

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th of JULY 2011 AT 7-00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

PRESENT:

Councillor D White
Councillor D Butler
Councillor T Wood.(Chair)
Councillor A Henry
Councillor K Evans-Lee
Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor H McGuill
Councillor D Thornhill
Councillor R Marsh
Councillor M Jones
Councillor C L W Bull

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 M Iles ,.

Absent:

8.008/11 POLICE MATTERS

Pc Ryan reported that he was conducting surveillance of the car park at Mynydd Isa in an attempt to identify the people being a nuisance in the area.

He also informed the Council that arrests had been made in the area relating to Drugs which will be dealt through the courts.

Cllr Maureen Jones expressed her disappointment that the officer failed to attend the meeting, especially as they had not seen him in six months and she requested that the council write to the Inspector and ask that they arrange for the officer to appear at least twice a year.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Inspector expressing the Council's disappointment and would welcome an officer's appearance. Carried

9.009/11 STANDING ORDERS

NONE

10.010/11 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th of June 2011

Cllrs McGuill and White proposed and seconded the minutes for approval.

Resolved: That the Council to accept the minutes of 7th of June 2011 as a true record and the Chair to sign the minutes. **Carried**

11.011/11 MATTERS ARISING.

TASK	By whom	Deadline	Complete?
Clerk to recommend to PC Ryan a visit to the Mynydd Isa Library and introduce himself, leave cards, etc.	Clerk	End of August	24/08/2011
Correspondance to chief of Police re cars parked and advertised for sale on a regular basis, with the same phone number, does this represent a business? Also who do we contact should we find two vehicles for sale using the same contact details outside of the legal guidelines?	Clerk	End of August	See reply 5/08/11
A .Amenities committee to consider the possibility of the use of planter boxes on the Mold Road opposite Bod Offa Drive.	Amenities Committee	August 2011 Amenities meeting	Jewsons contacted re: Planters
B. Are we required to notify Flintshire county council to site these planter boxes?	B. Cllr Mcguill	August 2011 amenities meeting	
One voice Wales Training schedule to be sent to all councillors	Clerk	End August 2011	Sent 20/07/2011
Planning committee to organise their meeting and report back on their agreed process for circulating new planning applications (to include postage and other considerations)	Planning committee	September meeting 2011	Received Draft Report
WEB site group to finalise the process for introducing new items to the website and to advise the council.	WEBSITE group	September meeting 2011	
Publish up to date Contact list and group list to councillors	Tanya	September meeting 2011	
Auditor to be advised that audit report was not page numbered, and to amend accordingly.	Clerk	End August 2011	Sent 24/08/11
Summer Playscheme details to be forwarded to Cllr Evans-Lee	Clerk	Mid July 2011	Sent 27/07/2011

Letter from local resident re the potential threat to the Argoed High school. Clerk to reply thanking her for her letter and to reassure that we share her concern and that we will be discussing this at our next meeting	Clerk	August 2011	Sent 24/08/2011
Good councillor guide to be printed out and sent to every councillor	Clerk	September 2011 meeting	Sent 27/07/2011
Letter to Flintshire county council to review the quantity of Dog bins at the Beaufort hotel	Clerk	August 2011	Bins are oversubscribed
Amenities Committee to contact the gardening club to seek collaboration over the upkeep of the floral blooms	Amenities council	August 2011	
Reynolds document to be made available to council. Review of the documents from Reynolds re the Bryn-Y-Baal Quarry.	Cllr Butler	September meeting 2011	Received New Copy Passed to DB 18/07/2011

Sale of cars on highways. The Clerk read out letters from the County Council and the Police and councillors were still unclear, **Cllr McGuill** proposed that the Clerk writes to the inspector and ask for clarification on whether vehicles on sale that have the same telephone number constitutes an offence. Councillors discussed placing planters there to restrict the parking area should be discussed by Amenities Committee to be maintained by the youth club/Delfryn. and the Clerk to write to highways for clearance. This was proposed by **Cllr McGuill**

Resolved: Clerk to write to the police inspector and highways as proposed by Cllr McGuill. Carried

Cadwyn Clwyd a copy of the “explore Bryn y Baal Quarry” was passed around which represented the information board that will be placed on Bryn y Baal. The council reviewed and accepted the panel.

