

**Subject:** Fairbourne Communication Task Group

Meeting

**Present:** Peter Cole (FFC)

Louise Hughes (GC) Lisa Marshall (YGC)

Author: Lisa Marshall

Apologies: Huw Williams (GC)

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Location:** Gwynedd Council Offices, Dolgellau **Copy:** Fairbourne Project Board

Item No	Action	By who	Date
1	Apologies were received from Huw Williams.		
2	Outstanding actions from previous minutes are:		
2a	Revision of letter to Estate Agents (see minutes dated 25.05.14, 11.06.14 and 25.07.14 respectively). We are still to resolve the 60 years residual value for mortgages issue. LM advised that RICS had been contacted through the Property Values, Insurance & Planning Task/Finish Group and that they may be able to help. If this is not the case, then we may need to engage with some of the larger lenders in relation to discussing with them why they have concerns about lending on properties in Fairbourne. This is a matter to be discussed within the aforementioned Task/Finish Group as opposed to the Communications Group.		
2b	Updating of the Communication Stakeholder Database and Communication Action Plan. As yet, LM has not received any additions to the above two plans which were distributed at the meeting on 11.06.14.		
3	Independent Website: <a href="www.fairbourne.info">www.fairbourne.info</a> is now up and running. Anyone wishing to have documents published on this website should get in contact via the 'contact' form on the website. All documents presented for publication will need to have approval by the Communications team, prior to entry onto the website.  Copies of the presentations made at the public meetings will also be put onto the website in the near future.		
	LM stated that a 'Monitoring' tab would be added to the		

	website which will contain relevant data and also stating that Mike Rees from Fairbourne will be the nominated liaison with NRW (and information relating to Ffriog Corner etc) and Hugh Harrison from Fairbourne, will be the nominated liaison with Huw Davies from GC (for ground water monitoring).		
4	<b>FFC Newsletter Grant:</b> Has not been successful, however, FFC's core group have now accepted GC's offer to print the newsletter, going forward.		
5	Future press coverage for Fairbourne: PC advised that he is liaising with BBC regarding the production of a new Week-in, Week-out programme. LM has been approached by the BBC to contribute, however after speaking with the reporter, it has become clear that WIWO still seemed intent on pursuing the '10 years left' angle, which we have all worked hard to rectify the repercussions of, over the last 6 months. LM expressed her concern to PC that this programme could potentially un-earth this erroneous information and alarm the community once again, but GC would nonetheless engage with the BBC in order to set the record straight.  PC is due to meet with the BBC to provide background information on 11/09/14.  A meeting is also being arranged for GC and FFC to brief Paul Scott, reporter for the Cambrian News, in order to provide an insight into the work that is going on and to contribute to future positive press for Fairbourne.		
6	Feedback from the Information Event: Positive feedback received on the day and afterwards from attendees and organisers alike. Our chart at the front of the hall showed that 83% of people left feeling 'more informed' than they were upon arrival.  We have since conducted post-event surveying across the community and initial figures show that the majority of people who didn't attend were either at work or not able to attend due to not being in Fairbourne for some other reason, on that day. We will be able to release final figures towards the end of September.		
7	Ideas for future events: Specific surgeries were suggested, eg, a		
8	<b>Engaging with remote residents:</b> LM stated that the project needs to do more to engage with residents who	LM	Asap

	are unable to leave their home to attend such events. LM stated she would speak with Mantell Gwynedd to identify whether any help would be available to support this task but also, approach Arthog Community Council to ascertain whether they could fund such a project.		
9	Future formats for Task/Finish Groups: LM stated that as some of the other Task/Finish groups were coming to a close, it would be worthwhile discussing at the next Project Board, how to proceed with issues that arise in the future. One suggestion was that a single Task/Finish Group be initiated to deal with the remaining few tasks across all groups and this group could meet on a monthly basis (or less often if necessary). It was also suggested that Communications continue to be discussed on a regular basis. Topic to be discussed at the next Project Board meeting.	LM	25.09.14
10	As a reminder: Publication of dates for future Communications Group meetings and frequency: Meeting requests for all Task/Finish Groups have now been sent out to all those involved within each group.  Dates for Communications Group meetings booked for the remainder of this calendar year are:  14 <sup>th</sup> October 2014, 10am 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2014, 10am 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2014, 10am All meetings will be held in Dolgellau office, unless subsequently agreed.		
11	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2014, at Dolgellau offices.		