with Medrwn Môn, has secured funding to enable community hubs across the Island to provide additional support this winter at Min y Môr, Aberffraw. While this is seen as a positive development, there are concerns regarding the decision to place the hub in Min y Môr rather than the Village Hall.</p> <p>There is particular concern for vulnerable individuals. Questions have been raised about how decisions are made regarding funding allocation and the choice of locations.</p> <p>The Clerk contacted Medrwn Môn to explore the possibility of moving the hub to the Aberffraw Village Hall.</p>
7.0	Financial Matters	
7.1	Internal Audit Report	<p>The Internal Audit Report has been received and shared with the council. The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council.</p> <p>The Chair and RFO are to sign the CTC Annual Return Statement.</p>
7.2	Grass Cutting Tender	<p>The Council have received two tenders for grass cutting for the next three years, with both submissions arriving at the same price.</p> <p>The Chair asked all councillors for their input, all councillors were in agreement to award the tender to Norman Jones who is the current contractor due to his outstanding work this year.</p> <p>DF requested confirmation of the potential start date, considering that both tenders were submitted simultaneously, also to ensure clarity, it was emphasised that if the work does not meet the required standard, the Council reserves the right to terminate the contract. The Clerk confirmed that this condition is already included in the tender and will reiterate the message to the successful contractor.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact both contractors to thank them once again for their time and effort in submitting their tenders.</p>
7.3	Budget update Precept setting 2025-26	<p>The Council agreed not to increase the precept this year and to maintain it at £12,000.</p>
7.3	Invoice to approve	<p>Alun Foulkes - Internal Auditor - £300.00</p> <p>£150 for 2022/23</p> <p>£150 for 2023/24</p> <p>Council Approval: Proposed by DF, seconded by AR</p> <p>Gerwyn Lewis Groundworks - £360 -to re-fit goal posts at the Playing Field. It was noted that this was in agreement with the Film Company whilst filming at Aberffraw that they would pay</p>

		for the works to be carried out.
7.4	Costs - Cemetery	The Chair noted the recent passing of Mrs. Clark, who had moved away from the village to be closer to her family due to illness. It was agreed that the Council should amend the cemetery agreement and fees to specify that individuals born and raised in the village or who lived here for their entire life, who later moved away due to illness and are no longer residents, would still be charged the resident fee rather than the non-resident fee. All councillors agreed. Clerk to amend.
8.0	County Councillors Update	Cllr. Arfon Wyn sent an email to Menter Môn suggesting that the museum team should have been involved in taking on the project as a mission, ensuring there is a proper destination for visitors.
9.0	Matters for the next meeting	<p>Housing Matter - BF asked the council to support Mr M Geal of 5 Pen Rhos Newborough. At present Mrs Geal is living in a 3-bedroom property in Newborough and he would like to downsize and move to Aberffraw where he is a big part of the community. Mr Geal requires a 2 bedroom property for him and his children who reside with him on weekends. DF understands two-bedroom bungalows Bragdy and Tan Refail are coming available in Aberffraw soon) DF asked for the support of the council and asked the clerk to email the council with the support of the Community Council. The councillors agreed.</p> <p>It was raised that the tenant of the fields should have an option to pay monthly via direct debit. Clerk to look into this with the RFO.</p> <p>RLJ noted that there are concerns about dog droppings around Maes Llewelyn.</p> <p>BO highlighted that if the public requires to speak in a meeting on agenda items they will need to inform the clerk of their topic.</p>
10.0	Date of next meeting:	19/02/25