Resolved: Cllr McGuill proposed that the panel be accepted and clerk to write to Cadwyn Clwyd

12.012/11 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Meeting with Clerk a meeting was held with the Clerk where backup of disks will be carried out once a week using alternating disks. Access to correspondence which has been received through the post will be uploaded to the website through scanning the post. Cllr Evans–Lee stated that there could be an additional charge for this.

Argoed School Cllr McGuill informed the Council that there was a meeting at Argoed School with regard to the merger of two local schools on the 13 July.

Civic Services for next month 10th July Flint at 10.30 and 17 July Holywell 9.30

Monitoring Group next meeting arranged for 19th July 2011

The Chair asked members if they all had a look at and agreed with the Matrix that was passed around. Cllr Thornhill specified that she had moved from monitoring to grants.

Planning Committee were asked to meet and there was one member per ward. Planning applications will be forwarded to the ward member on the planning committee who will contact other members of the ward. The committee to decide whether plans are to be posted to ward member by the Clerk or an alternative process

Use of e-mails the chair asked members that when they send e-mails to each other that they apply the same courtesy they would use when writing a letter.

Audit Report a copy of the audit report had been distributed and the chair confirmed that following Items:

2010/11 Creditors to be recorded as Earmarked reserves	Amended
2010/11 Risk assessment reviewed annually	Noted
2010/11 Fidelity cover to be £55000 – New insurance cover is standard £100,000	
2009/10 Payments listing and Petty Cash to be signed off previous Chair	Signed by
2008/9 schedule of payments not signed previous Chair	Signed By

Resolved: Councillor McGuill proposed that the Auditor is contacted and asked to number their pages report be accepted. Carried

Resolved: Councillor M Jones proposed to accept the audit report Carried

14.014/11 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Mynydd Isa Youth Management Committee membership consisted of craft groups 12 member, playgroup 18 members and is currently oversubscribed and quality assured. Brownies had a successful centenary. Youth club 60-80 members and are down one leader. Next Meeting 13th October 2011

Bi-Monthly Police Meeting
See Appendix B

15.015/11 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT

Web Group

13th June the website was up and running and is looking good. 210 visitors have been to the site. All the Councillors names are on the site The councillors with e-mails will have mails directed to them forwarded to their e-mail. After some discussion it was decided that those councillors with no e-mail will have a banner next to their name stating that e-mails should be sent to the clerk.

Resolved: The website will forward e-mails to councillors who have them and those who don't, a banner next to their name will state, that the councillor is contactable through the Clerk's e-Mail address. Proposed Cllr Evans-Lee

The clerk is to provide an explanation of S137 and 145 grants.

Amenities Committee

The chair of Amenities Cllr Marsh read the minutes to council **Appendix C** Having pillars holding flower baskets in the centre of the shopping precinct was discussed and several points were raised.

- a) What about the watering problems?
- b) Suggestion to liaise with the gardening Club.
- c) Consult with Abbey Metals.

These items should be discussed at the Amenities committee.

Bryn Y Baal Pyracanthas are to be planted and should cover the area of concern. Discussions around the fencing continued and Cllr Butler volunteered to look at the geological report and come back and report.

Community Centre precinct. The wooden fence around the centre needs some attention and struts may need replacing.

Resolved: That Cllr Bull would review and report.

Cllr Marsh reported that the plants had all been installed thanks mainly to the Probationary service and the Clerk who carried out six trips to deliver the plants. **Cllr Jones** had removed weeds from around the site in preparation for the Environment Competition.

