

**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015  
AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)	Councillor F Hadfield-Jones
Councillor D Jenkins	Councillor M Jones
Councillor C L W Bull	Councillor P M Jones
Councillor J Holiday.	

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.088/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor H McGuill, Councillor W J Taylor, Councillor J Norwood

**Absent:** Councillor Bragg

**2.089/14 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

**3.090/14 Co-Option of Members**

None

**4.091/14 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

Members signed and were issued with the latest Local Government Member Code of conduct. Which had been approved in the December Council Meeting.

**5.092/14 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments March**

		£
BT	Telephone and internet	61.16
Pro Control	Moles on Bonc	70.00
Flintshire CC	Funding Contribution Argoed play area	5000.00
Flintshire CC	Electric and Lighting	567.00
Redbud Landscapes	Inv 89-92	720.00
R Hampson-Jones	Expenses	34.35
Viking	Heavy Duty bags	<u>107.97</u>
	Total Invoices	<u>6560.48</u>

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed by Chair and Vice chair**

**Upgrade of CCTV**

The Amenities Committee reviewed 3 quotes and recommend acceptance of the quote from Closed Circuit Security for £4198.00 with £375 per annum servicing.

**Resolved: The above payments were authorised and signed by Chair and Vice chair**

**Raised Beds**

The Amenities Committee have recommended that a new flower bed be constructed or purchased the following three are to be considered.

- (a) Sleeper raised bed @£75 each
- (b) Self- watering 1m square with name and Logo £372
- (c) Self -watering 1.2m octagonal with name and Logo £456

**Resolved: That item (b) was to be purchased and authorised and signed by Chair and Vice chair**

**6.093/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015**

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

**7.094/14 Chair's Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

1. B.R.A.N.D. held their meeting on location at Bryn y Baal which was well attended with the local Member of Parliament in attendance and indicated that he would write to Flintshire County Council asking why are they considering the application for the Houses at Cae Issa when it's in breach of the unitary development Plan.
2. The water installation is not yet complete as there has to be a visit from the Gas Company. This will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.
3. No response has been received from the FLVC nor County Council in relation to the Community Assets. The Clerk asked for instruction from Council.  
**Resolved: Members informed the Clerk no further instructions.**
4. The disabled entrance to Wat's Dyke Park has been completed in Birch Grove.  
**Resolved: Members expressed delight at the completion of job.**
5. The County Council is to action in April the upgrade in the Argoed play area.
6. A site meeting to locate the Bus Shelter on Bryn Road has been arranged for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

**Correspondence**

150302	Welsh Water	Water Main Bryn road	Received
150303	Betsi Cadwaladr	Closure of surgery	Received
150304	MIFFY	Transfer to Council	Received
150305	FCC	Armed Forces Covenant	Received
150306	FCC	Co-option Notices	Received
150307	NW Police	PCSO's in area	Received

**8.095/14 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

No interest received from County Council. Still no response regarding the letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
The Clerk was asked to retain the item on the agenda

**9.096/14 Anti-Social Behaviour Act**

Inspector Jolly of North Wales Police held a meeting with Councillors on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March regarding the following questions.

- a) Prohibit drinking of alcohol in parks and on the streets.

This could be instigated by a public space order which the Local Authority can put in place. It is used where people congregate and cause problems or Noisy cars after 10pm. The order can include restrictions and on spot fines.

A member suggested that a time restriction on drinking would be more appropriate than a complete ban on drinking

- b) Dog fouling what can be done to instigate effective Action?  
Dog fouling can be difficult but an order can insist that a dog must be kept on lead this is more effective as PCSO's can approach owners who do not have their dogs on a lead, which can be more effective.
- c) Sale of cars on the side of road can this be prohibited?  
Not illegal to sell your own car on side of the road provided it's by the house of the seller. If a business is selling a car on side of the road it is illegal and the local authority should be contacted.
- d) Charge a fine for parking in a disabled car parking area?  
This is the duty of the civil parking enforcement team and the local authority should be contacted.
- e) Restrict children being dropped off at school  
The PCSO's supposed to visit the School once a week. If the problem is persistent then the Clerk could contact sergeant Mavis Evans for support

Inspector Jolly stated he was happy to come to meetings whenever required or once a quarter.

#### **10.097/14 Closure of Surgery.**

In the last month The Surgery in Mynydd Isa has closed its doors and moved out. The understanding is that they have not had it sanctioned by Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board. A member stated that the member for South Ward was to report back on a meeting of the Betsi Cadwaladr relating to the closure. Member for West Ward suggested re-routing bus services which a member commented that Buckley Town Council is currently reviewing.

**Resolved: The Clerk was to request a report from the Member for the South Ward and he is to write a letter to the health board requesting clarification and a public meeting. He is to contact Buckley to ask them to consider diverting buses to the new clinic.**

#### **11.098/14 The Local Government Wales Consultation**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March a Council Meeting was convened to go through the consultation document. The members present wanted to consult further whether the Council wanted to participate in the consultation. The options open to members is as follows:

- a) Full council to complete the form
- b) Delegate the completion to a group or committee
- c) Not to take part in it at all.
- d) Or any other suggestion.

