

Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council to be held in the JOW Room, Aberffraw Village Hall, 7pm, Wednesday, 16th of April 2025

1	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Bryan Owen (Cadeirydd), Glenys Stallwood, Barry Owen, Oliver Fowlie, Vaughan Pritchard, Chris Topps, Rachel Jones, Elwyn Evans, Alan Rees, Rachel Jones</p> <p>Elen Jones</p> <p>Cynghorydd John Ifan Jones, Cynghorydd Arfon Wyn, Ellie Smith, Richard Owen, Douglas Fowlie</p>
2	Declaration of Interests	No one declared an interest.
3	Agree on the minutes of 19 March 2025	It was agreed that the Minutes of the 19th of March are correct. GS - Proposed - CT Second.
4	Matters arising from the minutes	
4.1	Playing Field	<p>The clerk shared on behalf of ES that a public poll was shared on Facebook to gather community feedback regarding the play area. A second post invited volunteers to express interest in forming a <i>Friends of the Park</i> group to assist with future improvement efforts, and potential grant applications will be shared on Facebook soon. ES is overseeing this initiative.</p> <p>RLJ raised concerns regarding overgrown hedges, particularly those near tenant properties. The clerk will follow this up with the County Councillors.</p> <p>RLJ announced that she has started a petition to have the fence around the play area removed. RLJ proposed to remove the fence.</p> <p>Community Councillors noted that if the Isle of Anglesey County Council were to take the fence down, concerns were raised about potential injuries due to the lack of a boundary, especially with children playing in the area. The removal of the fence also raises the risk of dogs entering the play area. Some members of the community have expressed dissatisfaction with the appearance of the fence.</p> <p>The council discussed whether to formally request the removal of the fence and if it should be replaced.</p>

		<p>A proposal was put forward by RLJ to remove the fence. BO and AR supported the removal.</p> <p>CT proposed that the clerk contact the Isle of Anglesey County Council to suggest that the removed fence be replaced and to request a cost estimate. CT, GS, OF, and VP were in support of CT proposal to write to the Isle of Anglesey Council, where the Council will be asked to take responsibility for removing and replacing the fence with a smaller fence and to determine a more suitable location for any new boundary installation.</p> <p>Clerk to contact IOACC.</p>
4.2	Mural	<p>Tenant of 15 Maes Llewelyn is not comfortable with us placing the mural on the gable end of the property due to existing issues with the rendering. They are currently awaiting an inspection from the council.</p> <p>An alternative location has been proposed: the stone wall adjacent to the gable end of 15 Stryd Llewelyn. Everyone agrees with the above location. Clerk to contact Menter Mon to proceed with arrangements and confirmation from IOACC.</p>
4.3	Road leading towards Bwlan Farm / Llyn Coron	<p>The Clerk has also communicated the council's decision to proceed with the road closure — we are currently awaiting a response.</p> <p>EE to follow up with NRW.</p>
4.4	Bridge - Cadw	<p>Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.</p>
4.5	Village Hall	<p>The Chair will attend a meeting with the bank on 21/04, following several discussions and meetings involving both the Clerk and the Chair. The bank has now agreed to reopen the accounts. Once the account is active, outstanding bills can be paid. Hopefully, a new Treasurer will be appointed at the AGM to take on responsibility for Village Hall finances.</p> <p>It was agreed that the AGM will take place on Wednesday, 28th May at 7:00 PM. The Clerk will prepare posters, and ES will share the posters on social media. It was also agreed that printed posters will be distributed throughout the village to ensure the community is informed.</p>
4.6	Footpath near Bragdy	<p>Footpath near Bragdy - Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.</p>

4.7	Chapel Street Sign	<p>The Clerk has received confirmation from IOACC that the work is to be completed by the contractors as soon as possible; however, no specific date has been provided.</p>
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4.8	Parking Problems Bro Branwen -	Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.
4.9	Bike Repair Station	Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.
4.10	Cemetery	<p>A member of the public has been in contact with the clerk regarding a family grave located in the old cemetery. The grave, which contains six individuals, has begun to sink. The family is seeking clarification on who is responsible for carrying out the necessary repair work.</p> <p>It was agreed that ongoing maintenance of the family grave falls under the responsibility of the family.</p>
4:11	Hedges	In response to concerns about overgrown hedges, OF has confirmed that the necessary work has now been completed. The Council expresses its sincere thanks to Oliver for undertaking the work at no cost.
4:12	Fields	<p>The Clerk, along with EE and AR, met to discuss and identify who is currently letting the fields in order to issue invoices as soon as possible. There we 5 t that EE, AR and EJ weren't aware of and to date, the Clerk has not received any paperwork or online documentation regarding the field arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange a meeting with OF, who has extensive knowledge of the letting arrangements, to help clarify the situation and enable invoicing without further delay.</p> <p>Going forward, the Clerk noted that a cover letter should accompany the invoice for the past 12 months, explaining the situation once all relevant information has been confirmed. The Clerk will provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
4:13	Memorial Boat	<p>Clerk noted on behalf of ES that the boat has been located near Prince Llewelyn. ES has asked if the Council would consider making a donation for bulbs and flowers.</p> <p>CT mentioned that someone had taken ownership of the boat to look after it. This will be discussed with ES at the next meeting.</p> <p>CT proposed, seconded by AR, that a donation be made by community councillors, and OF will donate the topsoil. ES to arrange with OF.</p>

4.15	Condition of Road - Glan Y Mor	Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.
4.15	Bodorgan Train Station -	Councillor John Ifan Jones was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. As a result, no update was provided. An update is expected at next month's meeting.

5.0	Correspondance IACC - Planning	No Planning Correspondence
5.1	Planning Correspondence	No Planning Correspondence
6.1	Aberffraw Sign	Allen Roberts will share the painting with the Clerk, who will obtain a cost estimate. It was also noted with concern that the post has begun to rot, so it may be advisable to investigate its condition before proceeding with the new sign.
6.2	Defibrulator	<p>The Clerk has been in contact with SaLC Community Co-ordinator for the NHS, who is responsible for de-fibs, and the cost of a replacement unit is approximately £900, whereas replacing the battery and necessary parts would cost around £350. However, the Clerk has received advice confirming that the current model has been discontinued, and there is a risk of further issues arising within the next six months.</p> <p>It was agreed to decommission the defibrillator and explore funding options for a replacement in future.. The Clerk had been in contact with Menter Môn, who previously offered a defibrillator grant, but the application process has since closed. The Clerk will now contact the NHS to inform them of the decision and look for grants soon.</p>
7.0	Financial Matters	
7.2	Financial Update	The Internal Auditor is scheduled to carry out the audit for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years on 23rd May. The Clerk will follow up with the family to request the laptop or the electronic finance folders belonging to Aberffraw Community Council so that we can share them with the auditors.
7.2	Budget 2025/26	The budget for 25/26 has been confirmed and agreed by all councillors present.
7.3	Invoice - Insurance	It was agreed that the Council would cover the annual insurance cost, which amounts to £1,678.67. BO Proposed, CT Seconded. Approved. Clerk to arrange payment.
8.0	Update from County Councillors	Both Councillors, who were absent, sent their apologies. Therefore, no update.
9.0	Matters arising for the next meeting	Nothing noted.
10.0	Date of next meeting	21/05/25 where we will hold the AGM as well.