16.016/11 NOTICES Of MOTION

The council to review the plan relating to Wat's Dyke Park play development and form an opinion on the way forward **Councillor H McGill.**

Presented to the council some plans for developing the Wat's Dyke Park play area providing older children with a riding/skating path. The cost was around £60,000 and would like it to be considered as part of the match funding agreement.

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to a letter received from leisure services giving two options for the play area. The Clerk had consulted with Cadwyn Clwyd who informed him that play areas were no longer considered for grants and that Wats Dyke Park would not be considered as its outside the FCC New Brighton Ward.

Resolved: the Council to approach FCC to consider match funding should we decide to proceed.

Option A: Toddlers area would be improved with new toddlers swings Roundabout Toddlersplay trail improved surfacing and refurbishment of the toddlers slide play structure with new play panels. Cost £20000

Option B: Provide two new play Items in Junior . These would be a Titan Rotating Swing a free riding swing along with a toddlers swing with safer surfacing for each item. Cost £20000

Resolved:Option A was to be accepted

Carried

At 21:45 the Clerk drew the Council'

17.017/11/10 PLANNING DECISIONS

See APPENDIX A

18.018/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Items for discussion:

ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Log of Post Received

Reference	DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	File	Action
110608	23/06/2011	FCC	Play Scheme	corr	Send To Website
110609	27/06/2011	NWATLCC North Wales	Meeting 15/07/2011	corr	Distributed
110612	07/06/2011	police	Bi Monthly Meeting 27/06/2011	corr	DJ attended
110615	04/07/2011	Cllr White	Draft Minutes	corr	Minute Changed
110616	09/06/2011	SLCC	Mrs Snowden becoming a member of the Bards	corr	Congratulate Receive Cll McgG
110617	09/06/2011	Steve Shaw	sustainable Communities	corr	replied
110627	22/06/2011	NALC	Good councillors guide	corr	Distribute 10
110634	27/06/2011	Cadwyn Clwyd	Argoed out of area	corr	Received see motion
110638	29/06/2011	Beaufort Palace	Dog Bin Request	corr	Request from FCC
110639	29/06/2011	Recycled ICT	diposal of assets	corr	Received

19.019/11 Approval of Accounts for payment

Argoed Community Council						
Payments listing June 2011						
Supp Co	Inv No	Inv Date	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Tot Amount
KH001	kh	30/06/2011	treatment for bonc	19.34		19.34
FCC001	TC0960	06/09/2011	lighting Maintenance april	232.83		232.83
DC001	16178	13/06/2011	bedding plants	209.7	41.94	251.64
FCC001	TC0960	06/09/2011	lighting maintenance May	232.83		232.83
SP001	7E+07	17/06/2011	power charges	194.13	38.82	232.95
CCC001	Jun-11	30/06/2011	membership Clwyd community	40		40
TW001	chair	30/06/2011	Chairs Allowance 2011	800		800
BT001	m00601	16/06/2011	internet and telephone	49.73	9.94	59.67
JDH001	1984	07/04/2011	internal Audit	240.78	48.16	288.94
AS001	2E+05	07/04/2011	Electricity 2011Jan-Dec	189.11		189.11
			Total Purchase Invoices:	2208.45	138.9	2347.31
			Authorised by:			
			Date:			

Payments Approved by Council and signed by Chair

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm

APPENDIX A Argoed Community
Council

Planning Applications June 2011

Application Reference	Location	Development	Council's Decision	Comments	FCC Decision	Date
047773	Wylfa House Mold Rd	Demolition of Existing Dwelling and proposed residential Development	ObJected	Objections from ward members and residents	Decision	
aug	Mynydd Isa				Waiting	
45048	.Argoed s/stn	Erection of 23 dwellings	Overdevelopment and dangerous	Overdevelopment Lack of Amenities	Planning Committee	
06/10/2010						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 2010	see minutes Dec 2010	Decision	
26/11/2010					Waiting	
48535	6 Bron yr Eglwys Mynydd isa	Erection of first floor exension	No Objection	No Objection	approved	21/06/2011
19/04/2011					Delegated chair	
048512	The Tyddyn Chester Rd	Retention of manege for private use	No Objection	No Objection	approved	16/06/2011
13/05/2011					Delegated Officer	
048558	55 Moorcroft New Brighton	Demolition of Conservatoryand erection of a larger one	No Objection	No Objection	approved	06/06/2011
13/05/2011					Delegated Officer	
048581	88 Moorcroft New Brighton	Two storey erection providing extra bedroom and garage	No Objection	No Objection		
05/05/2011						
048601	17 Pen y Garreg Close	Erection od single Storey rear extension	No Objection	No Objection		
16/05/2011	Bryn y Baal					
048687	Argoed High School	Renewal of Permission re temp classroom	No Objection	No Objection		
06/06/2011						

