

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th of OCTOBER 2011 AT 7-00 P.M. AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

PRESENT:

Councillor D White
Councillor D Thornhill
Councillor R Marsh
Councillor K Evans-Lee

Councillor P M Jones
Councillor C L W Bull
Councillor A Henry
Councillor D Jenkins

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.064/11 OPENING PRAYER

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

2.065/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor N Wright, Councillor, S Hayward –Baker, Councillor T Wood.(Chair)
Councillor M Jones Councillor H McGuill Councillor M Iles

Absent: Councillor D Butler

3.066/11 POLICE MATTERS

The council was disappointed that no representative of North Wales police was present, it was pointed out that there has been no representation since January and that the reports are no longer forthcoming. Cllr Jenkins stated that he will take the matter up at the next Police Forum meeting on the 10th of October.

Resolved; Cllr Jenkins to discuss at the next forum meeting.

4.067/11 STANDING ORDERS

5.068/11 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2011

Cllr Evans-Lee stated that she did not understand the matter arising regarding planning which stated “Planning committee to reconsider their position in view of e-consultation”.

Resolved: The Council agreed to change the wording to Planning Committee is to decide to continue in its present format or revert to the old system.

Cllr Henry and Cllr PM Jones proposed and seconded the minutes for approval.

Resolved: Subject to the above change the Minutes were approved

Resolved: That the Council to accept the minutes of 5th of July 2011 as a true record subject to one change and the Chair to sign the minutes. Carried

6.069/11 MATTERS ARISING.

	By whom	Deadline	Completed
Planning members considered the current system and decided to revert back to the old system. FCC to be contacted regarding procedures for e-consultation/	Clerk	End of October	Waiting for response from Forum 19/10/2011
Health & Safety of FCC to view Clerks office to resolve matters	Clerk	End of October	Clerk Has spoken to A Peers regarding H&E. He also spoke to Unison who will send independent H&E officer
Publish up to date Contact list and group list to councillors- Tanya to correct address	Tanya	October meeting 2011	
Amenities Committee to contact the gardening club to seek collaboration over the upkeep of the floral blooms	Amenities Committee	October Meeting 2011	Meeting held 12/10/2011
Fencing at Moorcroft FCC to be contacted	Clerk	End of October	Leisure to review
Council requested a Procedures Meeting Mrs Mc Guill to be contacted	Clerk	End of October	Meeting 6pm 1/11/2011
Reply required to FCC for Training of council members	Clerk	End of October	19/10/2011
Letter of thanks to K Houghton	Clerk	End of October	31/10/2011
Reply to C Everett and book him	Clerk	End of October	Booked 07/02/2012 At 6pm Agenda required

7.070/11 Notices of Motion.

The Council to consider a Public Works Loan board loan for major developments . Results of investigation. Councillor McGuill

The Council discussed the matter of loan and there was a general consensus that the Council has always saved before spending. The Clerk read out the support of the Cllr McGuill for a project and for the motion to be discussed in her absence.

Resolved: The Council should retain its current procedure of Saving before spending and the proposal was rejected **Carried**

The Council to consider joining the Jubilee celebrations next year with a bonfire. **Councillor Wood**

Cllr Wood was unable to be at the meeting and there were some discussions on the matter. **Cllr PM Jones** suggested that the Clerk should contact local schools.

Resolved: The Clerk, should contact local schools and the matter should be deferred to November meeting.

The Council to consider consulting with Flintshire County Council regarding fencing the end of Moorcroft at the A5119 end.

Councillor Marsh

The Clerk stated that the ownership of the land belongs to Flintshire County Council. **Cllr PM Jones** suggested that the Clerk gets in touch with Steve Jones of Street scene.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact street scene and Cllr Marsh to discuss with local residents.

The Council to consider installing an outside door to the Clerk's office to improve the airflow. **Councillor McGuill**

In the absence of **Cllr McGuill** the Clerk explained to Council that there was possibility of putting a door to the outside in the Clerk's office. He explained That he had suffered from severe sinusitis during the summer and fell asleep driving home one evening which is due to the lack of air in the office. **Cllr P M Jones** suggested that the Council requests that Flintshire's Health & Safety to visit the site. If they are not able to do it then the HSE executive should be invited.

Resolved: Flintshire CC Health & Safety are to be invited or an alternative independent and if necessary the HSE executive.

The Council to consider placing a new sign for Moel Gron to avoid confusion for visitors . **Councillor Thornhill**

Cllr Thornhill explained the confusion of visitors visiting Moel Gron due to the lack of signs. She presented to the Council a plan of the area and where the sign was requested.

Resolved: That the Clerk to contact FCC to discuss new sign for the area.

