

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 H McGuill

Councillor C L W Bull

Councillor M Jones

Councillor R Marsh

Councillor J Taylor

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor Norwood

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.

Name	Councillors
Procedure Group	McGuill, Hadfield-Jones, Jones
Human Resources Group	Bull Jenkins, Bragg.
Monitoring Group	Jones, McGuill, Bragg, Bull
Grants Group	Stubbings, McGuill, Bull, Norwood, Jones, Taylor
Amenities Committee	Taylor, Bull, McGuill, Norwood, Marsh, Jenkins
Web Group & Newsletter	Stubbings, ,Hadfield-Jones, Marsh, Bragg
L D P committee	Marsh, Bragg, McGuill, Jones
Representatives	
Argoed Sports	Hadfield-Jones Stubbings
Mynydd Isa Junior School	Hadfield-Jones
NWATLCC	Jones, Norwood and Clerk
Mynydd Isa Youth Club	Stubbings
New Brighton Comm Centre	Marsh, Bragg
Flintshire County Forum	Chair , Vice Chair and Clerk
North Wales Police	Jones, Jenkins
Flintshire Standards Committee	Marsh Jenkins Clerk
Flintshire Access Forum	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 th 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 1st 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 9th 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 28th of April for an informative meeting. It was agreed to meet again on the 13th 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 1st 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

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Planning Applications March 2014

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Application ref:	051424	051339
Application date	13/11/2013	06/11/2013
Location	Rock Bank Main Road New Brighton	2 Ffordd Offa Mynydd Isa
Development	Construction of 13 detached Houses and associated works	Demolition of garage, erection of single storey side extension with integral garage
Council's Decision	Objection	No Objection
Council's Comments	Objection on grounds of potential traffic problems, lack of amenities in the area and safety issues	No Comments
FCC Decision	no decision	Approved delegated officer
BY:		
Date		
Application ref:	051901	51899
Application date	18/03/2014	18/03/2014
Location	Tyddyn Wood Mold CH7 6TA	16 Llys Y Graig Bryn y Baal CH7 6SG
Development	Erection of 1st Floor bedroom Extension	erection single storey extension and new Chimney
Council's Decision	No Objection	No Objection
Council's Comments	No Objection	No Objection
	08/04/2014	08/04/2014
FCC Decision		Approved Delegated Officer
BY:		
Date	Target 08/05/2014	16/04/2014

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

**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 19th 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: 21st May