

Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council to be held in the JOW Room, Aberffraw Village Hall, 7pm, Wednesday 21st of May 2025

1	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Clerk:</p> <p>Apologies</p>	<p>Bryan Owen (Chair), Glenys Stallwood, Barry Owen, Vaughan Pritchard, Chris Topps, Douglas Fowlie, Alan Rees, Ellie Smith, Cyngorydd Arfon Wyn, Cyngorydd John Ifan Jones</p> <p>Elen Jones</p> <p>Rachel Jones, Richard Owen, Oliver Fowlie, Elwyn Evans</p>
2	Declaration of Interests	<p>DF shared declaration of Interest in the Football Club and Train Station.</p> <p>BO shared declaration of interest in the Football Club.</p>
3	Agree on the minutes of 16 April 2025	Minutes we agreed as correct, CT Proposed, GS Seconded.
4	Matters arising from the minutes	
4.1	Play Area	<p>Cllr AW noted that he has been in contact with the Estates department, and they are currently investigating the fence around the play area. Clerk also noted that she did send an email to the highways following the last meeting and has received a reply that they're looking into it.</p>
4.2	Mural	<p>IOACC has agreed to place the mural on the stone wall next to 15 Llewelyn Street, and a contract has been agreed by the council, and the chair will sign at the end of the meeting.</p>
4.3	Road Leading towards Bwlan Farm / Llyn Coron	<p>We have received a reply from the highways department. The current situation is that we expect a response from our structural engineer in terms of the strength of the lane on the most suitable weight restrictions to protect it until the maintenance work has been completed. IOACC will keep the community council updated once they are advised.</p>
4.4	Bridge - Cadw	<p>Cllr John Ifan Jones updated that it was confirmed by IOACC that Cadarn has completed a principal inspection of the bridge on 23rd April 2024. No hazards were identified. Some issues were noted, such as joint/mortar loss and wear to the carriageway; however, the overall condition was recorded as "Good," with confirmation that no immediate action is required. Cllr John Ifan Jones asked the council if there were any particular concerns he wanted to share with IOACC? Cllr DF stated that the weeds along the side of the bridge need to be cleared.</p>

4.5	Village Hall	<p>The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will take place next week on Wednesday, 28th May 2025, at 7:00pm in the hall. Posters have been shared on social media, and community councillors will be delivering posters to all households.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised that, without the formation of a new village hall committee, the hall is at serious risk of closure. Volunteers are essential to ensure the continued operation of the hall.</p> <p>ES confirmed that she has taken over responsibility for hall bookings and has a key to the noticeboard outside the village hall.</p> <p>Clerk has received a price of £350 plus VAT from Mon Fire Management for a fire risk assessment in the hall, all agreed that this is a priority, and the Clerk to go ahead and book due to no current VH Committee.</p>
4.6	Footpath near Bragdy	Cllr John Ifan Jones has reached out to officers at IOACC, and they are currently looking into the situation.
4.7	Chapel Street Sign	No update.
4.8	Parking Problems Bro Branwen	Cllr John Ifan Jones has been in contact with Alun Roberts from IOACC regarding a local parking issue. He has resolved a concern raised by a resident who was unable to park outside their home by arranging for a disabled parking bay application form to be completed, should the resident be eligible.
4.9	Bike Repair Station	Cllr John Ifan Jones has contacted officers at IOACC but has not yet received a response. He will follow up and provide an update in due course.
4.10	Cemetery	GS noted that she and her friend are going to catalog the new cemetery.
4:12	Fields	<p>The Clerk has met with OF to confirm the list of current tenants. A plan and accompanying spreadsheet have also been received from former Councillor Mr Griffiths, with thanks expressed for providing this information.</p> <p>A total of 52 invoices have been prepared from scratch—26 for field rent due in November 2024 and 26 for May 2025. All invoices are scheduled to be sent out by the end of the week.</p>
4:13	Memorial Boat	AR noted that the boat requires slabs or stones under it to make sure it's safe. ES will be working on the memorial boat along with the residents of Aberffraw.
4.15	Condition of Road - Glan Y Mor	Cllr John Ifan Jones reported that there is currently no funding available to resurface the road.

