

The Annual Meeting of Aberporth Community Council was held at Blaenannerch Chapel on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Present: Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Tristan Jones, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Gary Morss, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Sue Lewis and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Damon Watmough and County Councillor Clive Davies.

2. Retiring Chairpersons Report

The past year has been truly momentous. The main events have centred around the Platinum Jubilee last June, the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 in September, and the Coronation of King Charles 111 in May. National occasions in which Aberporth community has participated.

Taking on the role of Chairman has given the opportunity to really get involved in the many facets of village life. With the advice of long-standing Councillors, I have been able to fully understand what makes this Community “tick”; and to appreciate the dedication of the many volunteers responsible for giving their time to offer wide ranging interest groups.

Looking back over my year in office, I’ve seen the development of the Hybrid conferencing system that was installed in the vestry of Blaenannerch Chapel. I’ve visited Aberporth School several times; and seen for myself the need for a complete upgrade; even to the extent of pressing for new buildings. The teaching staff there were so dedicated to the welfare of the children, I feel strongly that we should help in assisting them to obtain the best possible “tools” to continue that work.

Another pressing issue throughout my year has been that of the proposed land purchase at Parclyn; it has been very difficult and hopefully in the not too distant future, we will be able to enjoy the results of the hard work going into making this project happen.

I attended a series of local events: Carnival Day in August was blessed with good weather, and the Children’s Fancy Dress competition was a triumph of innovation. “Dydd Iau Mawr”, with the Blaenporth choir, and a picnic atmosphere, was well attended. Another event to attract the crowds was the ‘Colour Run’ which did as it said “on the tin”! Jim Morton, a long-distance walker passed through the Village, on his way to completing a nationwide coastal walk. In September, the R.N.L.I. invited guests to the land launch of their new boat “John Darbyshire” at Poppit Sands; and I attended on the Council’s behalf. A short Remembrance Day Service was held at the Cemetery, and a longer Sunday Service took place at St. Cynwyl’s church. Christmas trees were situated at focal points in the Community, and Christmas carols took place at various venues. Talks at the Planning stage of the Ffordd Newydd development were held with Mr. Leighton Morgans representing Jones Bros. Several meetings have taken place, and I am convinced of the good will shown by the Company. On the 10th. February, Our local M.P. Ben Lake, as part of the Blossom Watch project, planted a tree outside Canolfan Dyffryn, which could be seen as the Community’s endorsement of biodiversity within our area.

Finally, I’d like to thank all of this Council’s members, for their support, and hard work during this last year. It is that, that makes Aberporth Community Council such a proactive, and worthwhile body.

3. Election of a Chairperson

Nomination: Cllr Dave Addison

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Brown

Second: Cllr Sue Lewis

This was passed unanimously

4. Signing of Chairpersons Declaration of Office

Cllr Dave Addison signed his declaration of acceptance of office; this was countersigned by the Clerk

5. New Chairperson to take office

Cllr Dave Addison gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair, Cllr Robin Young, for doing an excellent job and his hard work over the last 12 months. He is looking forward to the year ahead.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Nomination: Cllr Jackie Brown

Proposed: Cllr Anne McCreary

Second: Cllr Dave Addison

This was passed unanimously.

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7. Membership of Outside Bodies

Aberporth Village Hall Committee: Cllr Jackie Brown

Aberporth School Governor: Cllr Sue Lewis

One Voice Wales: Cllr Anne McCreary

Blaenporth Community Association: Cllr Robin Young

Parcllyn Sports Field: Cllr Damon Watmough

Cllr Anne McCreary proposed the nominations; this was seconded by Cllr Aled Thomas and approved unanimously.

8. Election of Committee members

Finance: Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Sue Lewis,

Procedures Review: Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Zoe Storer

Footpaths & Maintenance: Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Gary Morss, Cllr Tristan Jones

Planning: Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Aled Thomas

Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing: Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Jackie Brown, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Gary Morss Co-opted members : Cllr Clive Davies and Helen Evans

Cllr Anne McCreary proposed the nominations; this was seconded by Cllr Jackie Brown and approved unanimously

9. Accounts for 2022 – 2023

End of year Accounts were provided and approved for Internal Audit

10. Appoint Internal Auditor

Proposal: DMB Davies

Proposed: Cllr Zoe Storer

Seconded: Cllr Anne McCreary

This was passed unanimously.

11. Check inventory of Council deeds – Dyffryn Garden deeds lodged with Solicitor

12. No Members of Public present at the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18.50pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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