

ABERFFRAW VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES for June 10th 2020

Note: Due to Covid-19 this 'Meeting' was held as an AGENDA & DISCUSSION whereby members were able to communicate their comments to the Secretary or Chair between 7th & 11th June for inclusion in the final Minutes

(Comments received in red)

1. Committee members, hope you are all well.

The following is an Agenda and Discussion after requesting your input from the Secretary. Due to continued Lockdown and Social-Distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic I am asking for discussion via email/telephone etc on the following in lieu of a physical meeting on Wednesday 10th June. If members would prefer a synchronous virtual meeting using Skype, Zoom, Meet, Teams or similar then let me know, especially for future meetings.

Members' comments welcome.

No comments

2. **Minutes:** Please approve the minutes of the last (email) meeting of April 8th so that we can publish them as 'approved' – if you cannot locate your email on this they are also available on the website (www.aberffraw.wales) under Village Hall - Committee. (Email the Secretary). Also count your reply as an attendance list for the current meeting!
Note – no meeting was held in May during the height of the pandemic.

Approved

3. **Matters Arising:** Having had no reply or Minutes from the Community Council (again, since April 2019) they were contacted several times and asked for a written reply of their progress on our requests. We were eventually informed (April 29th 2020) by the Clerk as follows:-

- Q1: Is there any progress on the yellow lined square at the top of the ramp for mobility scooters etc?

A1: The Community Council do not see the necessity of more yellow lines. The Village Hall Committee are at liberty to pursue this issue with Ynys Mon Council.

Not a matter for Village Hall – Community Council should sort it - Raise it again. Action 1

- Q2: Is there any progress on signage to the Village Hall - see 20/11/19 minutes requesting information on how to obtain brown signage from the road and bridge through the village for the Village Hall and Old School Gallery?

A2: Brown Signage is a matter for the Highways Department at Ynys Mon Council. The Village Hall Committee and the Old School Gallery are able to request the signage without consultation with the Community Council.

But it would need approval from CC first – do they approve? Action 2

- Q3: Is there any progress on the lack of a middle streetlamp on Bro Branwen - trip hazard between the JOW room and the car park?

A3: The Community Council discussed this with the Lighting Officer from Ynys Mon Council and it was considered to be unnecessary. I do not have details of the consultation, but will ascertain more when I am in receipt of documents from Menna, when the "lockdown" is

lifted. (NB: Menna currently has all the files)

Sorted – Hall has purchased and will fit Lamp.

- Q4: Is there any progress on the Streetlamp outside JOW room on Bro Branwen reported as not working?

A4: The response to this item is as the one above.

Not a matter for Village Hall – Community Council should sort it – Raise it again. Action 3

- Q5: Is there any progress on the RHI grant towards the boiler - first requested Sept. 2019?

A5: I am still progressing this and will get back to you as soon as I have the information.

Any progress – this has been ongoing since mid 2016? Action 4

- Q6: Health and Safety Hazard regarding Kerbstones at the front of the hall and adjacent to public toilet - any suggestions from the Community Council on the way forward?

A6: The Community Council did not install the kerbstones and it was highlighted at the time that they would be a hazard. As the Village Hall Committee installed the kerbstones they are at liberty to take them away without consultation with the Community Council.

MM Noted that we had dealt with this near the public toilet prior to this reply.

Done for East end – planters in place at West end.

Q7: We did not receive any comments on Hall and Toilet closures but took action anyway.

Q8: We did not receive any comments on future financial assistance towards running the public toilets.

Awaiting reply from CC. Action 5

No further updates have been provided as at 7th June 2020.

Members' comments welcome.

Two further comments were received but unpublishable!

4. Chairpersons Report:

Overall, I am very concerned that the Village Hall Management Committee appears unable to assist the Aberffraw community during these difficult times, however, it is the very nature of our Constitution that our purpose as a place for public gatherings is not compatible with the current pandemic situation. I would also like to add a note of thanks to CPD Aberffraw Football Team and Committee for all their excellent community work in recent times. If there are any joint events within the Village that you think we should get involved with then ***please advise.***

CPD Aberffraw have been contacted. Action 6

a) April newsletter 'Grapevine' was distributed via the Hall website (www.aberffraw.wales) and Facebook page rather than house to house physical copy. There was no issue May-June.

Members' comments welcome.

No comments

b) The Keep Wales Tidy Grant application was successful and we have been informed that the Starter Pack for the hall grounds (seeds, shrubs, bird boxes etc) can be made available in June. After consultation with Pete Owens and considering Covid-19 we requested that this be deferred to 2021. We have since been told that this is not possible so have agreed to discuss in mid to late summer for possible autumn planting depending on Lockdown arrangements.

Members' comments welcome here.

No comments

c) It was agreed by elected officers in March to retain the services of the cleaner on an approximately £10 per week reserve to carry out essential duties in the short term.

Are members happy for this to continue?

No comments

d) Any keyholders entering the hall for essential duties are still asked to sign in during the current emergency.

e) Painting of the exterior rendering of the new fire exit ramp has been completed.

f) We have obviously had to cancel several major one-off Hall events including *March* - Psychic Evening, *April* - Craft Market, *May* - Dog Show and Cold Flame Live Band, *June* – Craft Market. In addition regular events have ceased (Bingo, Line Dancing, Yoga, Fitness, Dog Training, Film Nights, Whist, Guitar Evening, Table-Tennis, Knit & Natter, Quiz Afternoon). The Children's / Any Age Drop Ins scheduled to start in April also did not take place. Further, regular non-essential maintenance has not taken place.

In addition we have closed the Public Toilet and covered up its signage.

Members are asked to comment on 'What next' bearing in mind we have booked in *July* – Strawberry Tea, *August* – Village Show, *September* – Ring o' Fire and Macmillan Coffee Morning.

- July: Strawberry Tea – Cancelled

- August: Village Show - Decision deferred

- September: Ring O' Fire - Cancelled (booked for September 4th 2021)

g) The financial situation will be commented on by the Treasurer but I remind members we still have to pay water and electricity bills.

h) I would hope optimistically that our next meeting in July will involve plans for opening up the Hall again for limited sized events in the future.

Members' comments welcome.

We should also discuss logistics/finances of Hall remaining closed until 2021. Action 7

5. **Treasurers' Report:**

a) the annual financial report (04/2019-04/2020) has been prepared and has been sent to the auditor. This will be presented at the AGM in September.

b) the current financial 'monthly' report is attached.

c) in view of the current situation (lack of income) it is even more imperative that we get a reply from the Community Council regarding progress with i) the RHI grant and ii) possible funding for the public toilet.

No comments

6. **Any Other Business:** Please raise any additional issues since request by Secretary by email and we will add to discussion.

No other business

7. **Date of Next Meeting:** July 8th – format yet to be decided, see *Item 1*.

Mike Mahon (Chair) 11th June 2020