8.071/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

See APPENDIX A

9.072/11 Approval of Accounts for payment

Argoed Community Council Payments Listing September 2011

Supp Code	Inv No	Inv Date	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Tot Amount
TB001	5937071	21/09/2011	Tas Books Upgrade	100	20	120
AGS001	15193	31/08/2011	replacement power units	82	16.4	98.4
SP001	71769640	09/09/2011	electricity	194.13	38.83	232.96
FCC001	TC098767	09/02/2011	grass cutting PLAYSCHEME	29.29	5.86	35.15
FCC001	ec001320	16/09/2011	CONTRIBUTION	2174.54		2174.54
FCC001	TC098920	15/09/2011	grass cutting	29.29	5.86	35.15
Bt001	M00901	16/09/2011	Telephone & InternetSep	39.9	7.98	47.88
BL001			British Legion	38		38
FCC001	TC099039	22/09/2011	LIGHTING	259.03		259.03
			Total Purchase Invoices:	2946.18	94.93	3041.11

Presentation of Accounts up to 31 August 2011

The accounts were presented to council and accepted

Argoed community Council
Balance Sheet

Balances

CURRENT ASSETS

Precept Due		19940.33
Cash in hand and in bank		31323.04
Cash and in bank	426.76	
1820-100 HSBC Business Money Manager	30680.37	
1830-100 Clerks Imprest Account	177.59	
1900-100 Petty Cash A/c	38.32	
2300-100 VAT Control A/c		3194.01
Total Current Assets:		54457.38

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Purchase Ledger Control		3615.11
Accruals		1025
Staff wages		0.2
Total Current Liabilities		4640.31

TOTAL NET ASSETS:**49817.07****CAPITAL & RESERVES****49817.07****Argoed Community Council****Current****Budget****Income & Expenditure Statement****April-
August****For Year****INCOME**

Precept	39880.67	59821
Interest received	4.46	
Total Income	39885.13	59821

EXPENDITURE

Lighting energy	965.63	2500
Lighting Maintenance	1712.3	5500
Clerk's Salary	7739.45	18575
Community caretaking	1852.8	7800
Staff Employer's NIC& Pension	1749.5	4858
Staff Training		300
Chairman's Allowance	800	800
Travel & Conferences	257.5	800
Councillors' Training	70	500
Grants s137	-300	3000
Audit FEES		900
Professional Fees	340.78	
Photocopying	306.46	650
Printing and Stationery	137.85	300
Insurances	2251.01	4500
Telephone	111.58	300
Internet Charges	82.9	300
Motor Van costs		1000
Other Administration costs	41	142
Election Costs		500
Christmas Tree & Lights		700
Environmental Competition	209.7	1000
Playscheme		2175
PC/Printer Consumables		250

Other Maintenance costs	76.19	500
GRASS CUTTING		300
NB & Wats DYke PLAY AREA		11500
CCTV		450
GARAGE		150
Bryn Y Baal meadow	40	
Total Overheads	18444.65	70250
Excess Income/(Expense)	21440.48	-10429

10.073/11 CORRESPONDENCE

ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Log of Post Received

Reference	DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	File	Actions
110903	07/09/2011	FCC	Induction Training for Community Councillors	corr	
110908	22/09/2011	FCC	7 wats Dyke planning committee 5/10/2011	corr	
110909	22/09/2011	NWATLCC	Meeting Kinmel Manor 21/10/2011	corr	Booked 2
110910	15/07/2011	FCC	Colin everett Visit	corr	Booked 7 Feb 2012
110911	22/09/2011	FCC	Parking Byelaws	corr	
110912	30/09/2011	FCC	Consultation paper by 10/10/2011	corr	
110913	28/09/2011	British legion	Remembrance Sunday	corr	Chair cannot do. No response
110914	19/09/2011	FCC	Preparations for winter	corr	
110921	13/09/2011	H Mc Guill Charity	County forum 19th October	corr	2 Reps reqd 2 Dave's??
110930	26/09/2011	Commission	Annual return 2011	corr	

11.074/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

12.075/11 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Evans-Lee attended a meeting with the BBC where they discussed local issues.

13.076/11 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT

Amenities Committee

The Meeting of the 12th of October was cancelled as no quorum.

The Chair of the Committee stated he was about to purchase some winter pansies to replenish the plant boxes in the area.

Cllr PM Jones requested a letter of thanks is sent to K Houghton for his continued good work in the community.

Probation service the chair confirmed that the contract is working well and are looking for more projects.

Web Group A launch date needs to be set and the intention is to run a competition with businesses within the community

Resolved: A costing and plan is to be presented to Council. Councillor P M Jones proposed a budget of £500.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

APPENDIX A		Argoed Community Council		Planning Applications September 2011		
Application Reference	Location	Development	Council's Decision	Comments	FCC Decision	Date
047773	Wylfa House Mold Rd	Demolition of Existing Dwelling	Objected	Objections from ward	Refused	09/09/2011
aug	Mynydd Isa	and proposed residential Development		members and residents	Committee	
45048	.Argoed s/stn	Erection of 23 dwellings	Overdevelopment	Overdevelopment	Planning Committee	
06/10/2010			and dangerous	Lack of Amenities		08-Dec
045523	148-162 Mold Road	Erection of 8 dwellings	Objection as before	Objection as before	Planning Committee	
07/10/2010						08-Dec
048042	Sunnyside & 66a Mold Rd	Erection of 60 houses	see minutes Dec 20	see minutes Dec 2010	Decision	
26/11/2010					Waiting	
048638	Bryn y Pys Farm	Erection of first floor Balcony	Objection	objection	Refused	22/09/2011
27/07/2011	well street				Delegated officer	
048838	61 Mold Road Mynydd Isa	Change of use from outbuilding tp	No Objection	No Objection		
28/07/2011	CH7 6TE	annexed accommodation				
048879	7 Wats Dyke Ave	Conversion of garage and roof	No Objection	No Objection		
22/08/2011	CH7 6UL					
49003	44 Mold Road	erection of garage and roof extensions				
26/09/2011	Mynydd Isa					