



Annual Meeting

12th May 2021 @ 18.30 Angle Village Hall

Present: Cllr E Howells, Cllr D Richards, Cllr E Parker, Cllr K Watkins, Cllr S Williams (Chair), County Cllr Mr Steve Alderman, Mrs A Randall (clerk) and Mrs Jo-Anne Lewis (member of the public)

Apologies: Cllr Ward

Minutes of last Annual Meeting May 2019 - Approved

Election of Officers:

Chairperson – Cllr Shan Williams
proposed by Cllr Howells
seconded by Cllr Parker

Vice Chair – To be shared jointly between Cllrs Watkins and Parker
proposed by Cllr Williams
seconded by Cllrs Howells and Richards

Reports:

- ACC summary of activity for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
- RFO reports for 2019 -2020 and 2020-2021

All documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting. ACC agreed they were a fair reflection of activity during the given time frames and they were approved without any changes being made.

Meeting finished at 18.40 and usual monthly meeting followed

Annual Report 2019-2020

What a year it has been, one that will not be forgotten in a hurry. For a small village there is enough to keep us busy. We have successfully filled all vacancies with Emma Howells and Kath Watkins joining the Community Council. They bring enthusiasm and new outlooks. Emma has embraced the Playpark project with some wonderful fundraising events and more to come. Kath has been elected as a member of the Penrhyn school governors board a role she is well suited, having previously been a member of Angle School staff. Following the death of Cllr Margot Bateman we have also welcomed Cllr Steve Alderman, our PCC rep to meetings.

Sadly, PCNPA have not accepted the evidence we provided about the car park, so it is likely that charging will be introduced. Planning permission is required to install parking meters, which had raised some concern. Due to COVID 19 the planning meeting was delayed, so it is unlikely that anything will happen over the next season. That said, the carpark and coastal path have been closed. Community council projects have been delayed, eg pontoon, play park, VE day celebrations. Other village activities have also been put on hold, but events we can all look forward to.

Being remote brings its pluses and minuses; we have the space to get out into the fresh air, have a beach at the end of the village and some safe walking areas for exercise and enjoy the sound of nature. On the downside, we have a long way to travel for necessities, not everyone has internet access or access to click and collect / delivery services. Not only that, but orders are not always complete. The events over the latter months of this year and the need to support each other, makes me wonder if reviewing the need for a village shop would raise more interest. Sometimes unprecedented events such as this Covid pandemic brings out some good things like an awareness of the basic and often, important things in life. We have had some fantastic support but without naming specific people I would like to thank all those who have done shopping, medicine and paper round collections. The village really is resilient.

In order to widen our coverage to all generations, we set up an ACC Facebook page.

We have new challenges, with Valero pushing to realign the road layout. We ended the year in March, meeting with a representative from PCC highways in attendance as well as many local residents. We now need to see the road survey and comment.

I would like to thank our clerk and all Community Councillors for their ongoing contribution and commitment and look forward to another action-packed year ahead.

Shan Williams
April 2020

Annual Report 2020-2021

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Cllr Brian Brown, who sadly passed away in June 2020. He is sorely missed, not only as a respected member of the Community Council, but also as a well-loved village resident. His wit and wisdom were always appreciated. We have been fortunate to welcome Tony Ward to ACC and now have a full complement of Community Councillors. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment and valued input into village issues.

The year has brought its ongoing COVID challenges, with much of our activity being undertaken online, whilst many of the community activities we had planned were cancelled. We have embraced technology and trialled different meeting platforms. It has been an interesting exercise as we have also welcomed observers to our meetings. With changes to the way we access information, all Community Councillors are now “online”, reducing the amount of paper we use. That said there will always be a recognition that some information has to be circulated by hard copies for notice boards etc. We also set up a Facebook page, which unfortunately was confused with another local Facebook site and was temporarily suspended.

Councillors are showing interest in different aspects of Community Council activity, which is really encouraging, demonstrating a commitment to village needs. With the hard work and diligence of Cllr Howells and her team of supporters the playpark has secured over £30,000 in a year which means we are looking to commence phase 1 of the playpark renovation as soon as an agreement and legal situation regarding the transfer of land is completed.

With “Training” being on the agenda, I feel we are moving to a seamless position where we will be able to meet many of the criteria for the new changes ahead.

Our recent Audit returns have been unqualified and a testament to the diligence and exemplary record keeping of our Clerk/RFO. With changes to the Audit cycle from April 2021, I believe this high standard has resulted in Angle being in the final (3rd year) round for an in-depth Audit review; by which time we will have had an opportunity to learn from early implementers.

In line with WG electoral reform, both County and Community Council elections have been moved to 2022, extending the term from 4 to 5 years. Although Angle has a full complement of Community Councillors, currently only one is an elected member. With changes to the way principal and community councils operate, from May 2022, 2/3rds of Community Councillors will need to be elected. Current community councillors will be able to stand for election as well as any other members of the community who fulfil the criteria to do so. The rationale is to give more credibility and autonomy through “General Power of Competence”. It is an opportunity for individuals in the community to become involved.

