

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ARGOED  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th of MAY 2013 AT 7-00 P.M.  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor C Stubbings

Councillor C L W Bull

Councillor R Marsh

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

Councillor Norwood

Councillor H McGuill

Councillor M Jones

Councillor J Taylor

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor B Bragg

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1001/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

**Absent:**

**2.002/14 Use of recording Equipment**

The Clerk asked that all recording equipment and mobile phones to be  
Switched off with exception to the recording equipment used by the Clerk.

**3.003/14 Retiring Chair's Report**

The Chair stated that last year was a successful year for the council especially  
receiving first prize in the best kept wild life area competition. The Amenities  
committee has been working hard during the year with the development of the  
community and is currently concentrating on further development of Bryn y  
Baal quarry for the benefit of the community.

The Chair expressed his concern with regard to the lack of interest in the  
recruitment of councillors and more members are required to maintain an  
effective control.

The website has been successfully developed and is the council's main tool for  
publicity.

Currently the community is suffering with the possible closure of the Post  
Office and the doctor's surgery.

The Chair thanked Cllr Jenkins, the Clerk and former Cllr Jolly for their  
support during the year which has been effective.

**4.004/14 Election of Chairman for 2013/14**

Cllr R Marsh was proposed and nominated to the Chair for 2014/15 and  
signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5.005/14 Election of Vice-Chair for 2013/14**

Cllr D Jenkins was proposed and nominated as Vice-Chair for 2014/15

**6.006/14 Co-option of Members**  
None

**7.007/14 Chairman's Allowance 2012/13**

**It was proposed and carried that the allowance of £1250 should be accepted and as agreed in April Meeting be processed through payroll.**

**8.008/14 Appointment of members to serve on Council groups and committees**

Ex officio members of Groups and committees (Chair & Vice-Chair) are allowed to vote due to the lack of councillors and that members are allowed to substitute on groups and committees.

**It was proposed to introduce an additional committee Local Development plan** **carried**

**Following Committee and Group members were proposed and carried.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
<b>Procedure Group</b>	McGuill, Hadfield-Jones, Jones
<b>Human Resources Group</b>	Bull Jenkins, Bragg.
<b>Monitoring Group</b>	Jones, McGuill, Bragg, Bull
<b>Grants Group</b>	Stubbings, McGuill, Bull, Norwood, Jones, Taylor
<b>Amenities Committee</b>	Taylor, Bull, McGuill, Norwood, Marsh, Jenkins
<b>Web Group &amp; Newsletter</b>	Stubbings, ,Hadfield-Jones, Marsh, Bragg
<b>L D P committee</b>	Marsh, Bragg, McGuill, Jones
<b>Representatives</b>	
<b>Argoed Sports</b>	Hadfield-Jones Stubbings
<b>Mynydd Isa Junior School</b>	Hadfield-Jones
<b>NWATLCC</b>	Jones, Norwood and Clerk
<b>Mynydd Isa Youth Club</b>	Stubbings
<b>New Brighton Comm Centre</b>	Marsh, Bragg
<b>Flintshire County Forum</b>	Chair , Vice Chair and Clerk
<b>North Wales Police</b>	Jones, Jenkins
<b>Flintshire Standards Committee</b>	Marsh Jenkins Clerk
<b>Flintshire Access Forum</b>	M Jones, Norwood, Bull, Marsh

## 9.009/14 Approval of Accounts for Payments

### April Invoices

BT	Telephone and internet	paid	£ 54.34
Plantscape	10 Black Planters		£ 1159.20
Redbud Ltd	March Invoices34-37	paid	£ 720.00
SLCC	Seminar Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May		£ 141.60
Redbud Ltd	April Invoices 38-42		£ 900.00
Viking	Hard disk and paper		£ 75.19
Canda Copying	Q/e March invoices		£ 182.27
Margden Heating	Tap installation Aug 2013		£ 480.00
Thorncliffe	Delivery of 5 tonnes of Topsoil	Paid	<u>£ 170.40</u>
		Total	<u>£ 3883.00</u>

**Resolved: The accounts were approved for payment and signed by Chair and Vice chair**

## 10.010/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

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

## 11.011/14 Chairman's Report

**The Chairman invited PCSO Hadfield-Jones to provide a progress report on Police matters in Argoed.**

Officer explained that she is part of a team that's given participative tasks.

