

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

PRESENT:

Councillor D White

Councillor D Butler

Councillor M Iles

Councillor A Henry

Councillor K Evans-Lee

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor H McGuill (late arrival)

Councillor D Thornhill

Councillor R Marsh

Councillor M Jones

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.023/11 OPENING PRAYER

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

2.024/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor P M Jones, Councillor N Wright, Councillor S Hayward –Baker, ,
Councillor C L W Bull. Councillor T Wood.

Absent:

3.025/11 CHAIR FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the absence of the Chair and vice Chair of council the members were asked if one would be prepared to Chair the meeting. Cllr D Jenkins offered and was accepted by the members.

4.026/11 POLICE MATTERS

PC Ryan submitted his report and apologised for non attendance which was due to his working schedule. He reported that the continued observation of boy racers is on going and he was currently involved with two large investigations in the area.

Councillors commented that the noise at 12:30am on Sunday is terrible and you can here the racing around the area. Councillors requested the Clerk to ask if he could contact the officer and ask if he could be available for the next meeting.

Resolved: the report was accepted by Council

5.027/11 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Marsh Declared an interest with regard to the sale of van.

6.028/11 To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Council meeting held on 3rd of May 2011

Cllrs M Jones and White proposed and seconded the minutes for approval.

Resolved: That the Council to accept the minutes of 3rd May 2011 as a true record.

Carried

To approve the minutes of The Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 17th of May

Cllr Henry expressed her dissatisfaction with the situation Cllr White stated that it was the member's duty to support.

7.029/11 MATTERS ARISING.

Committees /Groups Cllr M Jones suggested that committees and groups should arrange to get together to nominate Chairs and advise Clerk of meetings. Cllr Jenkins stated that the groups/committees should meet and bring their recommendations to council.

Sale of cars on roadside council asked if letter had been submitted to County hall and police authority the Clerk explained it had not been sent due to a busy month but will send before next council meeting.

Website development Two members of previous group were unable to commit themselves and two councillors Evans-Lee and White volunteered to replace them.

Resolved: That the new members proceed with the development of the website and that no consultation is required with the Clerk and that the responsibility of the website has been delegated to the group.

New Brighton Bench County Council confirmed that the bench belonged to ARGOED. Amenities to review.

Probation service contract: The Clerk confirmed that the contract had started and to date there had been between 4 and 6 participants attending and were seen cleaning around the area and he had already received some glowing comments. He requested agreement to purchase 10 tabards with logo at a cost of £50.

Resolved: The Council agreed to the purchase of tabards at a cost of £50.

Carried

8.030/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Jenkins drew the attention of the Council to the number of e-mails had gone around in relation to a local volunteer. In his view it was unnecessary. Any volunteer should work within the committee that he is a member and within the procedures applied by the Council. Cllr Marsh stated he was not happy at being by-passed and he acted outside the procedures. Cllr Jenkins stated that the Council is dealing with public monies and there are procedures to follow and we should operate within them

And the Council must be in control and receipts must be presented prior to payment. **Cllr Henry** commented that cash cannot be given to residents prior to purchase. A letters of thanks was requested to be sent to the Youth Club for the Flower tubs and Delfryn house for their display in their tubs. Discussions regarding the Environmental competition and the plants required resulted in it being agreed that **Cllr Butler** would review the situation and the Clerk and **Cllr Marsh** picking up the plants and arranging with the probation service to transplant and display.

9.031/11 CLERK'S REPORT

An internal audit has been agreed for the 30th of June to be carried out on site by JDH Business Services.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had re-assigned the insurance policy to Zurich as they were £2000 cheaper than Aon after he had re-valued the some items on the schedule after discussions with contractors on the required cover.

The van is currently on SORN and is off the road and the Clerk asked the Council whether they wanted to sell. He had had a trade value given to of £2500+vat. He reckoned that it could fetch £3500+vat due to its mileage which is less than 6,000 miles.

