

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

PRESENT:

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)

Councillor H McGill

W J Taylor, Councillor

Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.064/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor M Jones, Councillor J Norwood, Councillor Bragg

Absent: Councillor C Stubbings

2.065/14 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

3.065/14 Co-Option of Members

NONE

4.066/14 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.

5.067/14 Financial Matters

Receipts: Precept received £20448.33

Accounts for Payments December

			£
BT	Telephone and internet	paid D/D	61.20
Redbud ltd	Community caretaking	Paid	900.00
HCI Data	Web Fee	Paid	83.40
Mega Electrical	Christmas tree and lights	Paid	1302.00
E G Booker	Supply Of Christmas Trees	Paid	408.00
Flintshire CC	Sept and Oct Lighting and electric	Paid	<u>1865.04</u>
Total Payments for December			<u>4619.64</u>

Items paid not authorised

NAMWAOLC	Lunch for meeting and membership		64.50
Farmer Brown	Meadow Cut In Quarry		50.00

Accounts for Payments January

			£
BT	Telephone and internet	paid D/D	56.65
Argoed Sports Assoc	Street Light Electric Usage.		125.00
Flintshire CC	Street Lighting and Electricity	Nov/Dec	1134.52
Redbud Ltd	Community caretaking		<u>930.00</u>
Total Payments for January			<u>2246.17</u>

Resolved: All payments above were approved for payment with the Chair and Vice-Chair Authorising payment on behalf of Council.

Approval of Precept

The Precept was approved by Council in their Meeting of 13th of January. Copies have been circulated to all members and any queries were to be forwarded to the Clerk. As no queries were received the Clerk requested an instruction to proceed to present to the County Council a rate of £ 26.13

Resolved: The Rate of £26.13 was approved by Council, and signed by the Chair

Approve lease relating to garage

The Sports Association has re-presented the licence and a copy has been forwarded to all members. The changes in the Lease is as follows:

2.13.3 Access route repair reduced from 50% to 10%

2.13.9 Items that are combustible, flammable and explosive should be kept in Suitable container.

Resolved: The Clerk to proceed and sign the lease on behalf of the Council.

Purchase of Disabled Badges

The Clerk has investigated the cost of purchasing disabled signs for the Car park as requested previously. The cost of purchasing five badges is around £150 that's without any posts. The Clerk request an instruction to proceed.

Resolved: The Clerk to proceed with consultation with the Disability officer of Flintshire and Street scene.

6.068/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd December 2014

Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council subject to changes which will be reviewed and confirmed by the Chair when signing approval.

7.069/14 Chair's Report

1. Bryn Residents Against New Development (B.R.A.N.D) held a meeting at the sports and social Club on December 8 with several members attending. Councillors who attended stated there was a good turnout which provided a better consensus of opinion. New members were elected to the committee. There was request but the opinion of members was that they should remain neutral.
2. The Garage had not been cleared as at the 31st of December and the Clerk contacted the Legal department who informed the Association of their duty and the garage has now been cleared.
3. National Library of Wales has contacted the Council by e-mail regarding permission to archive. Cllr Jones has responded with no objection.
Resolved: Approval agreed
4. The approval for the water installation at the quarry was given to the council on Friday 29th of January.
5. A letter written to the County Council on the 15th of December and after several requests no reply has been received. The Clerk is not sure whether all the assets are available as he queried the Sports and Social Club as an asset and was told that this was not available as the Sports Association has a lease the site.
6. A copy of a letter from Buckley Town Council supporting the Footpath to Alltami was received.
7. The Post Office in Mynydd Isa is now operational.