The general power will allow eligible community councils to act in their community’s best interests, generate efficiencies and secure value for money outcomes. We will also be able to raise money by charging for discretionary services and to trade.

The general power will allow eligible community councils to be more innovative, and move away from a position where we have to identify a specific power in order to undertake a particular activity, to one in which it is assumed we can do something unless there is a statutory restriction preventing it.

The conditions need to be met, in order to be able to resolve ourselves an 'eligible community council' are:

- at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected, whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election,
- the clerk to the council holds such qualification or description of qualification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations, - further clarification awaited eg. Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).
- the council satisfies the audit condition.

There are things that we will now have to think about in terms of training plans and issues around participation at meetings. We do already produce an annual report but may need to adapt this to emphasise our priorities, activities and achievements as this will become a duty.

The year ahead will bring more challenges, Energy companies bidding to bring services via the Angle Peninsula, Upgraded Broadband, Ongoing fund raising, as well as the apparent ever-increasing demands from higher government.

Ongoing projects for the coming year:

- Speeding through the village
- Bollards along the path towards the beach
- Passing places between Newton Farm and the realigned junction on B4320

Once again thank you for your contribution, let's rise to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Shan Williams

Chair, Angle Community Council – May 2021

RFO Financial Report 2019-2020

This year ACC kept its precept at the same level as 2018-2019 and has managed to live within this budget by careful management of its spending.

The 2 largest areas for spend this year were £1,200 for legal advice concerning the viability of a legal challenge to the introduction of charges for car parking at West Angle Bay and just under £1,800 payment in salary for the clerk for the whole financial year at 15 hours a month. It is widely recognised that the clerk's workload has increased significantly over the last year or so and therefore ACC has agreed to pay for 25 hours a month from April 2020; this is a more realistic amount of time required to fulfill the clerical and RFO duties. ACC has requested an increase in precept for 2020-2021 of £1,200 to cover these hours. They have not requested any increase for any other costs.

The IRP reissued their guidance on expense payments which had to be included in the budgeting for 2019-2020, adding £900 to the precept. None of the Councillors chose to take this payment this year, and these funds have covered the majority of the costs of the legal advice obtained.

The reserve account has not been used this year and still needs to be set aside in case we have to pay for an election – we have been advised that the cost of which is likely to be around £3,000.

This year's Audit will be asking about payments made. I am confident that ACC has discussed and agreed all payments made, decisions have been documented and receipts kept.

In November ACC started fundraising to restore the Play Park. This is being managed separately by Cllr Howells, who has set up a group of 8 or 9 residents drive this forward. They have organised several events to date, including a very successful Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree lighting event. Other events were planned but have had to be put on hold due to the outbreak of Covid 19. Cllr Howells has also applied for grants to a number of organisations and this will continue. A separate account was set up for the funds raised, and with a number of donations the total stands at £1,453.

There have been 3 requests for funding from the Sun Edison fund over the past year, including £3,000 to pay for memorial plaques to recognise the residents of Angle for their contribution to World War 2 (agreed), a £5,000 contribution towards renovating the play park (reserved for nearer the time) and a request for £1,400 from Penrhyn school to buy iPads for the children to use (turned down).

See attached accounts.

Anne Randall
Clerk/ RFO

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RFO Financial Report 2020 -2021

This year ACC increased its precept to £5,400 from £4,200 in recognition of the increasing workload for clerks/RFOs over the last few years, paying the clerk for 25 hours a month, up from 15. All other aspects of spending have remained roughly the same as in previous years. Although carrying over around £400 more than the previous year the pandemic has severely restricted activity and we have not been charged the £144 set aside to fill the grit box on Windmill Hill.

The 2 largest areas for spend this year were £1,500 from the Sun Edison fund as balance for the stone memorial erected outside the hall to villagers who contributed to the war effort in World War 2 and just under £3,000 for clerk's wages.

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The audit for 2019-2020 went very well; ACC received an unqualified report, which is good news. The external auditor drew attention to 2 very minor errors in the paperwork which can easily be corrected.

A new external audit process was due to be instigated from 2021 but this has been put back to 2022 due to delays caused to others councils submitting their accounts for 2019-2020. Under the new process in-depth audits will now only be conducted once every 3 years. Councils have been allocated a 3-year cycle and I'm pleased to report that ACC will not be subject to an in-depth audit until year 3 of the new process.

Local fundraising events to restore the Play Park have had to be put on-hold this year. However, grants, donations and awards of £22,000 over the year have increased the total fund to date to a balance of £23,143 by the end of March 2021. This is a fabulous effort given the circumstances. Thanks to Cllrs Howells and Williams who have been the main drivers for this.

Anne Randall
Clerk/RFO