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EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING - PLEASE ATTEND!

Fairbourne Village Hall, Friday 25 April 2014, 2pm, 4pm & 7pm

This is your big chance to meet with members of Gwynedd County Council and other representatives of organisations on the Project Board, to ask them your questions, to voice your concerns, and to let them know exactly what you think of the situation in which we have been placed.

There is nothing better than a visual show of strength and solidarity to impress upon all those who have been involved in the process just how strongly we object to their proposals, and also to the way in which the residents of Fairbourne have been treated.

A poor turn out at the meetings will give those responsible completely the wrong message.... that residents don't care and aren't really bothered. This cannot be allowed to happen. It really is **vitaly important** that you attend one (or more) of the meetings on 25th April in order to send them home with the right message. Remember, it's all about strength in numbers. This is our chance to impress and show unity....let's not blow it!

Working Groups Complete Initial Tasks

All our working groups have now completed their initial tasks. From the enormous amount of 'post it' notes on which you wrote your questions/feelings/concerns/knowledge after our initial public meetings, the attached 41 questions have been produced.

These questions have been shared with Huw Williams, the senior Gwynedd Council Officer chairing the Fairbourne Project Board, so that at the meetings on the 25th April the speakers can come prepared and (hopefully) with answers.

It is very important that you show all concerned the strength of feeling about your position and make your feelings known in the appropriate way at the village hall meeting on the 25th April.

Following this 'watershed' meeting the FFC Core Group will need to reflect on how to take our agenda forward in the light of answers given to the questions.

Trouble Reading the Newsletter? Need something BIGGER?



If you are having trouble reading this newsletter then we may be able to help you.

Please contact Angela Ware, the FFC Secretary, who can supply a free larger print version of this document upon request.

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If you would like to receive correspondence through the medium of Welsh then please contact Angela Ware.

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FFC Dialogue with Gwynedd Council

FFC members have attended a variety of meetings, for example, with Gwynedd Councillors and Joyce Watson (Assembly Member) to bring to the fore our feelings and concerns about the situation in which we find ourselves. FFC continues to lobby the Welsh Government to make a public statement clarifying our position.

FFC Group now to be Directly Involved with the Fairbourne Project Board

At the recent Fairbourne Project Board Meeting FFC were asked to be members of the Task and Finish Groups that will be created to address areas of concern. This was taken to the Core Group who agreed it would be wise to be part of this process.

FFC's participation would be in the same capacity as their attendance at Project Board Meetings, that is as observers with speaking rights.

Contact Us!

The FFC is your group. The group exists to help, support, and fight for the rights and fair treatment of the residents and homeowners of Fairbourne who have been placed in an intolerable situation by Gwynedd Council's SMP policy, and the way in which it has been portrayed. You can easily contact the group with any questions, concerns, letters to the newsletter, or ideas which you may have.

Communication boxes have been set up for your use, simply post your note or letter in the box and it will receive attention. The boxes are sited within the Village Hall foyer, and also at Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office (Cath's Corner Shop). If you are submitting anything for the newsletter then please write 'NEWSLETTER' somewhere on the front of the envelope.

If you need to contact the group urgently then please telephone the FFC Secretary, Angela Ware.

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Where are they Talking About?

Some of the names used in the Shoreline Management Plan N° 2 (SMP2) might be a little unfamiliar to some of us. For the purposes of the SMP2 here are some of the area names used, and what you might know them as.....

- * Ro wen Spit - from the 'new' embankment to the Point.
- * Fairbourne Embankment – The 'new' Embankment.
- * Ro wen coast - Fairbourne Beach to the 'new' Embankment.
- * Friog cliffs - Friog corner.

We hope this helps to avoid any confusion.

A Big 'Thank You' from the FFC Group

We owe a great debt of gratitude to several organisations who have helped the FFC by allowing us to use their premises in order to host various meetings. Fairbourne Village Hall, Fairbourne Bowls Club, and Fairbourne Steam Railway have all allowed us use of their buildings... completely free of charge! Thank you very much indeed.

