

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th of SEPTEMBER 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 D Jenkins

Councillor H McGuill
Councillor M Iles
Councillor A Henry
Councillor C L W Bull

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.051/11 OPENING PRAYER

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

2.052/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

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

Absent: Councillor D Butler

3.053/11 POLICE MATTERS

Cllr McGuill

4.054/11 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr McGuill regarding planning application 047773 a prejudicial interest.

Cllr Evans-Lee Declared she is representing residents at the planning Committee on the 8th of September

5.055/11 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2011

Change Youth Club to Mynydd Isa Youth Management Committee

Cllr Henry and Cllr Jenkins proposed and seconded the minutes for approval.

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

6.056/11 MATTERS ARISING.

TASK	By whom	Deadline	Complete?
Correspondence to Police to notify him of the cars using the car park at the Argoed Sports as a skid pan and also inform police of Drinking den and problems at the community centre.	Clerk	End of Sept	Letter sent 14/09/2011
Jewsons Clerk to contact	Clerk	End of September	
Planning Committee is to decide to continue in its present format or revert to the old system	Planning committee	October meeting 2011	
Clarification of 137/145.& Copy of amended minutes for June/July	Clerk	October meeting 2011	Sent 20/09/2011
Publish up to date Contact list and group list to councillors- Tanya to correct address	Tanya	October meeting 2011	
Letter to H McGill/Q Dodd to raise notice of motion.	Clerk	September 2011	Sent 20/09/2011
Amenities Committee to contact the gardening club to seek collaboration over the upkeep of the floral blooms	Amenities council	September 2011	
Reynolds document to be made available to council. Review of the documents from Reynolds re the Bryn-Y-Baal Quarry.	Cllr Butler	October meeting 2011	Received New Copy Passed to DB 18/07/2011
Planning Application 048805 Bryn Y Pys write to FCC planning	Clerk	October Meeting 2011	Sent 21/09/2011

7.057/11 Notices of Motion.

The Council should consider time limits on speakers and the order in which they speak as explained in the Good Councillors guide.

Councillor Henry

Cllr Henry expressed her concern as to the late finish of the meeting in July and she elaborated stating that the good council guide stated that no Councillor should speak longer than three minutes on a subject and once spoken cannot return to the subject. **Cllr Henry** also stated that there was no need for someone to speak just to repeat another speaker and agree.

Resolved: The Standing orders states 4 minutes per speaker this will stand, but the length of meetings to state no longer than Two and a half hours and that speaking once on the subject is to be enforced.

Carried

The Council to consider a Public Works Loan board loan for major developments **Councillor McGuill**

Cllr McGuill suggested to the Council that a loan if required could be received From the PWLB for a major project many councils have done so in the area and the rates are favourable.

Resolved: The Clerk should investigate further and report back to Council.

The Council should consider the request from MIFFY regarding the possibility of uncapped shafts at the Bonc. **Councillor McGuill**

Cllr Jenkins had been sent the correspondence by the Clerk and asked to review the matter. **Cllr Jenkins** explained that there were three shafts on the site one shaft was he thought was a bell mine and the other two could be linked together underground so that the shafts had air. The shafts are not likely to be capped and the two shafts if joined could be a problem, if the link shaft was to collapse and there would be signs of subsidence. The cost of boring holes for three shafts is £30,000 his suggestion was to contact county council to see if there was any match funding.

The shafts were highlighted by the planning application made by MIFFY for the new apparatus but none of the shafts appear in the area. They had received a letter from a Mining Engineer stating the cost of the bore holes and that the responsibility for the Shafts lies with the Coal Authority and should there be any signs of subsidence then the Council should contact the authority who would cap the shafts.

Resolved: Cllr Iles Proposed that the Council accept the contents of the letter and will monitor the situation and should it deteriorate the Coal Authority is to be notified. **Carried**

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

Due to the absence of Cllr Wood who was called away on an emergency the Motion was carried forward to October

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

Councillor Marsh

There some confusion as to who owned the land and it was decided to move the motion to October for Cllr Marsh to investigate and advise the Council.

8.058/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

See APPENDIX A

In addition to the appendix the council considered a letter from the County Council with regard to consultation being received electronically.

Resolved: The Council will accept the invitation to receive planning applications electronically **Carried.**

Application 048638 the Council asked the Clerk to notify the Planning Authority of the Council's objection on the grounds that a similar application had been presented by a neighbour and the applicant had objected the neighbour's application.

