

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd of May 2011 AT 7-00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

PRESENT:

Councillor H McGuill

Councillor D Butler

Councillor M Iles

Councillor R Marsh

Councillor M Jones (Chair).

Councillor D White

Councillor D Thornhill

Councillor T Wood

Councillor A Henry

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.001/11 OPENING PRAYER

The Clerk read out the Opening Prayer, and requested that all recording equipment (video or vocal) to be turned off

2.002/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor P M Jones, Councillor N Wright, Councillor S Hayward –Baker,

Councillor D Jenkins, Councillor C L W Bull

Absent: Councillor K Evans-Lee

3.003/11 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2011/12

No nominations were received for the post of Chair. After discussion it was decided that an EGM should be called for the 17th of May at 7pm with the election only on the Agenda. The Current Chair being the elected chair for 2010/11 chaired the meeting. The Council requested the Clerk to seek further advice from the monitoring officer and the SLCC.

Resolved: Cllr MJones Chaired the meeting and the Clerk to arrange an EGM for 17th May and to seek further advice from the monitoring officer.

4.004/11 To Receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office.

None

5.005/11 Election of Vice-Chair for 2011/12

Cllr McGuill offered to take up the Vice Chair but was unable to take up the chair due to her commitments with Flintshire County Council. A proposal was accepted that **Cllr McGuill** be elected as vice chair

Resolved: The Council nomination for Cllr McGuill as Vice Chair was carried

6.006/11 The appointment of Representatives to outside bodies, Groups and Committees

The Clerk presented the Council with a matrix of members on committees based on applications received. After discussions the following matrix was agreed:

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Committee/Group Matrix AGM 2011

	South	East	West	N Brighton	No.
Procedure	McG	SHB	DW	KEL	4
Human Resources	DB	MI	TW	PMJ	4
Monitoring	McG	DJ	DTh	PMJ	4
Grants	McG	SHB DJ	MJ TW	RM	6
Amenities	DB	NW CB	DTh AH	RM	6
Planning	DB	CB	AH	KEL	4

Representatives

Argoed Sports	McG	DJ			
Mynydd Isa Junior School		MI			
NWATLCC			DW MJ		
Mynydd Isa Youth Club			MI	KEL	
New Brighton Comm Centre				RM PMJ	
				KEL	
Flintshire County Forum	Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk				
North Wales Police		DJ			
Planning Forum	To be attended by a planning committee member				

7.007/11 Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Controls and Risk Assessments

All the above items had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Standing Orders: It was requested that minute 11/059/10 in September 2010 to be included which stated:

That future meetings should not end later than 9:30pm however should there be a minimal amount left for discussion it should continue to the end.

Carried

Financial Regulations: No amendments

Carried

Financial Controls: No amendments

Carried

Risk assessment: The Clerk suggested that the fidelity insurance be reduced to £50,000 which is equivalent to 10 months of Precept. **Cllr McGuill** stated that the assessment is a living document and suggested that the Monitoring Group reviews.

Resolved: The clerk to reduce fidelity cover to £50000 and arrange a meeting for the monitoring group to meet on the 17th May at 5.30pm

8.008/11 POLICE MATTERS

PC Ryan submitted his report and apologised for non attendance which was due to his working schedule. He reported that arrests were made in connection with the transportation of drugs through the village. He also assured the council that he was monitoring and pursuing, nuisance motorists around the Argoed Sports and Social Club and regularly stopping speeding drivers travelling through the village.

Resolved: The report was accepted by Council

Cllr McGuill stated that she had spoken to the police regarding the sale of cars at Bod Offa/ Pren Avenue and was assured it would be checked.

Councillors expressed concerns regarding the nuisance parking at the Bonc, however the police are aware of the situation and are monitoring. **Cllr Iles** Suggested as Denbighshire had managed to introduce a bye-law relating to selling cars , is there any reason why it could not be achieved in Flintshire? **Cllr M Jones** supported this by stating that she regards it now as a highway hazard.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the police and Flintshire County Council and ask their view on these matter. **Carried**

9.009/11 STANDING ORDERS

None

10.010/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th of April 2011

Cllrs Marsh and Henry proposed and seconded the minutes for approval.

Resolved: The Council to accept the minutes of 5th April 2011 as a true record. **Carried**

11.011/11 MATTERS ARISING.

Website development the Chair confirmed that the contracts had been agreed and are waiting for signatures.

New Brighton Bench The matter is still on going.

Probation service contract: The Chair reported that she and the Clerk met the probation service and agreed that an average of three operatives would work in the area. She expressed concern on the phraseology in the contract regarding the winter gritting and suggested that it should be:

“Winter duties will include snow clearing and gritting as directed by the Community Council.”

