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Action Plan & Key Focus Areas Agreed at Public Meetings on 18th July

A considerable amount of work was done by the Core Group prior to these meetings to put together the drafts of the Action Plan and Key Focus Areas which were taken forward to the public meetings. Following presentations on them they were agreed with no votes cast against. Attached you will find a copy of the Action Plan and Key Focus Areas.

The Core Group are utilising skills and expertise of longstanding Fairbourne residents. This includes Mike Rees who will link with Gwynedd Council and Natural Resources Wales on our priority focus area, Friog Corner. This is FFC's first priority because of the immediacy of the risk. Another priority for us all concerns the water table and drainage issues for the village. This is also being led on our behalf by Hugh Harrison who is already working closely with Gwynedd Council and Natural Resources Wales.

Work has started on identifying partners to explore opportunities to challenge the environmental premises underpinning the SMP2, which is another agreed Focus Area. This is where the Core Group see significant costs to FFC arising (see 'FFC Funding' at the foot of page 2).

In addition to the above, costs will arise if there is a need to seek legal advice on any of the issues arising from our Key Focus Areas.

The larger our budget the more we will be able to support in order to achieve the best possible outcome for our Community, which is our first Strategic Objective. This is why it is vitally important to keep raising funds.

FFC Surgeries

Following communications from residents the Core Group felt that an opportunity for individuals to discuss issues and concerns, or to raise questions with members of the Core Group is worth exploring. Two 'surgeries' to trial this approach have been set up on the following dates:

- Saturday 6th September: 2pm until 5pm at Fairbourne Bowls Clubhouse.
- Saturday 15th November: 10am until 1pm at Fairbourne Bowls Clubhouse.

We look forward to welcoming any local residents or property owners who would like to take advantage of this new initiative.

A Good News Story

We are very pleased to let you know that a Fairbourne homeowner who had been having difficulty securing buildings insurance (including flood cover), has now been successful, with our support.

FFC helped to get a property specific letter from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) confirming a **low flood risk**.

Working with NRW we have secured a direct contact for anyone experiencing similar difficulties, so that you too can get a letter if needed. Please contact Lois A Davies:

- Telephone: 01244 894612
- Email: lois.a.davies@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

More Live Music For Fairbourne

Another live music gig has been announced for Fairbourne.

See page 3 for details.

Change At The Top

As you may be aware, Alun Davies AM is no longer the Minister responsible for the Environment. The Minister now responsible for the Shoreline Plans is John Griffiths AM. We are currently engaged in securing a meeting with the new minister.

The 41 Questions – Following On

Thanks to all of you for your responses so far. There is still time to feed issues in for the next set of questions we will be producing. Pop them in one of our boxes which are located in the corner shop/post office or Village Hall, or email Angela Ware, the FFC Secretary. Please note that this will be an ongoing process as issues develop.

Fairbourne Facing Cake Success

A really big thank you to everyone involved in the recent Fairbourne Facing Cake event. The day was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended. Check out the photos on the FFC website to get a flavour of the afternoon.

In total we raised £620.70 which takes our current funds total to £4,802.06. Unfortunately no rock cakes were left over to add to the sea defences!

FFC Merchandise

FFC have expanded the range of merchandise available for sale to include homemade cards (thanks to a donation from Pauline), and fridge magnets and key rings (thanks to donations from Brian).

These items along with our colourful wristbands and window stickers are available at events or from the FFC Secretary, Angela Ware.

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who has forwarded their fundraising ideas. Please keep them coming in.

If you are keen to organise a fundraising event, with help from likeminded members of the community, then please contact Angela, the FFC Secretary, who will assist you.

I Love Fairbourne!

Have you got a photo of a special place or event in our area which you would like to share? Do you want to share your positive feelings and thoughts about Fairbourne?

A member of our community has started an 'I Love Fairbourne' page on Facebook. This is not being run by FFC but it does have a link to our website, and our website has a link to the 'I Love Fairbourne' Facebook page. Why not take a look and post something of your own?

Monthly Meetings of the Task and Finish Groups

FFC are attending all five of the Task and Finish Groups to ensure that the Community's interested are properly represented. The Task and Finish Groups are:

- Emergency Response Planning.
- Communications.
- Learn From Others.
- Social Economic consequences of Climate Change.
- Property Values, Insurance and Planning Policy.

These Task and Finish Groups report quarterly at the Fairbourne Project Board meetings which are chaired by Gwynedd Council. The Board and all the Task and Finish Groups have representation from the statutory bodies responsible for making decisions about the future of Fairbourne, our community.

The Fairbourne Project Board will be holding their next 'Public Information Event' at Fairbourne Village Hall on Friday 29th August from 2pm to 8-30pm. The event will operate on a drop-in basis, giving you the opportunity to come along at a time convenient to you and speak to members of the Fairbourne Project Team. You can ask questions and raise concerns relating to flooding and the future of our village. Anyone interested is encouraged to come along to meet the team, and find out about the work going on as part of this project.

FFC Funding

Please remember that you can help Fairbourne's cause directly by contributing to the FFC 'fighting fund'. The issues facing our village aren't going to go away on their own, and those issues **affect us all**. Please help if you possibly can. Regular Standing Orders or 'one off' payments (large or small) can be made via online or telephone banking, or in person at your bank. The FFC bank details are on page 1. Cheques or cash can also be deposited in our collection box which is situated at Fairbourne Corner Shop/Post Office. Thank you.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: NEW FUND RAISING CONCERT ANNOUNCED

Lindisfarne's Dave Hull-Denholm & Ian Thomson Perform 'The Alan Hull Songbook' 8pm, Sunday 12 October 2014 at Fairbourne Village Hall.

Following the highly successful Rod Clements gig back in June, I'm delighted to announce a new gig for the Village Hall which is to take place on Sunday evening, 12 October.

Dave Hull-Denholm and Ian Thomson from Lindisfarne will be performing the songs of their friend and former Lindisfarne band-mate, the late great Alan Hull. This will be a great night of classic Alan Hull penned Lindisfarne songs, from 'Fog on the Tyne' to 'Lady Eleanor', and from 'Run For Home' to 'Clear White Light'. Dave and Ian will also be playing one or two songs which they have recently unearthed from the archives, which have never been recorded, or even played in public before.

'The Alan Hull Songbook' promises to be another great night out here in Fairbourne. Please support this event if you can, we had a wonderful night at our last gig. For most people it's a night out right on their doorstep, without the need for trains, buses, or worrying about getting home after a 'shandy' or two.

As we are using the Village Hall again we cannot sell alcoholic drinks on the premises, so there will be a 'soft drinks' only bar available. However, you are most welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks to consume on the night – most people do!

Tickets are available now priced at £10 each, and can be purchased ...

In person: from Fairbourne Newsagents/Post Office (Cath's Corner Shop).

By post: send a cheque for the total amount (made payable to 'R. TURNPENNEY') to...

- Bob Turnpenney, Morfa Bychan, Glan Y Mor, Fairbourne, LL38 2LQ.

Please don't forget to include your payment, name and address, and number of tickets required. No return envelope is required.



FAIRBOURNE VILLAGE HALL
8pm Sun 12 October 2014
from Lindisfarne
**Dave Hull-Denholm
& Ian Thomson**
perform...
**THE ALAN HULL
SONGBOOK**
Fog On The Tyne
Lady Eleanor
Run For Home
Clear White Light
...and many more
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