9.059/11 Approval of Accounts for payment

**Argoed Community Council
Payments Listing July 2011**

Supp Code	Inv No	Inv Date	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Tot Amount
BT001	31683570	16/07/2011	Telephone and Internet	42.02	8.4	50.42
FCC001	TC097898	07/11/2011	grass cutting and shrub maint	58.58	11.72	70.3
RG001	J06239/7	07/06/2011	Replacement copy	100	20	120
CCL001	284187/8	07/01/2011	q/e Jun	162.16	32.42	194.58
NWATLCC	2010/11	07/07/2011	Dinners for 2010/11	162.5		162.5
SP001	71757160	07/05/2011	power	194.13	38.8	232.93
FCC001	TC097913	07/12/2011	Lighting maintenance	260.23		260.23
WP001	P0001304	18/07/2011	Supervisor Costs	617.6	123.52	741.12
Total Purchase Invoices:				1597.22	234.86	1832.08

**Argoed Community Council
Payments Listing August 2011**

Supp Code	Inv No	Inv Date	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Tot Amount
WP001	p0001311	08/02/2011	4 wk period 5/7 to 1/8	617.6	123.52	741.12
WP001	p0001326	31/08/2011	2/8-29/11	617.6	123.52	741.12
FCC001	TC098506	17/08/2011	85604 lighting maintenance	232.83		232.83
P&W	27755	18/08/2011	Weed Control BYB	40	8	48
VIKING						
DIR	895569	16/08/2011	stationery	91.92	18.38	110.3
BT001	M00801	31/08/2011	telephone & Internet	32.63	6.52	39.15
WNW001	88318820	16/08/2011	HD Sacks	56.85	11.37	68.22
SP001	71767330	08/05/2011	electric charges	194.13	38.82	232.95
Information Commissioners				35		35
Total Purchase Invoices:				1918.56	330.13	2248.69

Resolved: Payments for July & August were approved and signed By the chair

10.060/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Items for discussion:

**ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Post Received July**

August 2011

Reference	DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	File
110707	13/07/2011	FCC	Civil Parking Enforcement	corr
110724	22/07/2011	BBC	Invitation to BBC Audience Council Wales	corr
110801	01/08/2011	Hope CC	Civic Service 11/11/2011	corr
110805	18/08/2011	FCC	Supporting Documents by Cllr Jenkins QEII Fields	corr
110818	01/08/2011	Cllr Wood	Free Tree Packs	corr
110821	01/08/2011	FCC	The Queen's Jubilee	corr
110849	12/08/2011	Directory of Social Change	Nominations required	corr
110871	01/09/2011	Tower Mint	Comemorative Medals	corr

11.061/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

12.062/11 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Argoed Sports & Social Club With the departure of Ken Houghton there is now a requirement for a new representative at the Club

Resolved: Cllr Cliff Bull volunteered to be the representative.
Carried

Flintshire Access Forum Meeting the organisation look after the interests of farmers etc and frequently have representative meetings . Minutes are to follow.

13.063/11 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT

Amenities Committee see appendix B

Comments on the Minutes :

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the strimming at the Quarry.

The Chair wanted to congratulate the committee on the team effort in achieving the environmental awards

Grants Group see appendix C

Resolved: £800 grants were approved

Website Group

The website group informed the Council that a form was now online for participators to use Miffy and Argoed United are on the site.

The contact list will be uploaded but the group would appreciate the times and dates of the groups. CVllr White will be busy in putting up A5 posters around the Village. Launching of the website will be discussed at the next meeting

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

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APPENDIX A Planning Application

Application Reference	Location	Development	Council's Decision	
047773	Wylfa House Mold Rd	Demolition of Existing Dwelling and proposed residential Development	ObJected	Obje
aug	Mynydd Isa			men
45048	.Argoed s/stn	Erection of 23 dwellings	Overdevelopment and dangerous	Ove
06/10/2010				Lac
045523	148-162 Mold Road	Erection of 8 dwellings	Objection as before	Obje
07/10/2010				
048042	Sunnyside & 66a Mold Rd	Erection of 60 houses	see minutes Dec 2010	see
26/11/2010				2010
048581	88 Moorcroft New Brighton	Two storey erection providing extra bedroom and garage	No Objection	No C
05/05/2011				
048601	17 Pen y Garreg Close	Erection od single Storey rear extension	No Objection	No C
16/05/2011	Bryn y Baal			
048687	Argoed High School	Renewal of Permission re temp classroom	No Objection	No C
06/06/2011				
048733	1 Bryn Clwyd	Single storey Kitchen and porch ext	No Objection	No C
20/06/2011				
048683	Argoed High School	Renewal of Permission re temp classroom	No Objection	No C
08/06/2011				
048535	69 Moel Gron	Single storey rear Extension and Alteration	No Objection	No C
15/06/2011				
048658	Issa Farm Bryn Rd	erection of dwelling and new access	No Objection	No C
17/06/2011	Bryn y Baal			
048660	The Bonc Recreation	Play equipment & Seats	No Objection	No C
06/06/2011				
048638	The Tyddyn Chester Rd	Demolition of Barn and erection of Agrcultural Buildings	No Objection	No C
20/06/2011				
	TY Gwyn Farm	erection of garage and siting of storage container	No Objection	No C
		09/08/2011		
048775	44 Moel fammau	Demolition of Wall and erection of fence	No Objection	No C
14/07/2011				
048638	Bryn y Pys Farm	Erection of first floor Balcony	Objection	see
27/07/2011	well street			
048838	61 Mold Road Mynydd Isa	Change of use from outbuilding tp annexed accommodation	No Objection	No C
28/07/2011	CH7 6TE			
048879	7 Wats Dyke Ave	Conversion of garage and roof	No Objection	No C
22/08/2011	CH7 6UL			