4.15	Bodorgan Train Station	<p>Cllr John Ifan Jones noted that he received an email from Llinos Medi MP with a response from Network Rail. While they have provided the following statement, Llinos Medi has also issued an additional response:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"I can confirm that there are currently no plans by Transport for Wales to install a Harrington Hump at Bodorgan. This is because the step height/distance between the train and platform is within the guidelines set by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Other stations across Wales and the Borders are currently being prioritised due to greater height/distance issues.</p> <p>Cllr John Ifan Jones noted that Cllr Llinos Medi is not satisfied with the response, and I will be writing to the Department for Transport in Westminster to express her disappointment and concern that rural stations are being overlooked. As you know, public transport in rural areas is challenging, and investment in infrastructure is needed to provide a reliable service for passengers. I will therefore be asking them to step in and work with Network Rail to invest in Bodorgan station.</p>
5.0	Correspondence IACC - Planning	
5.1	Planning Consultation- Angorfa, 14 Ystad y Fron, Aberffraw	No objections.
6.0	Other Correspondence	
6.1	Aberffraw Sign	<p>ES provided an update, noting that Alan has been followed up regarding the Aberffraw sign. A carpenter has visited the site and recommended that a new sign will be needed shortly. ES will obtain quotes from local carpenters and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>DF added that there are several carpenters within the village and expressed his wish for the work to be offered to a resident of Aberffraw.</p>
6.2	Defibrillator	The Clerk reported that a temporary defibrillator has been generously provided for use while funding is sought to purchase a new one. The defibrillator is now in place and will remain available for the next 3 to 4 months.
6.3	Public Toilets	The Clerk reported receiving two complaints regarding the public toilets being out of use. Visitors often follow the signs around the village, expecting to find accessible facilities at the village hall. However, after locating the correct green door, they find the toilets locked and unavailable.

		<p>A question was raised about whether the signage should be removed to avoid confusion. Clarification was also sought regarding the reason for the toilets being locked and whether any prior decisions had been made about their closure.</p> <p>VP will assess what work is required to reopen the toilets. In the meantime, councillors agreed to keep the existing signage in place but to add an “Out of Service” notice on the toilet door. The Clerk will prepare and display this sign until feedback is received from VP regarding necessary work.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Community Council would assess the necessary repairs due to vandalism. If funds permit, CC intends to carry out the repairs in due course. However, the Council also decided that, should further vandalism occur, the public toilets would be closed.</p>
7.0	Financial Matters	
7.2	Update - Finance	<p>The clerk received a laptop from the family; however, it was an HP laptop with no documents or files on it. As a result, the clerk does not have access to any electronic documents or financial spreadsheets from the previous years. Therefore currently in the process of creating the necessary documents and policies for the current year.</p> <p>Clerk/RFO updated the council regarding the Financial Movements. (Please see below) Clerk also noted that she hadn't been paid since December 2024; therefore will need to bring her salary up to date within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Recommendation by Clerk/RFO: Avoid any additional spending for the rest of the year and review the budget thoroughly for 26/27.</p>
8.0	County Councillors Update	<p>Cllr John Ifan Jones informed the council that filming for <i>House of the Dragon</i> will continue this summer in Newborough. He emphasised the importance of encouraging more filming in the Aberffraw area, noting the significant financial contributions production companies make. He expressed his intention to push for further filming opportunities within the village so that the Aberffraw community can benefit, especially given the current need for various improvements across the ward.</p> <p>Cllr Arfon Wyn expressed his apologies for being absent from several recent meetings, explaining that his wife has been very unwell and is struggling following the recent loss of her sister.</p> <p>The Chair extended sympathies to the County Councillor and noted that the entire committee is thinking of him and his family during this difficult time.</p>
9.0	Matters for the next meeting	No matters for the next meeting.
10.0	Date of next meeting 18/06/25	

Aberffraw Community Council 1st of April 2025 - 16 May 2025**Financial Movement**

Balance B/f		6,406.09
Receipts		
Field Rent		
Precept	4,000.00	
Other Income	520.00	
		4,520.00
Payments		
Salaries		
Field Rent Cost		
Grass Cutting and Maintenance		
Membership Fees		
Other Costs		
Insurance	1,678.67	
		1,678.67
Balance c/f		9,247.42