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A Welsh language version of this newsletter can be made available on request.

O wneud cais gallwch dderbyn fersiwn Gymraeg o'r cylchlythyr hwn.

### FFC Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015

The FFC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Fairbourne Village Hall on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This meeting, which is open to all residents, will cover three main points:

- A review of progress made over the last year.
- The route forward.
- Election of FFC representatives.

This really is a very important meeting for the people of Fairbourne and the extended community. It's your chance to keep informed of the groups' achievements to date, learn and be involved with our strategy for the future, and also to vote on the election of FFC representatives. It is also an ideal opportunity for the community as a whole to demonstrate its continued support. The AGM will be split over two sessions in order to maximise public attendance. Members of the community wishing to join the FFC Core Group will be more than welcome. Please come along to keep in touch and show your support – we have more strength in numbers!

- Session One: 2pm to 3.30pm – for residents South of Beach Road.
- Session Two: 4pm to 5.30pm – for residents North of Beach Road.

Residents unable to attend the designated session are welcome to attend the other.

### Successful Meeting with the Minister for Natural Resources

FFC representatives recently met with Assembly Member and Minister for Natural Resources in Wales, Carl Sargeant, at the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff. This meeting was facilitated with the help of our local Assembly Member, Joyce Watson, who also attended.

The issues discussed included the future of the Cambrian Coast Railway, and also the proposed 'Buy & Lease Back' scheme. A continued and on-going engagement and dialogue between the Environment Minister and FFC was agreed and established. Forging such links and channels of communication are a vital tool in our fight.

At the meeting the Minister confirmed financial support for the Fairbourne Project, and the day after our meeting the Welsh Government advertised for a researcher to work with The Fairbourne Project. This means that Welsh Government funds are now in place to facilitate the research and investigation needed before making a decision on the 'Buy & Lease Back' scheme.

Assembly Member, Joyce Watson, commented "It's always worthwhile, I think, to get people together in a room, to discuss issues face-to-face, so I was pleased to facilitate the meeting". "As Fairbourne residents look ahead and plan for the future, it is crucial that they have open and honest communication with the agencies taking forward the Shoreline Management Plan."



FFC representatives at their recent meeting at The Welsh Assembly

## **Fairbourne Moving Forward: Annual Report 2014 - 2015**

The 'Fairbourne Moving Forward' Annual Report is now available free from the following locations:

- Fairbourne Village Store/Post Office.
- Citizens Advice Bureaux.
- Library Bus.
- Dolgellau Library.

You can also view/download a copy at:

- [www.fairbourne.info](http://www.fairbourne.info)
- [www.cyngorarthogcouncil.com](http://www.cyngorarthogcouncil.com)
- [www.fairbournefacingchange.com](http://www.fairbournefacingchange.com)
- Fairbourne Village Hall Facebook page

The report provides information relating to the project's aims, its members, achievements and future plans.

If you have any queries relating to the report, or would like further information on the Fairbourne Moving Forward project, please contact Lisa Marshall either by telephone (01286 679591), or by email ([lisamarshall@gwynedd.gov.uk](mailto:lisamarshall@gwynedd.gov.uk)). Alternatively, you can visit the [www.fairbourne.info](http://www.fairbourne.info) website.

## **Groundwater Monitoring**

Groundwater monitoring devices have been installed at various strategic points around the village. Readings from these devices over the next few years will allow for much more focussed predictions about the reality of our situation.

## **Friog Corner: NRW Update**

There has been minimal rock movement in this location, though as a precaution Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have topped up the defences with a further 70 tonnes of rock armour.

The concrete wall has been repaired for continuity and there has been no further deterioration to the sea wall. However, parallel to this, consultants have been engaged to look at Friog Corner under a project which will soon be reporting. Given that the 900 tonnes of rock armour were placed at Friog Corner on an emergency basis - and that this rock armour has functioned as intended, it is hoped the study will indicate any further action required to the existing armouring and any improvements available in order to take us into the future.

## **Richard Digance Concert SOLD OUT!**

Many thanks to FFC for allowing me space to write a few words in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the Richard Digance concert at Fairbourne Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The demand for tickets has been phenomenal and this concert is now completely sold out.

While I organise these occasional concerts independently from FFC, we do share a common purpose - to benefit the people of Fairbourne, and to promote Fairbourne itself as a vibrant and successful village with a socially active community. Hopefully, the concerts will also serve to help raise the profile of Fairbourne in a positive manner.

Of course, it also means we get to have great entertainment right here on our doorstep... in our village! Not everyone has the time, or the physical or financial means to get to the likes of Wrexham, Bangor, Aberystwyth or even further afield for such events.

Bob Turnpenney.

## **'Fairbourne Moving Forward' Public Meeting**

There will be a public meeting hosted by the Gwynedd County Council led 'Fairbourne Moving Forward' Project Group on Friday 10th July at Fairbourne Village Hall. The meeting runs from 2pm until 6pm on a 'drop-in' basis, and will include:

- Fairbourne Flood Warden Scheme updates.
- Friog Corner defence work updates.
- Updates on three Projects which are currently out for tender;
  1. Buy and Lease back feasibility
  2. Community resilience.
  3. Community experience database.

*Don't forget!*

**FAIRBOURNE FACING CHANGE**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Fairbourne Village Hall**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm & 4pm.**