Cllr Butler proposed that the council should retain the van until after the winter with working with the probationary service to see whether they are maintaining the standard. A review to be carried out in January 2012. **Cllr McGuill** seconded the proposal. A recorded vote was requested.

Abstention: Cllr Marsh

For: Cllrs McGuill, Butler, Evans-Lee, Thornton, M Jones, White.

Against: Cllrs Iles, Henry.

10.032/11 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Cllr Iles attended a meeting of the temporary governing body of Ysgol Mynydd Isa, who reviewed their motto again and after some discussion changed from Believe Achieve Succeed to learn together, Succeed together. The new governing body will have 17 governors with 4 community governors

11.033/11 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT

The Chair of the Amenities Committee Cllr R Marsh read out the minutes of the meetings on April 20 (appendix B) and June 1st (Appendix C).

Cllr D Butler expressed concern that there were Pyracanthas kept by the College and he was asked when they were being removed. After discussion with the Clerk it was agreed that during the meeting arranged for Monday 9th of June the matter will be discussed with P&W contractors with regard to having the second weed kill done.

Cllr D Jenkins drew the Council's attention that the fencing is not correct and recommends that the amenities committee review the fencing to have it across the whole quarry face there should be enough money in the budget to do this,

Resolved: The amenities committee to investigate and get a quote from P&W for additional Fencing

Monitoring Group At their meeting of the 25th of May 2011 the monitoring group had reviewed the accounts up to the 31 March 2011 ready for the audit. The new monitoring group now takes over.

12.034/11 NOTICES Of MOTION

Could the council consider giving a cash advance to purchase Plants in readiness for the Environmental Competition Proposed by: Cllr M Jones

Motion Withdrawn by Councillor

13.035/11/10 PLANNING DECISIONS

See APPENDIX A

14.036/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Items for discussion:

ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Log of Post Received

Reference	DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	File	action
110504	13/05/2011	Flintshire Local access	meeting 28/7/2011	corr	DJ to attend
110505	08/05/2011	FCC	Environmental Competition	corr	To apply
110506	16/05/2011	Connahs Quay	Civic Service	corr	Chair attend
110508	17/05/2011	Flintshire Local access	meeting 28/7/2011	corr	MJ to attend
110510	13/05/2011	SELRAP	Linking Cities and regions	corr	RM/MI copies
110511	09/05/011	Hacker Young	Basic Audit	corr	Received
110512	23/05/2011	Buckley Town Council	Civic service 19/-5/2011	corr	Chair attend
110516	01/06/2011	Flint town council	Civic Sunday 10/07/2011	corr	Chair attend
110517	03/06/2011	AON	Cover note	corr	SORN issued on van
110518	06/06/2011	HMRC	Tax and the Clerk	corr	not applicable
110520	06/06/2011	Zurich Municipal	Quote £2251.01	corr	agreed
110521	06/06/2011	Royal British legion	90th anniversary invite £30	Clerk	received
E-Mails					
110522	03/05/2011	Darrel Jones FCC	Lights Out	corr	received
110524	04/05/2011	NW Power	Lights ON	corr	received
110525	04/05/2011	Probation Tanya wood/Gerry	Contract	corr	signed agreed to welsh
110533	11/05/2011	Walsh	Daffodils in Quarry South Flintshire Bi -Consultation 20	corr	daffodils
110543	17/05/2011	Woodlice	June	corr	DJ to attend
110544	17/05/2011	one Voice Wales	training Schedule July	corr	e-mail
110548	19/05/2011	FCC	Stakeholder reference group	corr	Received
110549	19/05/2011	FCC	Dissolution	corr	received
110574	01/06/2011	one Voice Wales	Training Modules	corr	e-mail
110583	07/06/2011	JDH	Date of internal audit 30/06/2011	corr	received

