

Meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council to be held in the JOW Room, Aberffraw Village Hall,

7pm, Wednesday 16th of July 2025

AGENDA

1	Present: Clerk: Apologies:	Bryan Owen, Ellie Smith, Elwyn Evans, Barry Owen, Glenys Stallwood Elen Jones Chris Topps, Richard Owen, Oliver Fowlie, Douggie Fowlie, Vaughan Pritchard, Rachel Louise Jones, Cllr John Ifan Jones, Allr Arfon Wyn
2	Declaration of Interests	No declaration of interest
3	Agree on the minutes of 25 June 2025	EE proposed and GS seconded that the minutes were correct.
4	Matters arising	
	Bro Aberffraw Alliance	<p>A request was made on 16th July from Bro Alliance to attend the Council meeting to discuss Bro Aberffraw Alliance. Sara Spinks and Amanda Davies were present for this item only. This is what was discussed:</p> <p>Bro Aberffraw Alliance CIC is a community-led, not-for-profit organisation established to support the residents of Aberffraw and surrounding villages. Its mission is to promote social inclusion, cultural heritage, environmental sustainability, and local development.</p> <p>Originally supported by Medrwn Môn under its <i>Place Shaping</i> strategy, the group was re-established in July 2024 and formally became a Community Interest Company (CIC) in June 2025. The Alliance works in partnership with all three community councils in the ward to ensure joined-up, grassroots action.</p> <p>Key Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community development and reducing isolation• Education and skills training• Cultural and Welsh language preservation• Environmental projects and sustainability• Supporting vulnerable groups <p>Future Plans Include:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acting as an umbrella body for smaller groups (e.g. Parc Aberffraw) ● Applying for grants to improve services across the ward ● Developing a bilingual community app for events and local promotion ● Supporting local businesses through affordable advertising ● Hosting rotating bi-monthly public meetings ● Exploring community-led transport and “Good Turn” volunteer schemes <p>Governance: Currently led by five directors from across the ward, with efforts ongoing to appoint further directors—including one from Aberffraw—for balanced representation.</p> <p>Key Achievements to Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secured £14,000 in seed funding through Medrwn Môn’s Social Fairness Project, supporting 14 local initiatives, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth clubs in Newborough and Dwyran ○ Play area improvements (e.g. Parc y Plant, Parc Llangaffo) ○ Children's art project in Aberffraw ○ Chiropody chair for Bodorgan community healthcare ● Produced a bilingual community film highlighting key local issues ● Successfully delivered a National Lottery-funded holiday club for children in Bro Aberffraw and Crigyll <p>All surplus funds will be reinvested into local projects, outreach, facility improvements, and capacity-building for volunteers. Donations to charities will only be made with approval from the CIC Regulator and in line with the organisation’s mission.</p> <p>ES is one of the directors representing Aberffraw.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Sara Spinks and Amanda Davies from Bro Aberffraw for their time and expressed appreciation for all the hard work taking place. The Council looks forward to working with Bro Aberffraw Alliance in the future.</p>
4.1	Resignation of Councillor -	The council received an email from Cllr Allan Rees noting that he was resigning as a Community Councillor. Clerk to email Allan to thank him for his time and contribution while he was on the council. Clerk has contacted the electoral office,

		and I have made arrangements for the first Notice regarding the vacancy in the Southern Ward of Aberffraw Community Council to be displayed on the notice board and website from Friday, 18th of July. The clerk will update all during the next meeting in September.
4.2	Ei'n Hanes Ni	The Clerk asked if any councillors would be willing to assist with <i>Ei'n Hanes Ni</i> during their filming in September. This would mainly involve having a council representative present during the process. Although the exact filming date is not yet confirmed, the Clerk will liaise with councillors via email throughout August to provide updates on progress, timings, and plans.
4.3	Play Area	ES noted that RJ has emailed a few people regarding grants but is awaiting to hear back. The chair noted that it would be worth getting Sara Spinks from Bro Aberffraw Alliance on board to assist with grant applications.
4.4	Village Hall	The last meeting was poorly attended, with only four people present. GS expressed concern that no agenda had been provided in advance and that the minutes of the previous meeting had not been shared beforehand. It was also noted that the Treasurer has resigned; however, the Chair has identified a new individual who is willing to take on the role. The Chair confirmed that he will attend the next Village Hall meeting to support the transition and ongoing matters.
4.5	Memorial Boat	ES from OF has kindly added topsoil to the memorial boat today, and ES will be planting flowers there soon.
4.6	Public Toilets	The public toilets have now been closed due to further damage to the door. The Clerk is continuing discussions with Nayax to trace the funds collected from the toilet facility. In addition, the Clerk has contacted the Council to request the removal of toilet signage around the village.
4.7	Bike Repair Station	No update to Cllr John Ifan, absent from the meeting.
4.8	Linda Austin Memorial	Chair noted that it was agreed in the previous meeting that CT was to arrange for the Linda Austin memorial plaque to be put up in Llys Llewelyn. CT was absent; therefore clerk will chase for an update.
4.9	Church	The Clerk has made further enquiries and confirmed that, concerning the Community Council, its responsibilities are limited to the maintenance of grass cutting and hedge trimming at the cemetery. Cllr John Ifan was absent from the meeting, so no update was available regarding potential funding opportunities. GS raised a concern about a grave that appears to be sinking. The Chair noted that the dip will be filled with topsoil.
4.10	Disabled Bay	It was unanimously agreed that the disabled parking bay should be removed. The Chair also noted safety concerns, highlighting that when tractors pass through the area, the space is often too tight, forcing them onto the kerb at times. Councillors also reiterated their previous request for the yellow lines to be extended up to

