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A Differing View From A Former Government Climate Advisor

Sir John Houghton, an expert in climate change, gave an informative and thought provoking talk about climate change at his visit to Fairbourne Village Hall on Friday 6th June. Sir John explained how we learn about climate change through observations and computer modelling. The main impacts will be more intense heat waves, sea level rise and a more intense hydrological cycle leading to more floods and droughts. However, for FFC members the most startling information given, concerned the way in which the time scales and levels of sea rise were presented.

ESTIMATES FROM IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

- 2014 – 2050: About 20 cm.
- 2014 – 2100: Between 40cm and 60 cm.

The Infamous 41 Questions....

By now every Fairbourne household should have received a copy of answers to all of our 41 questions which were put to Gwynedd Council. These answers will soon also be available on our website (www.fairbournefacingchange.com). Due to the number of acronyms and technical vocabulary used in the answers, the FFC asked for a glossary to be provided to aid understanding. Copies of this are available from the FFC Secretary, Angela Ware, and this too will soon be available to view on the FFC website.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: FFC PUBLIC MEETINGS – FRIDAY 18TH JULY

It's already clear the answers given in the '41 Questions' lead to many more questions. We need to collate these on your behalf, so please bring them (and any other issues or views) to the FFC's forthcoming public meetings which will be held on **Friday 18th July**. We have a number of questions to ask you... the members of our community. We also have some suggestions which we need to share with you, which are coming out of the Task and Finish Group meetings. These will be very important meetings, the aim being to agree and map our way forward, and also to identify our priorities.

- 4pm to 5.30pm, Fairbourne Village Hall: Residents/businesses south of Beach Road
- 6pm to 7.30pm, Fairbourne Village Hall: Residents/businesses north of Beach Road
- 8pm to 9.30pm, Fairbourne Village Hall: For those unable to attend earlier

Full Steam Ahead

Many congratulations to everyone involved with this year's Fairbourne 'Race The Train' event. A lot of hard work was put in to staging the event, and this year was the biggest and most successful ever. It's a reminder to us all of what a positive and vibrant community we are fortunate enough to live in.

Proceeds from the event will be shared between Fairbourne Steam Railway, Fairbourne Village Hall, and Ysgol Y Friog.

Gwynedd County Council: Public Meeting Presentations

Many of you have been asking about the presentations from the public meetings. FFC will soon have all of them on our website at... www.fairbournefacingchange.com

Gwynedd County Council: Project Board Meeting

The Project Board will be organising a meeting to take place in Fairbourne Village Hall (after their next Board meeting) where you will be able to ask your own questions, in person. No date has been fixed as yet.

Business As Usual.....

In addition to the usual ongoing communications and planning work, the FFC has attended some important and very worthwhile meetings. The main points of recent FFC activity are outlined below.

- FFC members met recently with Rebecca Evans (Assembly Member) and Mary Griffiths Clarke (prospective UK parliamentary candidate for Labour). Rebecca Evans agreed to write to the Minister, Alun Davies, pressing him for a meeting with FFC to discuss the issues at hand.
- Officers of FFC have attended all the initial meetings of the Task and Finish groups. The Communications Task and Finish group are looking at ways to ensure that all papers relating to the Project Board and the Task and Finish groups are accessible to all members of our community.
- Officers of FFC have also met with Julian Kirkham (Vice Chair of Arthog County Council) and Cllr. Louise Hughes in an effort to put the past behind us and move forward in the spirit of co-operation for the good of our community. We are hoping to continue to facilitate collaboration moving forward.



The recent FFC meeting with Rebecca Evans and Mary Griffiths

Cookieeeeessss

The next fundraising event will be **Fairbourne Facing Cake!** A fun and delicious way to support the FFC.

Why not exercise those baking skills and donate a cake? Tantalise those taste buds - come and enjoy tea and cakes....and cookies! There will also be fun and games for all the family.

There will also be a hot popcorn stall and a 'decorate your own cake-pop' stall too.

Youngsters please note that the **Fairbourne Cookie Monster** will be running his very own hot cookie stall.

The fun and frolics will take place at Fairbourne Village Hall on Saturday 19th July, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Editor's note: Any left over rock cakes will be taken down to Friog corner and used to reinforce the sea defences!

FFC Promotional Items

Have you spotted our colourful 'I Love Fairbourne' wristbands or car window stickers yet? They are available for only £1.50 each at all our events, and from Officers of FFC. This is a great way to show your support and help raise funds at the same time!

Any Ideas ?

We would love to hear from residents on any subject matter at all, but we are especially keen to hear from you if you have any fundraising ideas which you would like to suggest/organise. Please contact the FFC Secretary, Angela Ware. Telephone: 01341 251299.

FFC PUBLIC MEETINGS – FRIDAY 18 JULY
FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 4pm, 6pm & 8pm

Songs, Stories, and Slide Guitar

Rod Clements and Ian Thomson from 'Lindisfarne' came to play at Fairbourne Village Hall on Sunday 15th June. The night was a resounding success and hugely enjoyed by a full house. Rod and Ian played a varied mix of songs, some from the early Lindisfarne days, right up to more recent songs from Rod's solo albums. Rod's hit single 'Meet Me On The Corner' as usual, being one of the night's favourites.

Bob Turnpenney, who promoted the concert, was delighted with the support from the community. He said "We've had a beautiful summer's evening, the audience enjoyed a fantastic gig right here on our very own doorstep, and in addition to that we even managed to put a considerable pile of cash in to the FFC fighting fund. What more could you want?"

Bob went on to say "I know that Rod and Ian really enjoyed their time here tonight, they gave us a fantastic show and I was delighted that they received a standing ovation - they thoroughly deserved it. But remember, I still have plenty of names and numbers in my little book, and so long as the residents support these events then I'll continue to work at bringing further quality performers to our part of the world, so please watch this space."

In addition to giving residents a wonderful night out, this event raised a whopping £310.55 for FFC funds.

If you would like to be among the first to hear of further gigs then why not add your details to the mailing list? Please email your name, email or postal address, and phone/mobile number to.....

bob.turnpenney@sky.com

Alternatively, post your details in to one of the FFC Communication Boxes in an envelope marked 'GIG MAILING LIST'. Your details will be held securely and will never be passed on to any third party.