

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL 2014 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA  
DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)

Councillor M Jones

Councillor J Norwood

Councillor J Taylor

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor Bragg

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

Councillor C L W Bull

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.089/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C Stubbings, Councillor H McGuill

**Absent:** None

**2.090/13 Use of recording Equipment**

The Chair asked that all recording equipment and mobile phones to be switched off with the exception of the recording equipment used by the Clerk

**4.091/13 Co-Option of Members**

NONE

**5.092/13 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

None

**6.093/13 Approval of Accounts for Payment**

**. INVOICES FOR APPROVAL**

Plantscape	Seat Planter at New Brighton	£ 558.00
Viking	HD Refuse Sacks	£ 97.74
Flintshire CC	Match Funding Argoed Park	£ 3000.00
Flintshire CC	Lighting & Electric Oct-Feb	£ 2965.75
BT	March telephone & internet	£ 49.83
BT	January telephone and internet	<u>£ 50.52</u>
	Total For Approval	<u>£ 7441.84</u>

**Resolved: The invoices were approved for payment and signed off by  
Chair and Vice-Chair**

**Carried**

## GRANTS FOR APPROVAL

St James Church New Brighton		£ 500.00
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Flint Eisteddfod	£ 100.00

**Resolved: The Grants were approved for payment and signed off by  
Chair and Vice-Chair Carried**

### 7.094/13 Chair's Report

#### Chairman's Report

1. Cllr Iles visited the Clerk and advised him of the death of Rosemary his wife. The funeral was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and was attended by the Clerk the Chair and Cllr Jones.
2. The Clerk has agreed with Sainsbury's a donation of £380 towards planter pots outside their store. The Amenities committee agreed that the Clerk should purchase six planters for the Bonc & Wylfa Hill and with Sainsbury's contribution amounts to ten pots.
3. The seat and planter to be located at New Brighton has been received and is stored at the Argoed Club. The plinth has been built on site and once plants are received the planter will be put in place and Flintshire will secure the seat to the plinth.
4. The new computer crashed approximately a week ago and was sent back to PC World under guarantee. The Clerk spoke to them to day and was advised a Fujitsu engineer is due to correct it tomorrow.
5. Redbud Ltd has visited the memorial garden and has tidied up the area and will continue to maintain the site. The border outside the library will also get attention in the next few weeks.
6. LDP committee held a meeting at the centre on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March where software called Survey Monkey was reviewed and provided members with ideas on progressing a survey in the Argoed area.
7. At the Amenities Meeting the Clerk was requested to write to the residents of Rockliffe asking them to return the plinth to its rightful place within seven days. The residents have complied with the request.
8. The Biodiversity officer visited the Amenities Committee and provided useful information to members. Members confirmed that the officer had provided some useful information for the development of the quarry.
9. The Clerk and The Chair attended a training event titled "Playing Out In Flintshire" which provided an interesting concept of how to set up play areas to help with the development of children. One point that came across was that often that health and safety was often overplayed when setting up a play area, and natural play equipment exists such as trees etc tend to be of more benefit than the strictly planned playgrounds as it allows children to use imagination. The members were told that slides of used in the training event would forwarded to the Clerk and he will provide copies of relevant pages to the Amenities Committee.

10. Cllr Bragg requested a motion for this evening but was too late for this evening but the Clerk has requested details and he will follow up the matter.
11. At the SLCC meeting in March there was a discussion on the Chairman's Allowance and how it can affect the Council.

**Resolved: That future Chair allowance should be increased to £1250 and processed through payroll**

**Correspondence:**

Clwyd Pension Fund      Pension Contributions  
    14/15 20.1% 15/16 23.4% 16/17 26.8%  
    15/16 and 16/17 reduced by £100

**Resolved: The Clerk was asked to provide financial amounts to Council**

Mold Town Council      Training Devolution of Services

**Resolved: The Clerk was requested to book five places on the course**

Cllr McGuill              LDP to request that areas of land remain  
    Out of Planning