FFC Group Accounts

The FFC believe in openness and transparency throughout its operations. As such, and starting from the next issue of this newsletter, the Financial Accounts of the group will be published on a quarterly basis. Every single penny of income and expenditure will be easily accessible and clearly laid out for all to see.

We will continue to publish the group's account on a quarterly basis in this newsletter, so you can easily see where funding has come from, and also where money has been spent.

**SPECIAL
EVENT
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FFC Group Funding News

Thank you all for the many varied responses FFC have had regarding the funding issue. There are a variety of ways you can donate....

- Cash (in a sealed envelope) posted in one of our communication boxes.
- Cheques, made payable to 'Fairbourne Facing Change' posted in one of our communication boxes. Please include your name and address if you require a receipt.

If you are uncomfortable with leaving a donation in one of our boxes please contact the Secretary who can make an alternative arrangement for you.

Some members of the community have expressed a wish to donate on a regular basis. This can be done by setting up a standing order with your bank. Obviously it is up to the individual to decide how much they are comfortable giving regularly, but even a few pounds per month will help tremendously. The details you will need in order to set up a standing order are:

Bank Name: HSBC

Branch: Dolgellau

Account Name: Fairbourne Facing Change

Account Number: 41488651

Account Sort Code: 40-19-19

If you have **telephone banking** or **on-line banking** available to you then you will be able to set up either a 'one off' or a regular payment from the comfort of your own home.

Finance is needed for the day to day running of FFC. We are also in the process of purchasing a domain name so that we will have a fully functional website in order to reach the wider world, gather support, and keep everyone informed electronically.

If at some point in the future we need to take legal action, then the group will need considerable funds as such advice and representation are extremely expensive. The way forward may be to challenge the environmental angle and engage expertise in that area, which again would need to be funded.

To date, **not one single penny** donated to FFC has been spent. This is thanks to the generosity of FFC members who have been paying for necessary items from their own pocket (again), and this has already run in to several hundreds of pounds. Obviously this situation cannot go on indefinitely. We're all in this together, the FFC is fighting for everybody in Fairbourne. It's only right, proper, and fair that costs should be shared.

The FFC Group would like to sincerely thank all those who have already given donations to the cause.

Keeping everyone informed

If you are receiving this newsletter as a tenant in a rented or leased Fairbourne property then please pass on this copy to the property owner. If you would prefer to keep a copy for your own use, please note that extra copies of this newsletter are available from Fairbourne News Agency/Post Office (Cath's Corner shop).

It is vital that we keep everyone fully informed of all news and future developments.

From **Lindisfarne**

Rod Clements & Ian Thomson **Fairbourne Village Hall, Sunday 15 June 2014**

Here's a really great opportunity to support the FFC, support Fairbourne, and enjoy an evening of top quality live music, all in one go.

Rod Clements of 'Lindisfarne' fame (who received an Ivor Novello Award for writing the band's very first hit 'Meet Me On The Corner') and Ian Thomson (fellow Lindisfarne band-mate) will be playing a special 'one off' concert at Fairbourne Village Hall on Sunday 15 June. The concert itself starts at 8pm and doors will be open from 7pm.

As Lindisfarne's founding member, Rod has toured the world several times over. He's played in venues from San Francisco to Sydney and from Tokyo to Turin.... and now he's coming to Fairbourne!

We really have been extremely lucky to acquire Rod and Ian's services for this gig, so please buy your tickets and support the event.....and support your village.

It would be absolutely wonderful to see a full house at the village hall on 15 June. A full house would also enable the FFC to add considerably to the funds which it needs in order to continue to fight on behalf of the residents of Fairbourne..... but we cannot do this without **your support**.

Community events are great things, bringing the village and its residents together. They're also a great opportunity to unwind, socialise, and have some fun too.

Tickets for this very special event are on sale now (£10) from Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office (Cath's corner shop) on a first come - first served basis.

We rarely (if ever) get the chance to see musicians of this calibre right here on our very own doorstep, in Fairbourne. This really is a fantastic opportunity to support Fairbourne and support ourselves, and also to enjoy some great live entertainment in to the bargain. It's a win – win situation!

Please support this event if you possibly can.

Tickets from Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office (Cath's Shop), Beach Road, Fairbourne.



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