

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

PRESENT:

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)

Councillor H McGuill

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor J Norwood,

Councillor C L W Bull

Councillor M Jones

Councillor W J Taylor

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

Councillor Bragg

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.052/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C Stubbings,

Absent: None

2.053/14 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

3.054/14 Co-Option of Members

NONE

4.055/14 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk stated that copies of the Standing orders, Financial Regulations and the Financial Control have been sent to members for their review.

Resolved: the items should be placed on two agendas Standing Orders in November and Financial Regulation and Control in December

Item 15 of Chairman's Report Cllr Hadfield-Jones abstained from the internet voting due to personal and prejudicial interest.

5.056/14 Police Report

No Items were discussed.

6.057/14 Approval of Accounts for Payment

Accounts Payments September

		£
Survey Monkey	Research Survey software	299.00
Luke Brothers	Plants for area	628.36
Thorncliffe	Crush & Run for quarry	32.40
Canda Copying	Photo Copying Charges q/e June	190.15
Viking Direct	Stationery	84.00
Redbud Landscapes	Invs 54-57 for July	720.00
Dŵr Cymru	Survey Fee	54.00
Flintshire CC	Lighting March- June 2014	2269.04
BT	Telephone & Internet	58.62
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	Total Payments	4335.57

**7.05814 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on
2nd September 2014**

Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council

8.059/14 Chair's Report

Chairman's Report

Matters since last meeting

1. The licence regarding the garage at the Argoed Sports and social club is still outstanding and the Clerk has asked the Chief Officer governance to follow up.

Resolved: Clerk to write to club to remove fencing in front of garage.

2. 16th of October the Flintshire County Forum will be held at the Community Centre. The Council's Chairman will Chair the meeting.

3. The Post Office is carrying out a consultation process in the area regarding the new site.

4. An acknowledgement of receipt of petition was sent to petitioners of Bryn Y Baal quarry.

5. £175 has been received from Flintshire County Council for the Best Kept Communities Competition.

Resolved: The Council stated that they were pleased with the results and Photos should go on the web site. The photos are available for viewing in the Clerk's office

6. The Clerk and the Vice-Chair met with Dŵr Cymru to discuss the new water supply. The engineer noted where the siting would be and stated that once received the company would bring the supply to the Boundary. No change in quote can be expected. The cost of the installation would be £1884 and no reduction can be expected.

Resolved: The Council agreed to install the water supply. Cllr Mc Guill asked for her objection to be noted.

7 The Clerk and the Chair attended The Big Budget meeting on the 2nd of October where the County Council explained the expected transfer of assets to the community either to the Community Council, Community Interest Company (CIC), Companies limited by guarantee or a Charity. The County would provide cover for unforeseen circumstances up to three years. They stated that the type of organisations mentioned would be eligible for grants from lottery etc. They stated that they are not asset dumping but would like to hear from interested parties. The transfer if effective would take about nine months. £18m approximately 4.1% cut is expected next year but could change which means £54m over three years. A list of assets for disposal will be issued soon. Some members expressed concerns as to whether nine months is long enough to take on assets.

Resolved: The Council will look forward to the list of assets from the County Council

8. The Clerk and the Chair attended the Police Discussion on the 17th of September where an interesting presentation was given. We were advised that there 38 Constables and 13 Community Support Officers in the Flintshire South Division operating on a 5 shift rota. We were also advised of the new Environmental Powers that have come into force which can be considered to be used regarding Dog Fouling, Wat's Dyke School Parking and drinking in the parks. These powers are available to the community council which needs to be processed through a monitoring system by police and County Council. Some members were not convinced that the new act would be effective.

9 On the 26th of September the Clerk attended a special meeting of the NAMWAOLC in Welshpool reviewing the development of the asset transfers to community councils. In the 1st week of November it is expected that a paper regarding the future of community councils will be released by the Welsh Government. The Government is keen to replace a two tier system to a one system. They are focussing on clusters who can come together to take on an asset. The Changes if taken on will affect the role of the clerk especially if staff have to be taken on. Taking existing staff would be expensive as it involves TUPE where the same terms and condition of the staff are maintained.

10. The Clerk attended the standards committee on the 6th Of October and interesting issues were raised. The Chief Officer of Governance emphasised that his office are always happy to discuss issues relating to The Code of Conduct with members. He went through issues that had been brought to his attention and explained the process and reasoning.

11. The Clerk attended The SLCC meeting on the 17th of September where the chief executive of Denbighshire gave a presentation on the way they were passing fixed assets down to community councils. Their view was basically if no-one takes on the asset or service it goes

12. On The 25th the Clerk and Chair of Amenities with a Councillor from east Ward met up with rangers from Wepre park who were impressed with the biodiversity of the quarry. The chair explained the current plans and they then contributed alternative solutions. One item was an oak tree that had been planted under another tree they suggested that the tree should be planted in a more open space as well as an alternative area for the wetland. The Councillor for the East Ward suggested taking on board the suggestions and discuss in the amenities meeting. The Chair of amenities expanded on the oak tree stating that it should be moved nearer to the entrance to receive beneficial sunlight. The Rangers were encouraging about the wetland stating it would benefit the site.

