

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2014
AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

PRESENT:

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)	Councillor M Jones
Councillor H McGill	Councillor W J Taylor
Councillor D Jenkins	Councillor F Hadfield-Jones
Councillor J Norwood,	Councillor Bragg

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.040/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:
Councillor C Stubbings, Councillor C L W Bull.

Absent: None

2.041/14 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

3.042/14 Co-Option of Members

NONE

4.043/14 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.

Item 13 of Chairman's Report Cllr Hadfield-Jones abstained from the internet voting due to personal and prejudicial interest.

5.044/14 Police Report

It was stated that this item had been previously removed.

Resolved: Police Matters to be requested to appear on Agenda

6.045/14 Financial Matters

Accounts for Payments October

Redbud Limited	Purchases for Council	81.77
Redbud Limited	Contract Invoices 67-70	990.00
British Legion	Remembrance Poppies	50.00
Cllr Jenkins	Bug and Bird Boxes	17.94
British Telecom	Telephone and Internet	67.34
Clerk's Expenses	Postage, Travel and purchases	138.20
	Total	<u>1345.25</u>

Resolved: The payments were authorised to be paid and signed by the Chair and Vice-chair

**7.046/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on
7th October 2014**

Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council

8.047/14 Chair's Report

Chairman's Report

Matters since last meeting

1. The licence regarding the Garage at Argoed Sports is still outstanding. The Secretary of the association contacted the Clerk to query whether we had submitted the licence to County Hall the Clerk forwarded the e-mail sent in to County Hall in August to the association. A member drew the Council's attention that football posts were leaning against the garage and made it inaccessible.
Resolved: The Clerk to write to the junior football and the Argoed Sports Association demanding a clear access to the garage.
2. Flintshire County Forum was a success with around 50 attending and spoke about mainly asset transfers a copy of which has been received by members. It was acknowledged that five members of the Council attended and found the meeting interesting. "The White Ribbon day" was explained at the meeting and the Council has agreed to acknowledge support.
3. The Clerk acknowledged the petition in relation to the work to be carried out in the quarry and wrote to each household explaining the current status. Some called to express their concerns regarding the wetland and the Clerk explained that plans have not yet been finalised. Some commented that they had no objection to the water being installed. Main concern seems to be about the wetland and the effect of insects it attracts.
4. The water supply to the quarry is valid up to February Dŵr Cymru confirmed. If were unable to do it before then the Council should contact them nearer the time for an extension.
5. The Local Development Plan Committee met on the 22nd of October concerned mainly about the development of a form. Could a member of the committee update the meeting. Members explained the development of the form to Council and discussed the variety of ways to distribute the questionnaire and providing internet access to the form. The internet format would suit the Council best as the software would collate and sort the replies to provide informative results.
6. The Christmas tree for New Brighton has been purchased and planted.
7. Around 1500 bulbs have been delivered and are being planted in the quarry and should show results next year.
8. Ysgol Mynydd Isa has confirmed that they will be attending the Christmas Carol Concert on the 5th of December. The Clerk was asked to let FLVC know about the concert and to have an advert on the Website.
9. The Vice-Chair and Clerk held a meeting with Flintshire County Council regarding the transfer of assets. It was an information gathering meeting to see what was available and the way forward. A list of assets in the Argoed area has been provided to the Council, which the Council considered insufficient to be able to make a decision and the Clerk should request another list with further information.
10. CCTV the cameras above the Kitchen door will be corrected on the 7th of November as well as the software on the Clerk's Computer.
11. Dates to be Noted:
 - 9th of November Remembrance Sunday gather 9.30am March off 10.00am and at 5.30pm In New Brighton.
 - Chair will attend**
 - 21st of November Flintshire Chair's Charity Casino Night
 - 12th of November Amenities Committee
 - 19th of November Grants Group to consider up to 5 grants followed by the Local Development Plan meeting
 - 23rd of November Civic Service Hope Community Council

12. Cllr Bragg reviewed the file from MIFFY. The only matter that needed action was informing the Lottery to agree with the transfer of assets. The Council needs to agree whether to continue with taking over the assets at Y Bonc

Resolved: The Clerk is to contact MIFFY stating that the Council will proceed with the transfer of assets once proof of approval from the Lottery has been received by MIFFY and presented to Council.

13. The Clerk has agreed to meet the Manager of Leisure services regarding Wats Dyke disability gate on the 6th of November.

Correspondence

Welsh Border Community Transport Request for support for 2015/6 Received

Resolved: An application form to be sent.

British Legion Remembrance Sunday and Parade Received

Chair to attend

Welsh Assembly Review of speed limits on Trunk roads Received

Relates from Rhyd y Galed to New Brighton

Residents' Llys y Graig & Rockliffe Concerns on wetland Received

Representatives presented their view to councillors before the meeting. The Council agreed that a public meeting will be held.