**15.037/11 Approval of Accounts for payment
ARGOED Community Council
Payments Listing for May 2011**

Inv Date	Inv No	Description		Curr Amt	
06/06/2011	1732	Zurich Municipal	insurance	2251.01	
25/05/2011	3071749550	Scottish Power	Electricity	232.95	
17/05/2011	594122	Viking stationery	stationery	55.12	
06/06/2011		one voice Wales	Conf:D White	95	
16/05/2011	31631683570	BT	Telephone	36.32	pd 30
10/05/2011		one voice Wales	Planning training	70	may
20/05/2011	590128	NWP	Dec maintenance	240	
20/05/011	590127	NWP	Xmas tree inst/rem	594	
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Payments Approved by Council and signed by Chair

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

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Planning Applications June 2011

APPENDIX A

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	
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	
48273	Bryn y Pys Farm	Demolition of Existing building and e	No Objection	No Objection	approved	
31/03/2011		Erection of agrcultural building			Delegated-Chair	18/05/2011
48406	15 Llys Dedwydd	Erection of single Storey sun room	No Objection	No Objection	approved	
21/03/2011					Delegated officer	11/05/2011
48535	6 Bron yr Eglwys Mynydd isa	Erection of first floor extension	No Objection	No Objection		
19/04/2011						
48512	The Tyddyn Chester Rd	Retention of manege for private use	No Objection	No Objection		
13/05/2011						
48558	55 Moorcroft New Brighton	Demolition of Conservatory and erection of a larger one	No Objection	No Objection		
13/05/2011						
48581	88 Moorcroft New Brighton	Two storey erection providing extra bedroom and garage	No Objection	No Objection		
05/05/2011						
48601	17 Pen y Garreg Close	Erection od single Storey rear extension	No Objection	No Objection		
16/05/2011	Bryn y Baal					

Appendix B

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 5.30 pm April 20th 2011 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr T Wood, Cllr K Houghton,

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

Apologies: C L Bull, Cllr S Hayward-Baker, Cllr M Iles, Cllr Wright

Absent: Cllr D Butler

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

Renewal of Bench: Clerk advised that he had contacted Flintshire County Council with regard to the ownership of the bench and have not been able to establish who it is but there is an indication that it might be Argoed. He will follow up with more enquiries.

Street signs: The Clerk informed the committee that he had established contact in FCC highways who informed him that they will be able to supply maps from the 1st of April and will follow up further.

Bryn y Baal :

Mr Houghton gave a verbal update to the committee saying that all the initial works were completed and would be expecting to have the weed killing carried out ion the next weeks.

Website Update: Committee accepted that the development was in progress with the web development group.

Probation Service: The Clerk informed the committee that a contract had been agreed with the probation service and were waiting for amendments and they were expected to start week commencing the 9th of May.

Meeting Closed 6.35

Appendix C

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 5.30 pm June 1st 2011 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

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

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

Apologies: C L Bull,

Absent: Cllr D Butler

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

Appointment of the Chair: Cllr R Marsh was nominated by Cllr Henry and motion was carried.

The minutes of the meeting on April 20th were read and approved by the Chair and confirmed correct by the chair of the Council as they were the only members present at the meeting.

Matters Arising. The committee considered the request that cash should be given to Mr Houghton to purchase plant and rejected the item as Cash cannot be given to a single resident.

Recommendation: The Chair to approach Mr Houghton and to discuss the matter further and to make arrangements.

Renewal of Bench: The Clerk had informed the meeting that he was waiting for a reply from FCC after being in contact with them.

Street signs: The Clerk presented to the committee an example of maps that could be produced the committee were not happy that there were no road names.

Recommendation: Clerk to progress with the maps and have more detail on them.

Bryn y Baal :

The weed kill had been carried out at the site and another is due in June. No further progress report was available as Mr Houghton was not present.

Probation Service: The Clerk informed the committee that the contract has began and the benefit is being seen around the area. Additional work is being done due to the extra bodies available to the Council e.g. car park Mynydd Isa.

Future Meeting: Recommendation: That meetings will be held every second Wednesday in the month.

Meeting Closed 6:15pm