There are two current tasks which are speeding at New Brighton and the Argoed Playing Fields where a large number of young people gather and the police have received numerous phone calls regarding behaviour.

Operation Volumous runs Friday and Saturday 6pm – 10pm operated by PCSO's and Special Constables. Mynydd Isa suffers less than other areas. The project started on the bank holiday in May and information is being collated. One area has purchased portable cameras which provided good footage. Unfortunately can only be used in that area. Those are anti-social due to drink or drugs are moved on. Officers don't normally work after midnight but this could change when required.

## Chairman's Report APRIL

1. Sainsbury's donation of £380 has been received by the Council for the purchase of four planters. They should be planted out in the next week.
2. Ten planters have been received by the Council some are in place already outside Sainsbury's the others are expected to be in place over the next week as well as the planter chair in New Brighton.
3. The Computer has been received back but promptly broke down again as PC World failed to repair properly. Fujitsu has agreed that Cllr Hadfield-Jones could repair it on their behalf. The new part was received on Friday.
4. The Amenities committee has agreed that the memorial gardens should be tidied up and some wild flower seeds to be scattered.
5. LDP members met on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April and a draft questionnaire has been drawn up and distributed to Councillors. Perhaps the Chair of the committee could inform us if any outcome of the distribution.
6. Pension Fund. The Clerk was asked the monetary value of the pension contributions these were provided showing amounts payable up to 2016/17
7. Five places have been reserved on the Mold Council's training course regarding devolution of services.
8. The Post Office and the Council met on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April for an informative meeting. It was agreed to meet again on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May (Tuesday) at 1pm with a conference call. Cllr Hadfield-Jones will arrange the setup of the conference call.
9. 2 tonnes of topsoil has been delivered and distributed across Vale Park and an additional 2tonnes has been purchased and will be distributed this week

### Correspondence:

UHY Hacker Young                      Annual Audit Papers                      **Received**

Welsh Border Comm Trans    Community Transport Funding

**The Council will consider a grant under s137 should they apply**

Flintshire CC                              Planning Approval 16 Llys Y Graig

Flintshire CC                              Planning committee speaking

13 New detached houses New Brighton

**The Chair will attend on behalf of New Brighton**

H McGuill                                  Notice of Closure of surgery

**Council were informed that the Closing date will be 1<sup>St</sup> Of January 2015**

**The Council should consider a survey of residents and a letter to be sent to the Community Health Board**

H McCulloch                              Damage to Home by Cricket Club    **Received**

Flintshire CC                              County Forum 12 June 6:30pm

**Clerk and Chair to attend**

Flintshire CC                              Community Review

Post Office                                  Press Release

K Houghton                                Closure of the Bonc For repairs

T Wood                                        Repair of potholes

**Resolved: One tonne of limestone in a bag to be left on site**

**12.012/14 Notices of Motion.**

**a) The Council to review the request for a Foot/Cycling path along Bryn Road to Argoed School and to support the request.**

A local school girl has set up an on-line petition regarding the footpaths to Argoed school. She has identified danger for schoolchildren walking to the School. The dangers identified as No Footpaths and No lights.

**Resolved: Council to write to Cllr Bernie Attridge supporting the school children**

**b) The Council to consider to write to the local health board objecting to the Closure of the doctor's surgery in Mynydd Isa.**

Cllr McGuill outlined the concerns regarding the closure and how it would affect the local community.

**Resolved: The Council to write to Betsi Cadwalader and the Community Health Council.**

**c) The Council to consider cycling facilities in the area to encourage young riders to learn and gain confidence e.g. around Wat's Dyke Park**

Cllr McGuill presented her case to the Council for a circular route around Wat's Dyke park to enable youngsters to learn to ride a bike and for others who would like to use for exercise.