Flintshire CC Winter preparations Received

Flintshire CC Community Asset Transfers Received

North Wales CHC Patient care Tawel Fan Glan Clwyd Received

Flintshire CC Standards Committee Annual Report Received

Dŵr Cymru Quotation valid until 02.02.15 Received

MIFFY Response requested Received

Clerk responded that the vote would be held at tArgoed's next Council meeting.

MIFFY to proceed to contact the Lottery fund and once approved to provide Council with copies of approval.

Flintshire CC Code of Conduct Training Received

Flintshire CC 40mph Rhyd y Galed to New Brighton Received

Standing Orders Review

Following items raised for discussion.

11h To consider payment of any subs to be paid annually

Refers to The Chair's Allowance

No Change

11 i To inspect any deeds and trust instruments it finishes as required **.No Change**

13 the Council shall review the pay and conditions of serving employees –

The Council has agreed that this will in future be done by Chair and Vice-chair.

The Standard should be changed to state this

16 delete the figure 7 59 delete one of the 59

Changes Agreed

70 liaison with county Councillors to send copies of minutes Argoed Ward member is a member of this Council and can arrange in future for the New Brighton Ward member to receive one.

Agreed

71Copies of correspondence to County Councillors. Not done at present.

We should send where relevant i.e where it affects the Councillor's Ward **Agreed**

5 Quorate yes we can consider reducing current to 5 as next year's election will reduce the numbers.

Resolved: The Council agreed to reduce the quorate to 5.

9.048/14 Planning Applications October 2014

Application ref:	052728	052439	
Application date	17/10/2014	11/08/2014	
Location	95 Chambers Lane	33 Chambers Lane	
	Mynydd Isa	Mynydd Isa	
Development	Erection of a single Storey Ext	Erection of Garage	
Council's Decision		No Objection	
Closing Date	07/11/2014	01/09/2014	
Council's Comments	No Objection	No Objection	
FCC Decision		Under consideration	
BY:	Target 11/12/2014	Target 01/12/2014	
Date			
Application ref:	052668	052773	
Application date	21/10/2014	28/10/2014	
Location	16 Moorcroft	18 Snowdon Ave Bryn Y Baal	
Development	Demolish garage & erect garage & Conservatory	Erection of two storey Extension And detached garage	
Council's Decision	No Objection	No Objection	
Closing Date	07/11/2014	18/11/2014	
Council's Comments			
FCC Decision			
BY:	Target 02/12/2014	Target 15/12/2014	
Date			

10.049/14 Representatives Reports

NONE

10.50/14 Committees and Groups Report

The members reviewed the Amenities Minutes and discussed the matter relating to the tree and the rejection by the community of New Brighton.

Resolved: The Council will contribute a further £100 to enable New Brighton to Purchase a Christmas tree.

Meeting ended 9.50pm

Appendix A

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm
22nd October 2014 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr R W Marsh., Cllr D Jenkins,

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

Apologies: Cllr McGuill, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Norwood, Cllr C Bull

Absent: None

Declaration of interests: none

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

Winter Planting

The bedding plants were at Redbud's site and were expected to be distributed in the next week followed by the planting of the Roundel and the seat in New Brighton will be planted at the same time.

Cllr Marsh agreed to collect the planters around New Brighton and have them ready for Redbud to plant out.

Bryn y Baal Quarry development.

Development and future planning

The Chair informed the Committee that the Wepre rangers were very impressed with the site and were interested and supportive in what the Council was trying to do.

The Chair had provided a shopping list for the Clerk to purchase pipe etc to prepare the site ready for the water supply installation. Redbud will dig a 2ft trench for the pipe. The Clerk confirmed that the committee have until February to get the pipe ready.

On receipt of the bulbs Redbud will plant them at the quarry she requested that a member of the committee should be there to provide direction. Cllr Norwood would be asked if he could attend.

Carol Service the Clerk has been in contact with the school and is waiting for a reply.

New Brighton Bin

Recommendation: The Clerk is to ask Flintshire county council for a new bin opposite the bus stop in New Brighton.

The Surgery

The Clerk informed the Committee that he has an additional 75 letters to be forwarded to the Health board but no reply has been received

Post Office Update

The Clerk informed the Committee that he understands the Post Office is going through a consultation process at present and should open in January all being well.

Memorial Gardens

The Chair stated that the memorial garden is a shambles and would like to make much more presentable.

Recommendation: The Clerk to find out who owns the gardens.

New Brighton

Selection of Permanent Christmas Tree

Complaints have received about the tree in New Brighton the members understand that the Chairman of New Brighton Community Centre will be writing to the Council. The chair suggested to wait until the letter is received.

Next Meeting: 12th November 2014

Meeting Terminated 6.55pm