13. The Clerk has ordered the bulbs for £240 delivery is expected around the 14th. The New Brighton Tree could be ready also around the same time. The Clerk has left a message with the supplier of the Mercia Square tree for delivery for the 30th of November and has instructed that should the supplier need to bring support, he is to do so. No confirmation has been received to date

14. Ysgol Mynydd Isa has been contacted regarding the date for the carol singing which is Friday the 5th of December, the Clerk is waiting for a reply.

15. The grant towards the North Wales Police project in the local high school of £500 has been paid after the council in September delegated powers to the Clerk to carry out an internet vote.

16. The Council has re-registered with Information Commissioners

17. The Statement of Accounts and this year's minutes have been put on the Web

Correspondence:

Post office	Latest update of Post Office	Received
Buckley T C	Charity Ball 7 TH November 2014	Received
Unison	Strike Action 14 th October	Received
Local Residents		
Bryn y Baal Quarry	Petition	Received
Resolved: Letter to the petitioners explaining the Council's view.		
Welsh Audit Office	£30 refund	Received
Connah's Quay TC	New Year's Eve Party	Received
B.R.,A.N.D	LDP Flintshire	Received
Flintshire CC	Review of Electoral Arrangements	Received
Flintshire CC	Suitable tree for New Brighton	Received
Flintshire CC	Review of polling Districts	Received
Residents of Quarry	Complaint	Received
Cllr Stubbings	Apology	Received

9.060/14 NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

10.061/14 PLANNING DECISIONS

See Appendix A for current outstanding items

11.062/14 REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

12.063/14 COMMITTEES. GROUPS

See Appendix B

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

APPENDIX A**Argoed Community Council**

Planning Applications September 2014

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Application ref:	051424	052439	
Application date	13/11/2013	11/08/2014	
Location	Rock Bank Main Road	33 Chambers Lane	
	New Brighton	Mynydd Isa	
Development	Construction of 13 detached Houses and associated works	Erection of Garage	
Council's Decision	Objection	No Objection	
Closing Date		01/09/2014	
Council's Comments	Objection on grounds of potential traffic problems, lack of amenities in the area and safety issues		
	Letter sent to planning Inspectorate		
	Informal hearing 10am 29/07/2014		
FCC Decision	Welsh Government appeal	Under consideration	
BY:	Planning Permission Granted	Target 19/09/2014	
Date	12/09/2014		

Application ref:	052477		
Application date	12/09/2014		
Location	Rock Bank, New Brighton		
Development	Dropping of kerb		
Council's Decision			
Closing Date	03/10/2014		
Council's Comments			
FCC Decision	Approved		
BY:	Delegated Officer		
Date	03/10/2014		

Appendix B

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm

24th September 2014 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

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

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

Apologies: Cllr McGuill, Cllr Taylor

Absent: None

Declaration of interests: none

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

Winter Planting

Costings were presented to committee of £158.40 for the Roundel and £452.30 for the planters.

Resolved: The committee agreed that the purchases should go forward.

The committee agreed that the three planters in front of the Council's Notice Board should be removed to the New Brighton Community Centre. Compost should be purchased for the planters, Bark for the front of the centre and paint to finish renovating the planters,

Resolved: The items should be purchased as required

Horticulture Contract

The contract has been signed and Redbud is continuing to maintain the plants. A schedule of work to be drawn up with the Clerk to present to the committee.

Bryn y Baal Quarry development.

Development and future planning

The Chair stated that the Clerk and he will be meeting with rangers from Wepre Park to discuss the intention of the council and to glean any ideas from them for the way forward.

The Chair gave a report on the meeting with a Dŵr Cymru and stated that there was no movement on the quote however once the piping is in the ground and is protected and extended to the boundary then they will be able to install a connection.

The Committee will investigate possible grants in the area to support the project. The Clerk informed the Committee that he had been in touch with a local farmer to flail from the quarry and expect the task to be completed by the end of the following week.

The Clerk informed the committee that he and redbud were looking at purchases of Daffodil, Blue and Snowdrop bulbs for the quarry.

The Surgery

The Clerk informed the Committee that he has an additional 75 letters to be forwarded to the Health board

Post Office Update

The Clerk informed the Committee that he understands the Post Office is going to be set up in the Premier Shop in the Square and is subject to a consultation process.

CCTV two cameras were not operating due to power supply failure. Total cost of replacement £119.19 plus V.A.T.

Recommendation: Clerk to proceed and repair

New Brighton**Selection of Permanent Christmas Tree**

The Clerk presented to the Council details of the Atlas cedar tree which was recommended by Flintshire's County Council tree expert. He had identified a suppliers in Tarporley who could supply such a tree for £165

Resolved: The Clerk is to go ahead and purchase the tree.

Carol Service: The Committee indicated that the carol service should be held on Friday 5th of December and that the Christmas tree for Mynydd Isa to arrive on the 30th of November.

Next Meeting: 21st October 2014

Meeting Terminated: 7:15 pm