

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
1ST OF JULY 2014 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA  
DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)	Councillor M Jones
Councillor H McGuill	Councillor W J Taylor
Councillor D Jenkins	Councillor Bragg
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones	Councillor C L W Bull
Councillor C Stubbings,	

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk), PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones

**1.028/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:  
Councillor J Norwood, Councillor M Jones

**Absent:** None

**2.029/14 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

**3.030/14 Co-Option of Members**

NONE

**4.031/14 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

None

**5.032/14 Police Report**

The local PCSO provided a brief report and explained that anti-social behaviour includes noise pollution and vehicle pollution. She stated that no such behaviour has occurred at the Argoed Social Club.

She explained the project she was trying to introduce at the high school, which included items made available to the pupils for protection against theft and themselves.

**6.033/14 Approval of Accounts for Payment**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Accounts for Payments June		£
BT	Telephone and Internet	58.64
R Hampson-Jones	Clerk's Expenses	80.21
Redbud Landscapes	Planting out and litter picking	<u>1116.92</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<u><b>1255.77</b></u>

**Resolved:** The payments were approved by the Chair and Vice-chair

**Approval of £54 charge to apply for water supply in the Quarry**

**Resolved:** The payment was approved by the Chair and Vice-chair

**Grants Group:****The Following applied for a grant:****Awarded  
£**

<b>Argoed Gardening Club</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Citizens advice Bureau</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MI Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>MI Scout Group See attached</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>North Wales Police</b>	<b><u>500</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1100</u></b>

**Resolved: The grants were authorised for payment.****Canda and Konica Minolta quotes.**

Two quotes were received and after discussion the Clerk was asked to approach Canda and agree terms.

**Resolved: Clerk to approach Canda and agree terms.****7.034/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on  
3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2014****Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council****8.035/14 Chair's Report****Chairman's Report JUNE**

1. During the month the Spar and Post Office closed and the Post Office will remain Closed until a new operator can be found who has a robust business plan. The representatives have asked me to convey to the Council that they are doing their best to open a post office in Mynydd Isa and are contacting potential operators. When a new operator is found it will cost £15k to install and take approximately six week to set up.
2. Redbud Ltd has been busy setting up ready for the Best Kept Community Competition during the month and the judges were around the area on the third of June.
3. The statement of accounts have been submitted to the external auditor and were waiting for the result.
4. The Clerk, Chair and Cllr Norwood visited the tree at Mr Booker farm and produced some photographs that will be presented to the Amenities committee at their next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

5. A letter has been sent to Rockcliffe House and a reply has been received see correspondence.
6. The letters sent to Clwyd Health Council received a reply which did not answer any of the issues raised. No reply has been received from Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board.
7. Cllr Attridge responded to the letter regarding the Bryn Road stating he was aware of the situation and was in hand. A meeting has been arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014
8. A bank mandate was presented to the bank but was rejected as the wrong mandate had been given to the Clerk. The Clerk has a correct mandate for signature.
9. The Clerk has written to Flintshire CC about additional bins and emptying of Dog bins but no reply has been received yet.
10. A meeting was held between the surgery manager and the Chair and Vice-chair who will gave a brief report and travelling to the surgery was identified as a problem.

**Resolved: The Clerk was to contact Border Transport and invite them in for discussions.**

11. The Clerk has contacted Cadwyn Clwyd regarding an additional grant and they are forwarding an application form to him. To claim they will need a detailed costing which should be discussed at the next Amenities committee.
12. The Clerk and Cllr Norwood took up the offer of pallets from P&A of Mold and the Clerk brought a trailer in to take them to the Quarry. The pupils of Mynydd Isa were on site to-day building a Bug Hotel the Vice-Chair was in attendance perhaps he provide a brief report.
13. The Clerk attended the County Forum where fracking was discussed and the areas affected in Flintshire. The Clerk discussed with Gareth Owen the lease on the garage and asked him to simplify the contract. The Chair and Vice Chair will discuss further with the Clerk.

(Copy of contract attached)

14. The Council should consider purchasing a Projector for office use.

**Resolved: The Clerk is to purchase a projector not exceeding £300**

15. Diary Items:

- a) **NAMWAOLC Meeting Connah's Quay AGM and Quarterly Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July**
- b) **LDP Committee 9<sup>th</sup> July if required move to August**
- c) **Amenities Committee 16<sup>th</sup> of July**
- d) **Clwyd Community Chest AGM 10<sup>th</sup> of July 12:15pm**

## Correspondence

Unison	Strike Action 10 July	Received
Family Information service	Summer Fun Booklet	Received
Community Health Council	Reply to letter 2/06/2014	Received
Unison	Ballot result	Received
Tanya Wood	Response to letter 20/06/2014	Received