The probation service would begin working in the week commencing the 9th of May,

Resolved: The Council agreed to the change to the contract. Carried.

Additional equipment on the Bonc: A copy of additional equipment to be placed on the Bonc was presented to council (described as a witches hat) to review. MIFFY has applied for planning permission.

Resolved: The Council reviewed the presentation and agreed for the equipment to be placed on the Bonc.

Litter bins : Cllr McGuill informed the Council that she had requested the county council to place a new litter bin outside 75 Mold Road Mynydd Isa by the bus stop.

12.012/11 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

NONE

13.013/11 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk advised the Council he is in the process of getting quotes for the audit. The Chair advised that no changes would be made without consent of council after recommendation from the Monitoring Group.

14.014/11 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

The Chair reported that she and **Cllr Thornhill** attended a concert at Bryn Coch school by Buzz ah a charity the council had supported recently. She stated that it was a wonderful concert and was enjoyed by all.

15.015/11 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT

None

16.016/11 NOTICES Of MOTION

The Community Council, in conjunction with Argoed sports association to nominate Argoed sports association fields for consideration as part of Fields in Trust Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge initiative. The nomination to be considered by Flintshire County Council Councillor McGuill

Cllr McGuill read out a letter by leisure services regarding the Queen Elizabeth II Fields In Trust(F.I.T.) challenge where it stated that the county council were seeking recommendations to put forward for the challenge. The F.I.T. will protect a piece of land and the land would only be used for sports or recreation. Argoed Sports Association were fearful that the land currently used for sports fields might loose out in the future to building projects, F.I.T. would protect and secure the land for the community.

It is recommended that local bodies such as Argoed Community Council support the nomination to the county council to ensure attention is attracted.

Resolved: Cllr Iles proposed that the council to write to the county supporting the nomination.

17.017/11/10 PLANNING DECISIONS

See APPENDIX A

18.018/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Items for discussion:

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Log of Post Received April 2011

Reference	DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	action
110401	11/04/2011	AON	Insurance £5315.96	Clerk to review
110405	03/04/2011	FCC	Ground Maintenance 2011 £29.29 Per Fortnight	Received
110406	06/04/2011	FCC	Safe Routes in Communities Programme	approved by September
110407	15/04/2011	Cadwyn Clwyd	Funding Flintshire Rural Key Fund grant available	Clerk to discuss with FCC
110409	18/04/2011	FCC	Additional Funding Wats Dyke Park	Proposed Cllr Henry & carried
110412	19/04/2011	Miffy	Refuse Collections	Received
e-mail				
110420	13/04/2011	ken Houghton FCC A	Dogbins with tel No.	clerk to review
110423	15/04/2011	Farrow	S106	Received and read out by Chair

19.019/11 Approval of Accounts for payment

ARGOED Community Council Payments Listing for April 2011

Inv Date	Inv No	Description	Curr Amt
01/04/2011	280203	Canda Copier	173.16
16/04/2011	31683570	BT Telephone & Net	47.79
			220.95

Payments Approved by Council and signed by Chair

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

APPENDIX A

Argoed Community Council

Planning Applications

May 2011

Application Reference	Location	Development	Council's Decision	Comments	FCC Decision	Date
047773	Wylfa House Mold Rd	Demolition of Existing Dwelling	Objcted	Objections from ward	Decision	
aug	Mynydd Isa	and proposed residential Development		members and residents	Waiting	
45048	.Argoed s/stn	Erection of 23 dwellings	Overdevelopment	Overdevelopment	Planning Committee	
06/10/2010			and dangerous	Lack of Amenities	08-Dec	
45523	148-162 Mold Road	Erection of 8 dwellings	Objection as before	Objection as before	Planning Committee	
07/10/2010					08-Dec	
48042	Sunnyside & 66a Mold Rd	Erection of 60 houses	see minutes Dec 2010	see minutes Dec 2010	Decision	
26/11/2010					Waiting	
48366	5 The Square	Retention of ATM	No Objection	No Objection	approved	06/04/2011
14/03/2011					Delegated Officer	
48368	5 The Square	Retention of ATM	No Objection	No Objection	approved	06/04/2011
14/03/2011					Delegated Officer	
48374	10 Carton Rd	Erection of first floor extension	No Objection	No Objection	approved	08/04/2011
14/03/2011					Delegated Officer	
48273	Bryn y Pys Farm	Demolition of Existing building and e	No Objection	No Objection		
31/03/2011		Erection of agricultural building				
48406	15 Llys Dedwydd	Erection of single Storey sun room	No Objection	No Objection		
21/03/2011						
48535	6 Bron yr Eglwys	Erection of first floor extension	No Objection	No Objection		
19/04/2011						

