

Cyngor Cymuned Abergwyngregyn Community Council

Phone Meeting: Thursday 19:30, 11th March 2021

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Gwerfyl Morris, Eryl Williams

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Opportunity for public to raise any issues

None

5. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the 3rd December 2020 meeting were seen by councillors on the website. All agreed correct, proposed by Nicky Whitting and seconded by Liz McSweeney.

6. Correspondence and matters arising

Several e-mails had been sent out for councillors to read:

- a) One Voice Wales Bulletin – including a section on the Code of Conduct.
- b) Connecting with your Local Community – a guide for Welsh Community and town Councillors and their Clerks.
- c) Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act – commencement, implementation and guidance.
- d) Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector.

7. Planning Applications

None. Clerk to follow up the application for Cae Main, Abergwyngregyn, LL33 0LB - C20/0460/10/LL

8. Financial Matters

Financial report was sent out by e-mail before the meeting.

Balance on 03/12/2020 (no bank statement): **£3,829.24p**

Bank balance on Bank Statement 31/12/2020: **£3,003.24p**

Cheque 000407: Rita Roberts – Clerk's Wages

Cheque 000408: Audit Wales - £231.91p

Cheque 000410: Nicky Whitting Training - £30.00

Balance today 11/03/2020: **£2,741.33p** (*Arfon Parry Website £83.00p Cheque 000412 not cashed yet*).

> Before end of March there will be a bill for £40.00p for Data Protection and fees owed to Parker O'Regan Accountants for Services and payment to HMRC, plus bill for printing ink from Clerk.

> Finances appear healthy, and a precept of £3,000.00p has been requested for 2021-22.

> The External Audit will be done by Audit Wales for the next 3 years. Basic Audits for 2020-21 and 2022-23, and a Full Audit for 2021-22. Gwynedd Council will continue to be Internal Auditors.

9. Any Other Business

i) A55 Expressway – narrow lane on Dual Carriageway with 40mph limit with speed cameras.

- The trees and hedges have been cut down outside Sunnybank and land opposite in preparation for work on cycle track.

- Daffodils – central reservation. Rita has spoken to Mandy the Liaison Officer at Griffiths Engineering about saving the daffodils. Welsh Government officials have agreed that as many bulbs as possible will be saved and some time in June they can be shared among the local villages (Rita and Mandy to arrange logistics).

ii) Parking problems in the village – Clerk explained that following the last Traffic Working Party meeting on 11th January a suggestion had been made by Councillor Dafydd Meurig that the Community Council could administer the Traffic Advisor Scheme (i.e. two traffic security persons) and claim back the VAT.

However, Clerk has spoken to Ceris (Parker O'Regan accountant), Dewi Morgan (Assistant Head of Finance at Gwynedd Council – Revenue and Risk), Deryk Evans Audit Wales and Mel ab Owain (One Voice Wales). All advised that the council is too small to be involved as the electorate is only 160 people. The Clerk checked with Raymond Harvey from the Gwynedd Elections Service and the spend per elector for 2021-22 is £8.32p - £8.41p therefore would not be able to claim VAT.

Mel ab Owain of One Voice Wales was especially against small Councils such as Aber being involved in such schemes. Clerk has spoken to Hywel Thomas (Chair of ARC and Chair of the Working Party). He fully agrees with the decision not to be involved.

iii) Possible areas for double yellow lines as suggested by Gwynedd Highways as part of Parking Management in the village. Clerk will forward copy to all Councillors for comments. ARC to also put a copy in the Newsletter for comments by residents.

iv) E-mail from Huw Green (Land Management Officer) dated 4th March 2021 regarding woody debris in the river upstream of the village was discussed. Chair briefly explained the action to be taken by Natural Resources Wales i.e. secure the wood debris with metal cables and/or metal bars into one large structure reducing the chance of deadwood drifting downstream.

Councillors unconvinced that this method will be effective and strongly feel the situation needs to be monitored.

v) Abandoned red van – Liz McSweeney and Clerk awaiting response from Gwynedd Council. The van has been there for weeks now and has been moved by somebody with window removed and glass broken.

vi) Clerk has left a message for Gerallt Jones (Footpaths, Gwynedd Council) to contact her and spoken to Robat John (Coastal Path Officer). Footpath along shore has debris collecting under walkway.

The river has made its own course through woods on both sides (i.e. college wood and Glanrafon wood).

The ditch from Cwrtiau Road down to the sea needs clearing (apparently awaiting a large JCB to do the work).

There is also a broken gate on the foreshore which has already been reported, and the fence and rubbish following floods need cleaning on the foreshore as this has already been reported but a reminder is required.

Clerk to also mention the poor state of Penra Du footpath to the shore. Very wet and muddy, impossible to walk on and becoming worse. Clerk will mention that a lot of villagers use this path as a circular walk from the village.

vii) Village Clean-up – Carwyn has been clearing from the village up to the Falls over the last few days. Lots of rubbish even though car parks are closed. Carwyn feels that some of the rubbish may have been left by workmen that have been repairing paths by Bontuchaf.

Village Clean Up to be arranged, adhering to Covid regulations wearing face masks and social distancing. No refreshments to be served at Hen Felin following the Clean Up. Date to be arranged.

Clerk will distribute flyers around the village and send an e-mail to Roger Williams to put on the village newsletter.

Meeting closed: 20:30.

Next meeting: 19:30 10th June 2021.