**Resolved: A meeting was agreed for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to which the Council delegated the completion of the form and submission by the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Members are to review the form and their answers will be collated on the night with the Clerk, who will submit a form that is representative of the Council.**

#### **12.099/14 Notices of Motion**

NONE

#### **13.100/14 Planning Outstanding Items**

## Argoed Community Council

<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>052906</b>	<b>053101</b>	
<b>Application date</b>	26/11/2014	09/01/2015	
<b>Location</b>	7 Llwyn Onn Close Bryn y Baal	6 Tan Y Bryn Mynydd Isa	
<b>Development</b>	Erection of Two storey side Extension	erection of single storey extensions to rear of dwelling and detached	
<b>Council's Decision</b>			
Closing Date	17/12/2014	30/01/2015	
<b>Council's Comments</b>	No Objection	No Objection	
<b>FCC Decision</b>	Approved	Approved	
<b>BY:</b>	Delegated Officer	Delegated Officer	
<b>Date</b>	06/01/2015	11/02/2015	
<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>053063</b>	<b>053208</b>	
<b>Application date</b>	02/01/2015	17/02/2015	
<b>Location</b>	5The Square Mynydd Isa	Land at Issa Farm Mynydd Isa	
<b>Development</b>	Change of Use to dance studio and fitness centre	Erection of 59 dwellings,	
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No Objection		
Closing Date	23/01/2015	10/03/2015	
<b>Council's Comments</b>		Objection see comment below	
<b>FCC Decision</b>	Approved		
<b>BY:</b>	Delegated officer		
<b>Date</b>	6/02/2015		
<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>053017</b>	<b>053154</b>	
<b>Application date</b>	18/12/2014	29/01/2015	
<b>Location</b>	10 Rockliffe Bryn Y Baal	Oakfield Cottage Alltami	
<b>Development</b>	Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling	Erection of replacement dwelling	
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No Objection	No Objection	
Closing Date	7/1/2015	25/02/2015	
<b>Council's Comments</b>			
<b>FCC Decision</b>	Approved		
<b>BY:</b>	Delegated officer		
<b>Date</b>	12/01/2015	Target 13/03/2015	

The Council objects to the project on the following basis.

1. The area is protected under the current Unitary Development and is a protected Greenfield Development.
2. Schools are oversubscribed in the area that such a large development would cause additional strain.
3. Current Sewage system is unable to cope, with local housing already having had overflow in their gardens and an additional 59 houses will make the matter worse.
4. The Power system is inadequate and will not cope with the amount of housing anticipated.
5. The project will increase vehicular flow in the area by 120+ cars which will put additional strain on the Highways.
6. S 106 should include the development of a path from site to Buckley Common which includes a cycle path and a contribution to improve the sports and community facilities in Argoed

### **12.101/14 Representatives Reports**

### **13.102/14 Committees and Groups Report**

Minutes of the amenities committee was presented to Council see appendix A

#### **New Planters:**

New planters required under Village Name signs

**Resolved: the above purchase was approved.**

**Meeting ended 8.25pm**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bull, Cllr Norwood

**Absent:** None

**Declaration of interests:** none

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

**Summer Planting**

**Y Bonc:** 10 bags of bark was agreed to purchase some on Bonc and some on the border around the library. The Laurel around the notice board to be cut. The tree the Clerk to chase up MIFFY to see what is happening.

**ARGOED:** wild seed mix is to be distributed in the area. New planters are required under Village name signs ( 2)2ft x 2ft x 2ft and (2) 4ft x 2ft x2 ft.

**Recommendation:** The Clerk to contact P& A for prices.

**Redbud** will arrange to paint the old planter boxes

**Bod Offa:** Requires some soil and feed such as Blood and bone

**Recommendation:** Redbud to purchase necessary items

Redbud informed that Alison Plumer will be taking over during maternity leave.

**Bryn y Baal Quarry:** No Issues

**Bus Shelter**

The Clerk was waiting to hear from Flintshire county Council.

**Wylfa Avenue/Mold Road**

The Member for South Ward requested that the two planters on the corner to be removed and moved to Y Bonc, to be replaced by a larger planter. After some discussion and some investigation in catalogues the committee decided that the Clerk should get some prices of square and octagonal planters and any other suitable suggestions for consideration by Council. Redbud will arrange for the removal of the planters to Bonc play area.

**Recommendation:** The Clerk to investigate prices.

**Argoed Sports Park**

The Clerk confirmed that the apparatus for Argoed Play area has been ordered

**Tree on Y Bonc**

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested MIFFY to remove the Tree.

**Closed Circuit Television**

Three Quotations were received by the members and the decision was to take the lowest quote presented by Closed Circuit Security Ltd.

**Reommendation:** To accept the quote presented by Closed Circuit Security Ltd.

**Next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Meeting Terminated 6.55pm**