**Resolved: The Clerk to respond to letter**

Tanya Wood	Wishing Response to January letter
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Miffy  
NAMWAOLC

Documents on 14/7/2014 for review  
Agenda item  
Clerk to attend

Received  
Received

### 9.036/14 NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

**The Council to review the contract with Redbud Ltd  
Amenities Committee**

**Resolved: The Amenities Committee to review matters**

**The Council to consider purchasing Litter Pickers for  
the Youth Club to be used by their membership to clean up  
after youth club nights at the centre. Cllr McGuill**

**Resolved: The Clerk to ask the County Council for six litter  
pickers**

**This community council before embarking on any further expense  
first write to ALL residents who are directly affected by what  
changes are going to happen in the Quarry to find out if those  
residents are likely to object to**

**a) A stand pipe, with proposed potion marked, for the use  
of the amenities person to come and fill the water  
containers on a regular basis**

The objective is to ascertain whether any residents have any  
objections.

**Resolved: The residents should be informed through the Website.**

**b) The construction of a wet land area within the existing  
wild flower meadow.**

**Resolved: Plans concerning the wetlands to be put on website.**

**c) The destruction of the existing quarry stones to provide  
an area for the pond they wish to build.**

Item withdrawn

**Once this letter has gone out to residents then dependent  
upon response it will**

**a) .Satisfy the criticism of the Ombudsman with regard to  
not communicating with locals.**

**b). Show that it is what is or is not wanted there.**

**Resolved: The letter should be on Notice Boards and website and  
Social Media**

### 10.037/14 PLANNING DECISIONS

See Appendix A for current outstanding items

### 11.038/14 REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

**12.039/14 COMMITTEES. GROUPS**  
**See Appendix B**

**Meeting Closed at 8.15pm**



## Appendix B

### **Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

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

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

**Apologies:**

**Absent:** None

**Declaration of interests:** none

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

#### **The Post Office**

The Chair allowed an open discussion on the Post Office and the Clerk gave an update on the present situation which was that all the set up in the Post Office will be removed and the Spar will close on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. The members agreed that the Council should continue to fight to keep the Post Office in the Village.

**The Surgery** discussions of retaining the surgery revolved around the reply from the Community Health Council (CHC) which was regarded unacceptable as it did not respond to any of the comments made. The member for the South Ward stated that the CHC was not responsible for the service provided by the surgery but it was The Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board. The Clerk stated that would have been a better reply and that the Council had not received a reply for the same letter from the health board.

#### **Planting out**

The planting of plants are completed with the exception of the pots for the bungalows at New Brighton. The member for New Brighton is to collect the pots ready for Redbud to prepare for display.

The planter seat has been filled however it leaked underneath. The Clerk was asked to check whether it was a control valve or not.

The Clerk was requested to have a key cut so that Redbud can use the water tap inside the centre.

Members expressed surprise at the number of hours expected by Redbud to complete the tasks especially at times of planting out.

**Recommendation: The contract to be reviewed at the next Council meeting.**

Redbud confirmed that the top of the quarry near the road will be strimmed.

The Clerk suggested that the grass cutting should be stopped until after the competition. The suggestion was rejected.

**Recommendation: Members Requested that The Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to ask them to increase litter picking in the area to four times a week for the summer months.**

**Future Projects:**

Member for South Ward suggested that a list of future project should be made to identify areas that need attention.

Areas mentioned were as follows.

- Remembrance Park Chambers Lane
- Vale Drive Park
- Heol Fammau Park
- Bod Offa Drive Park
- Argoed Sports Park
- Wats Dyke Park.

**Residents' letter to Ombudsman**

The Clerk read out a draft letter to the residents of Rockcliffe House and asked the committee for approval to send.

**Recommendation: That the letter to the residents should be sent.**

**Bryn y Baal Quarry development.**

The Chair of committee stated that the water supply creeping along every time he approaches Welsh Water he seems to get further away. The amount of £700 seems a small amount to consider a member stated. Standpipe would be useful for the contactor to use in the area and to fill the bottles of water use to fill and water plants in the area. The Chair requested approval of the £54 charge to survey the area before a quote will be given.

**Recommendation: The £54 charge should be paid to find out the cost of water supply.**

**Wetland in the quarry**

The member for South Ward objected strongly against the development of the wetland stating that it would not be a natural wetland and should not be considered. A member for New Brighton suggested that the big rocks could be broken down and utilised. The member for South Ward disagreed strongly and stated that should the development as suggested should go ahead the member would take the appropriate action. Other members objected to the stance taken by the member for South stating that a democratic procedure has taken place.

**Increase Flintshire Litter Picking**

The Clerk was requested to increase the litter picking at the Bonc to Four visits a week

**Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Meeting Terminated: 7:25 pm**