

Fairbourne Facing Change **NEWS**

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Extremely Impressive Turn Out for Recent Village Hall Meetings

A big 'thank you' from all of us at FFC to all of you for attending the recent meetings in such impressive numbers, and showing those responsible for taking the SMP2 forward the depth and strength of feeling in our village. Following the public meetings the FFC are developing an Action Plan. This plan will enable us to focus on key areas of activity as we move forward in to the next stage of our campaign.

Some presentations from the public meetings are available on the Gwynedd Council website. To find them go to the Home page of the Gwynedd Council website (www.gwynedd.gov.uk) and click the 'English' option. Look to the menu on the left each time. First select 'Planning and Environment', next select 'YGC', then 'Flood and Coastal Risk Management'. Now scroll down the page and find the 'Attachments' section. Here you will find listed the 'Fairbourne Public Meeting Presentations'. Others are subject to translation to go on to the website.

Task & Finish Groups Organised

As you will have heard, the following Task and Finish groups have been set up.

- Communication.
- Property Values, Insurance and Planning.
- Emergency Response Plans.
- Social-Economic Consequences of Climate Change.
- Learn From Others.

FFC will be represented on all groups on the same speaking and listening basis as we attend the Fairbourne Project Board meetings.

Just to remind you... FFC was invited to join as full members but felt unable to compromise our position of being able to challenge fully the SMP2 agenda moving forward. As full members the FFC would have been compromised.

Remember our 41 Questions?

There was a commitment by Gwynedd Council that answers to our 41 questions would be delivered as a 2nd edition to their 'Frequently Asked Questions' document by the first week in June. We are now told that not all 41 questions can be answered in this time scale, as some are awaiting input from Natural Resources Wales, and others need to be referred to the Project Board.

Annual 'Race The Train' Event

Fairbourne's 'Race The Train' event takes place this year on Thursday 5th June. The race starts at 6.30pm, with entrants able to register from 5.30pm. The evening has something for all ages. Attractions include a bouncy castle, pony rides, stalls, live music, and a BBQ. This year's event is in aid of Ysgol Y Friog, Fairbourne Railway, and Fairbourne Village Hall.

Thursday 5th June – Fairbourne shops.

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, then please note that extra copies of this newsletter are available from Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office.

Rod Clements Concert

A further reminder that Lindisfarne's founding member, Rod Clements, will be playing a live concert at **Fairbourne Village Hall on Sunday 15th June at 8pm.**

Rod, who spent a total of 33 years with the group will be accompanied by former band-mate, Ian Thomson, on bass.

Tickets are available from Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office, priced at £10.

FFC Seeks to Involve Arthog Community Council and Councillor Louise Hughes in supporting our community as we move forward

Here is a transcript of our recent letter to Councillors Dorothy Hughes, Louise Hughes, and Julian Kirkham....

Dear Councillors Dorothy Hughes, Louise Hughes and Julian Kirkham.

Fairbourne Facing Change would wish to meet with you in your respective capacities as elected representatives of our Community to see how we can best work together in the interests of the Community we all serve.

FFC would be represented by the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of our Organisation.

I hope you feel able to respond positively to this proposal as a matter of urgency so that we can best prepare for the ongoing work of the Fairbourne Project Board and its Task and Finish Groups.

Please contact me on 01341 251270 or jan421cole@btinternet.com to advise me of your availability to attend this meeting. I am sure you recognise that it would be best to hold this meeting before the first round of Task and Finish Group meetings starts on Thursday 22nd May.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Pete Cole
Chair FFC.

Don't Be Shy, Have Your Say...

We have already had some feedback from residents and FFC are always keen to hear more from you about how you feel issues are developing, your thoughts on the situation, or any ideas or suggestions which you may have.

Please remember that the FFC is **your** Community Action Group, and we are very easy to get in touch with. Just drop a note in one of the communication boxes, they are situated in both the Village Hall and in Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office.

Lead Scientist to Give Talk in Fairbourne

Friog and Fairbourne Garden Club will be presenting a talk by Sir John Houghton on Friday 6th June at Fairbourne Village Hall.

"Climate Change: How Dangerous Will it Be?" promises to be a very interesting and informative talk by Sir John, who is the Lead Scientist to the government on this subject.

The talk will be an all ticket event but tickets are free of charge. Limited to a hundred, tickets are available on a first come – first served allocation basis from....

- Geoff Tippin: Phone: 01341 251039
- Peter Cole: Phone 01341 251270
- Sylvia Stephenson: Phone 01341 250210
- Angela Ware: Phone 01341 251299

Donations on the door to Sir John's charity of choice.

Friday 6th June. 7pm at Fairbourne Village Hall.

FFC Funding & Financial News

Thank you to all those who have already set up standing orders, or indeed donated in other ways. Standing orders are an easy way to donate to the cause on a regular basis. Our banking details are set out below. You will need these details in order to set up a standing order with your bank.

Bank Name: HSBC
Branch: Dolgellau
Acc Name: Fairbourne Facing Change
Acc Number: 41488651
Acc Sort Code: 40-19-19

All amounts, both large and small are very gratefully accepted. 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.

A very special thank you from the FFC to the Fairbourne Steam Railway. Their recent £1,000 donation (yes, £1,000!) has given a massive boost to our finances.

As promised in the last issue of this newsletter, the FFC group's financial status is published here. It's our aim to publish these figures quarterly.

INCOME:

Donations, fund raising: £2,530.97

EXPENDITURE:

Web domain registration: £ 179.28

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

As of 13 May 2014: **£2,351.69**