Appendix B

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 5.30 pm August 17th 2011 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr A Henry, Cllr N J Wright, Cllr S Hayward-Baker

In attendance: Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones.

Apologies: C L Bull, Cllr D Butler Cllr Thornhill

Absent:

Recording of Minutes: Committee members were advised that the minutes were being recorded.

The minutes of the meeting on June 15th were read and accepted by members

Renewal of Bench: The Clerk was asked to follow up with Cllr Bull

Bryn y Baal: The Council had expressed concern that the fence did not go along the whole of the cliff face. Pyracanthas have been planted but on the wrong side of the face. After discussions the committee considered the height that they can grow and suggestion was purchase additional pyracanthas for the area without any and to allow them to grow to six feet.

Recommendations: Those additional pyracanthas be purchased and allowed to grow to six feet to comply with insurance requirement.

The site requires strimming and it was recommended the Clerk was asked to contact probationary service to carry out work.

Environmental competition:

The Clerk informed the committee that three prizes had been achieved in the competition with Mynydd Isa getting second prize and New Brighton receiving two Third prizes for the Village and the pensioners Bungalows. The Clerk stated that in his opinion the second prize would not have been achieved had the Chair not replanted many plants that had been vandalised by kids.

Woodlands Trust: The Clerk advised the committee that he had received an e-mail from the woodland trust and was asked to apply. He had applied for 60 trees to be planted in the quarry. One tree will be an Oak and will be planted to commemorate the jubilee. He asked the members whether they wish to consider any changes. They stated that they were happy with the application and any excess trees would be shared amongst other organisations in the community.

Probation Service: The Clerk informed the committee that the contract seems to be a success with several comments being received from residents. They were extremely helpful with the planting out of plants. The Tabards had been ordered but Forrester's in Mold were not co-operative and have not returned calls to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to try someone else.

The Bonc had been overflowing and the Clerk has arranged that Flintshire tidy up on Monday and Thursday with the Probation service tidying Tuesday and Friday.

Coal Board report of the Bonc

The Clerk had sent members a copy of a letter received from MIFFY in relation to the capping of the shafts on the Bonc. He informed members that he had spoken to Cllr Jenkins who was a mining engineer and he was happy to review the report and pass comments on it and suggest any actions if necessary.

Recommendation: the chair to speak to MIFFY and see if he can get copy of the report and will pass on to Cllr Jenkins

Meeting Terminated at 6.30pm

Appendix C

Grants Group Report
26/7/11 meeting 7 pm at Wylfa House

Present: HJM! TW! DJ! MJ.

Apologies ; DT.

Election Chair ; MJ :proposed HJM. Seconded by DJ
HJM voted Chair

Matters arriving from previous meeting;

MJ raised the issue of the grant to New Brighton for the Royal Wedding celebration and asked what the money had been used for ? If it had been used and did we have any receipts?

HJM will get the Clerk to write to New Brighton Community Centre to clarify.
Same issue with the Junior school and the Clerk to write to school to clarify.

Amount available for Grants the next financial year is £3000 this was decided at the AGM in May2011.

Applications received from :

1; Argoed Bowling Club; request for £500 to be the initial amount needed to obtain the rest of the grant money of £5000 which is needed to build disabled toilet facilities at the Bowling Club

Decision recommended ; £300

2: Argoed United Football Club; request for money to set up a junior section to cover ages 16 to 19 year olds.

Decision recommended ;£250

3:Lighthouse Group; request for money to help with transport costs so that the maximum number of older people possible can attend the functions provided.

Decision recommended :£250

4:Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Development . Request for money to help with psychologist and physiotherapy costs for a person from Mold.

Decision recommended : Not able to support this request at this moment in time.

Date of next meeting 29/11/11 at 7 pm in the Office at the Community Centre .
The remaining amount of money left if full council approve recommendations will be £2200.