		<p>Tyddyn Traeth. Additionally, a request had been made for yellow lines to be painted outside Llys Llewelyn.</p> <p>The Council would like to ask when this work is expected to be carried out. Clerk to email Cllr JIJ and Alun Roberts at Isle of Anglesey County Council.</p>
4.11	Fire Risk Assessment	<p>A fire risk assessment was carried out, as discussed in April, by the Community Council due to the absence of a Village Hall Management Committee at that time. The Council is currently awaiting the return of the risk assessment report. Once received, the Clerk will immediately share it with the Chair and the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee so that any recommended actions can be addressed without delay.</p>
6.0	Correspondence IACC - Planning	
6.1	Planning Consultation / VAR/2025/26	<p>It was noted that the current environmental report is five years old. EE recommended that a new Environmental Report be carried out. Subject to the updated report, all councillors present had no objections. Clerk to email the planning department with feedback.</p>
7.0	Financial Matters	
7.1	Financial Update	<p>The clerk shared the financial movement, which can be seen below.</p> <p>Clerk noted that the salary of RFO/Clerk was £439.32 for July, with £109.80 to HMRC.</p>
7.2	HMRC	<p>It came to the attention of the Clerk/RFO that Aberffraw Community Council had an outstanding balance of £906.03 owing to HMRC. The Clerk/RFO informed all councillors of this via email, and the RFO advised that the payment should be made as soon as possible to avoid further penalties or fines. The Chair agreed that the balance should be settled immediately. The RFO invited any objections to the payment by email, and no councillors objected. As a result, the Clerk arranged for the payment of £906.03 to HMRC on 26th June 2025.</p>
7.3	Invoice Fields	<p>Clerk/RFO stated that we have received £4,875.58 rent for the fields for November 2024 and May 2025, and we have an outstanding balance of £4,551.18. RFO have sent reminder letters out this week to all tenants. An update will be shared again with all the council during the September meeting.</p> <p>It was highlighted by the chair that some tenancies didn't receive a contract from the council back in 2023. The Chair will make an agreement to speak to the tenants and will provide feedback during the next meeting.</p> <p>EE noted that if proper use had been made of the field, the verbal agreement would have been completed. With regard to those refusing to pay, they must pay, or, if the tenant has passed away, the responsibility falls to their family. The executor must notify the landlord that the tenant has died to formally close the agreement.</p>

		<p>EE will be looking at updating the tenancy agreement and will pass it to the Clerk/RFO before the end of October for agreements to be shared with all tenants.</p> <p>EE also noted whilst on the subject that he had been in contact with Designated Landscapes, and that there is grant funding available for fencing and similar improvements to the fields (as part of the Ffermio Bro scheme). EE suggested organising a meeting with all current tenants and inviting a representative from Designated Landscapes to attend and speak with them directly. EE to arrange a date for Oct/November.</p>
	County Councillors Update	No County Councillors Present for an update.
9.0	Matters for the next meeting	Gofynnodd ES beth oedd diweddariad gyda pwmp bragdu, roedd wedi cael ei drafod a chytuno flwyddyn diwethaf i drefnu i symud tu allan i swyddfa'r bost. Nododd y clerc nad oedd yn y swydd pryd hynny on y buasai hi'n cysylltu gyda Bodorgan i ofyn am ganiatad.
10.0	Date of next meeting	17/09/25

Aberffraw Community Council 1st of April 2025 - 15th July 2025**Financial Movement**

Balance B/f		6,406.09
Receipts		
Field Rent	4,875.58	
Precept	4,000.00	
Other Income	640.00	
		9,515.58
Payments		
Salaries	2,416.16	
Field Rent Cost		
Grass Cutting and Maintenance		
Membership Fees		
Other Costs	1,810.03	
Insurance	1,678.67	
		5,904.86
Balance c/f		10,016.81