**Resolved: The matter to be discussed in the Amenities committee**

**13.013/14 PLANNING DECISIONS**

See Planning Schedule A

**There were no new Applications submitted during the April.**

**15.015/14 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**16.016/14 COMMITTEES & GROUPS REPORT**

**Meeting Closed at 9:25pm**

**APPENDIX A**                      Argoed Community Council  
**Planning Applications March 2014**

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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 New Brighton	2 Ffordd Offa 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	Approved delegated officer
<b>BY:</b>		
<b>Date</b>		
<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 Mold CH7 6TA	16 Llys Y Graig Bryn y Baal CH7 6SG
<b>Development</b>	Erection of 1st Floor bedroom Extension	erection single storey extension and new Chimney
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No Objection	No Objection
<b>Council's Comments</b>	No Objection	No Objection
	08/04/2014	08/04/2014
<b>FCC Decision</b>		Approved Delegated Officer
<b>BY:</b>		
<b>Date</b>	Target 08/05/2014	16/04/2014

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<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>051983</b>	
<b>Application date</b>	22/04/2014	
<b>Location</b>	77 Park Avenue	
	Mynydd Isa	
	CH7 6XR	
<b>Development</b>	Erection of single storey extension	
<b>Council's Decision</b>		
<b>Council's Comments</b>	No Objection	
<b>Closing date</b>	13/05/2014	
<b>FCC Decision</b>		
<b>BY:</b>		
<b>Date</b>	Target 04/06/2014	
<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>		

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm  
16th April 2014 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

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

**In attendance:** Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones and Redbud Ltd

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bull

**Absent:** None

**Declaration of interests:**

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

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

**Planning of Planting out/Quarry development:**

**Footpaths:** The Chair of committee had investigated suitable product and suggested that he and Cllr Taylor would look into the matter and see what is required.

**Purchase of seats and installation:** Cllr Norwood and Redbud Ltd were asked to review the availability and price. The Clerk is asked to contact Flintshire CC to see if they have any available.

**Construction of Bug Houses/Bird Boxes:** Cllr Jenkins stated he would see if he can get additional bird boxes. Cllr McGuill would ask the Scouts to construct the Bug Houses. Attempts to be made to find hedgehogs and possible bats through charitable trusts.

**Wetlands area and water feature.** Some discussion ensued and Cllr McGuill objected to a pond on point of safety. The other members recommended that the pond be built and Cllrs Marsh, Jenkins, Norwood and Taylor would work together on its development.

**Obtaining Trees from Forestry Commission.**

Cllr Marsh and the Clerk to investigate trees to be introduced such as fruit trees and other.

**Planting of Bulbs on Banking** Redbud to plan and order and an additional £200 was agreed to the original quote to cover the additional planters purchased.

**LOG** Cllr McGuill has a large log in her garden suitable for the Quarry and Redbud Ltd was asked to move to the quarry

**New Brighton Christmas Tree** Cllr Marsh has not received any costs in relation to a permanent Christmas tree and concerns were expressed regarding the parking of cars on the grassed area by visiting bowlers to the bowling club. It was suggested that Flintshire County Council to be contacted to place large stones on the edge.



**Bryn y Baal Quarry.** The Chair was happy to report that the plinth had been returned and he had noticed a number of people looking at it since its been back. Future developments the residents will be notified by letter with a copy to the Clerk. Cllr McGuill queried if there are any match funding projects available.

It was recommended and agreed that once the daffodils had died strimming should be carried out.

**The Bonc.** It Was agreed that Redbud would replace the Sky Rocket . Cllr Norwood drew the Members attention to a bog in the field and the members agreed that Cllr Norwood should look at the problem and try and resolve it.

**Planters:** A recommendation was made that the planters should be painted green. This was accepted by Committee.

**Grass Cutting:** The Clerk was requested to ask Flintshire CC when the grass cutting would resume.

**Remembrance Park** Redbud informed members that the Remembrance Park had been tidied and that a good cut-back would be beneficial. It was recommended and agreed that meadow mix should be purchased and spread in the park.

**Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May**