048733	1 Bryn Clwyd	Single storey Kitchen and porch ext	No Objection	No Objection		
20/06/2011						
048683	Argoed High School	Renewal of Permission re temp	No Objection	No Objection		
08/06/2011		classroom				
048535	69 Moel Gron	Single storey rear Extension and	No Objection	No Objection		
15/06/2011		Alteration				
048658	Issa Farm Bryn Rd	erection of dwelling and new access	No Objection	No Objection		
17/06/2011	Bryn y Baal					
048660	The Bonc Recreation	Play equipment & Seats	No Objection	No Objection		
06/06/2011						
048638	The Tyddyn Chester Rd	Demolition of Barn and erection of	No Objection	No Objection		
20/06/2011		Agrcultural Buildings				
048638	The Tyddyn Chester Rd	Demolition of Barn and erection of	No Objection	No Objection		
20/06/2011	amended	Mechanical Implements etc				

Appendix B

Report on the Bi Monthly Police Meeting 27th June 2011 **Prepared by councillor Dai Jenkins**

Inspector Iwan Jones opened the meeting with a statement of his progress, from a PC in Mold to his present position.

Asked by a councillor ,if the newspaper report that abuse must be tolerated by his officers was his instructions to the officers. He categorically denied that he would issue such an instruction.

He explained that the reorganisation of Flintshire South meant there was an increase in the number of officers however there was also a larger area requiring policing. This required the officers to police as a team and targeting problem areas and attendance maintained over longer hours. Cllr Jenkins enquired as to why the problem of circuit drivers in Bryn Y Baal was still in existence when it was reported some months ago. He made a note and stated that he would look into the matter.

He suggested that if Clerks could report to him any relevant problems in their area prior to the Bi Monthly meetings then he would investigate and report back to the meeting hopefully with positive results. Councillors favoured this action.

There were more points to be addressed but the meeting closed as it was held in the officers canteen which was due to open for lunch.

Appendix C

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 5.30 pm June 15th 2011 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr A Henry, Cllr Wright, Cllr Bull
Cllr Henry

In attendance: Cllr T Wood (Chair), Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones.

Apologies:, Cllr D Butler Cllr Thornhill Cllr McGuill

Absent:

Renewal of Bench: The Clerk had informed the meeting that he had received confirmation from FCC that the bench belonged to Argoed. **Cllr Bull** was requested to repair if possible. **Cllr Marsh** proposed that he would look and provide feedback.

Environmental Competition: The Clerk informed the committee that he had purchased in excess of a 1000 plants for £209. it required six trips from the Northop to council's garage. He had asked the probation services plant out and provided a trailer on the Friday and managed to get all plants planted and is looking very nice. He suggested that for next year the committee would like to look at buying hanging baskets for the area. The committee asked the Clerk to investigate further. **Cllr Marsh** stated that he would take care of the New Brighton area for the planting.

Bryn y Baal : The Clerk informed the committee that a meeting had been arranged with P&W for 9:30 am Monday 20th . He had been told by Mr Houghton that the spraying had not been successful and the pyracanthas could not be planted until the spraying had been successful. The Council had insisted that the fencing of 6ft should be across the whole of the face of the quarry and a quote should be requested from P&W.

Meeting Closed 6:30pm