Cllr Bragg                      Closure of Post Office

**Resolved: The Clerk was to get in touch with the Post Office and find out what is the situation.**

Cllr McGuill              Remembrance Park

Mold TC                      Carnival 13<sup>th</sup> July

Flintshire CC      Summer Play scheme will be the same as last year

**Resolved: The Clerk is to proceed and the council to review prior to next year precept to alternative schemes**

Mold TC                      Mayors Charity Dinner & Dance

**8.095/13 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2014**

**Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council**

**9.096/13 Notice of Motions**

None

**10.097/13 PLANNING DECISIONS**

See Appendix A for current outstanding items

**11.098/13 REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**12.099/13 COMMITTEES. GROUPS**

See Appendix B

**Meeting Closed at 8.15pm**

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<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>051424</b>	<b>051339</b>
<b>Application date</b>	13/11/2013	06/11/2013
<b>Location</b>	Rock Bank Main Road	2 Ffordd Offa
	New Brighton	Mynydd Isa
<b>Development</b>	Construction of 13 detached Houses and associated works	Demolition of garage, erection of single storey side extension with integral garage
<b>Council's Decision</b>	Objection	No Objection
<b>Council's Comments</b>	Objection on grounds of potential traffic problems, lack of amenities in the area and safety issues	No Comments
<b>FCC Decision</b>	no decision	committee 12/03/2014
<b>BY:</b>		no decision
<b>Date</b>		
<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>051505</b>	<b>51703</b>
<b>Application date</b>	25/11/2013	30/01/2013
<b>Location</b>	15 Wats Dyke Ave	23 Overdale Ave
	Mynydd Isa	Mynydd Isa
<b>Development</b>	Erection of a single storey side extension	Erection of a single storey extension
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No Objection	No objection
<b>Council's Comments</b>	Vote was 6:3 for no objection Objectors objected on grounds of sufficient parking for two vehicles within the curtilage of property	
<b>FCC Decision</b>	Approved	Approved
<b>BY:</b>	Delegated officer	Delegated officer
<b>Date</b>	12/03/2014	12/03/2014

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<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>051901</b>	<b>51899</b>
<b>Application date</b>	18/03/2014	18/03/2014
<b>Location</b>	Tyddyn Wood	16 Llys Y Graig
	Mold	Bryn y Baal
	CH7 6TA	CH7 6SG
<b>Development</b>	Erection of 1st Floor bedroom	erection single storey extension
	Extension	and new Chimney
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No Objection	No Objection
<b>Council's Comments</b>	No Objection	No Objection
<b>+++++</b>	08/04/2014	08/04/2014
<b>FCC Decision</b>		
<b>BY:</b>		
<b>Date</b>		
<b>Application ref:</b>		
<b>Application date</b>		
<b>Location</b>		
<b>Development</b>		
<b>Council's Decision</b>		
<b>Council's Comments</b>		
<b>FCC Decision</b>		
<b>BY:</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

## APPENDIX B

### Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr Norwood, Cllr D Jenkins, Cllr Taylor

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones.

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bull Cllr McGuill

**Absent:** None

**Declaration of interests:**

**Recording of Minutes:** Committee members were advised that the minutes were not being recorded.

**Minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup> were accepted by Committee**

**The Biodiversity Officer** for Flintshire joined the committee and discussions on what could be done at the quarry were informative.

Items discussed were as follows:

**Limestone paths** were acceptable including crush and run and they would be suitable for disabled people to travel along but should choose small grained limestone. The Officer would e-mail the Clerk on the type.

**Ponds** are a wonderful exploration area for children and the Council should not be too weary of the health and safety aspects but you still have to be careful.

**Bird Tabled:** should be introduced to draw in more wildlife.

**Bug Hotels** are very good item to add to encourage Children to investigate bugs etc.

**A hedgehog** would be useful you might be able to get local hedgehog hospital to home one in the quarry.

**The Meadow** should be retained.

**Wildlife gardening Pack.** The officer suggested getting a wildlife pack. The Clerk informed the Committee that he has already applied for one.

**Poppies** would look nice along the bank and if you plant bulbs you should be native.

**Funding is available** from Tidy Town, Cadwyn Clwyd, Woodland Trust and the British Legion.

After discussions the Officer left the Committee

**Bench/Two tier Planter:** The Clerk informed the committee that the Bench should be received within a week

**Christmas tree** the member for New Brighton requested a permanent tree in New Brighton.

**Recommendation: Further information is required on the type of tree and its cost**

**Bryn Y Baal Quarry:**

The Chair of the committee had called around to the residents of the Quarry leaving photographs of the boundary for their consideration.

**Recommendation: The Clerk to draft letter to the residents and ask them to return the plinth within 7days.**

**Y Bonc** it was decided to delay this item until the next meeting when Cllr McGuill could be present

**Play Equipment:** The requirements for the two parks at Argoed and Heol Fammau will be needed when the match Funding has been approved.

**Vale Park** it was agreed that a tonne of earth should delivered when possible. Cllr Norwood would check if it's necessary for a retainer to be built.

**Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Meeting Terminated: 7:35 pm**