8. Quotes have been received for the CCTV and will be discussed at the next Amenities Committee.
9. A letter has been received from the Welsh Government stating that the Maximum expenditure for S137 for 2015-16 is £7.36 per elector.
10. A declaration of interest form has been submitted to the County Council in relation to community Assets.
11. A copy of the local development plan has been placed on the website.
12. Section 78 Appeal has been received regarding planning reference 048042 demolition of 66a Mold Road and the erection of 58 Houses. Cllr Norwood has requested to attend the informal hearing
13. Disabled badges have been requested for the bays around the centre the cost of doing this is around £150. This matter was resolved in the finance section.
14. No response has been received from Street scene regarding moving the disable gate in Wats Dyke Park.
Resolved: The Clerk Should contact the disability Officer for Flintshire.
15. A letter received By Cllr McGuill suggesting doubts as to the viability of the surgery. The attendance at the Buckley Surgery has increased and eventually will reduce the need for the surgery in Mynydd Isa. However members felt that, there needs to be some attention given to bus routes to enable residents of Mynydd Isa, who do not drive to attend the Surgery. The County Council needs to re-route buses to provide the service and the Clerk has been requested to write to Flintshire County Council.
16. B.R.A.N.D. sent a copy of e mails regarding public meeting with Bloor homes. As discussed previous meeting it was agreed that the project should be dealt with By B.R.A.N.D and the council would support them. They also mentioned that Cllr Bragg has had some consultation with the organisation.
17. CCTV footage can be given to members of the public in the following circumstances.
 - a) Where the requester is in the footage required (s8 of the act)
 - b) Where there is possible litigation involved (s35(2) of the act)
18. The Clerk's wages has been adjusted to account for the changes relating to this year's NJC agreement.
19. A white paper has been received as a consultation regarding Devolution, Democracy and Delivery-Reforming Local Government: Power to local people. This has been forwarded to members and allows consultation for individual and council.
Resolved: The Council and individual members should complete the consultation.
20. Trade Waste Collection is likely to cease from 1st April 2015

Correspondence

12140 Flintshire CC Equipment at the park Forwarded to members of Amenities.

To be Discuss in the next amenities meeting.

12141 Flintshire CC Removal of fencing in Square. Cleared on 29th January.

Clerk to contact County Council for re-seeding.

12144 Resident's query on the quarry. Clerk has replied.

12145 Receipt relating to TV Licence not required.

12146 Inquiry into consideration of Public Service Ombudsman's Powers.

9.070/14 Anti-Social Behaviour Act

There is a police meeting in Mold on the 4th of March and it would be a good opportunity to speak to the police as what can be done. Some of points that could be raised on behalf of the council are as follows:

1. Prohibit drinking Alcohol in parks and on the streets.
2. Dog fouling what can be done to instigate effective action?
3. Sale of Cars on the side of road can this be prohibited?
4. Charge a fine for parking in a disable car park
5. Restrict children being dropped off at school.

Resolved: The Clerk to present the above suggestions to the inspector.

10.071/14 Notice of Motion

**The Council to consider whether an open meeting should be called regarding work in the quarry.
Councillor Jenkins**

After a brief discussion where the members were notified that a letter had been distributed to those residents' who presented the petition indicating the suspension of projects in the quarry. The members concluded that a letter stating that no meeting will be called at this point in time to be distributed as well.

The Council to consider having a bus shelter on Bryn Road Bryn y Baal

Councillor Jenkins

Cllr Jenkins explained to Council that the Bus stop on Bryn Road was exposed in both directions and in his view the shelter would be beneficial for travellers going in both directions. The Bus shelter would be situated on the Alltami to Chambers Lane side of the road as it gives travellers from both sides view of the buses they would be waiting for.

Resolved: The Clerk to enquire with the County Council with regard to the procedure to install a new bus shelter in the new year.

11.072/14 Planning Outstanding Items

Argoed Community Council

Application ref:	052906	053101	
Application date	26/11/2014	09/01/2015	
Location	7 Llwyn Onn Close Bryn y Baal	6 Tan Y Bryn Mynydd Isa	
Development	Erection of Two storey side Extension	erection of single storey extensions to rear of dwelling and detached	
Council's Decision			
Closing Date	17/12/2014	30/01/2015	
Council's Comments	No Objection	No Objection	
FCC Decision		Under Consideration	

BY:			
Date			
Application ref:	053063	053031	
Application date	02/01/2015	16/12/2014	
Location	5The Square Mynydd Isa	Elm View Bryn Lane New Brighton	
Development	Change of Use to dance studio and fitness centre		
Council's Decision	No Objection	No Objection	
Closing Date	23/01/2015	06/01/2015	
Council's Comments			
FCC Decision		Approved	
BY:			
Date	Target 11/02/2015	Target 30/01/2015	
Application ref:	053017	053154	
Application date	18/12/2014	29/01/2015	
Location	10 Rockliffe Bryn Y Baal	Oakfield Cottage Alltami	
Development	Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling	Erection of replacement dwelling	
Council's Decision	No Objection	No Objection	
Closing Date	7/1/2015	25/02/2015	
Council's Comments			

12.073/14 Representatives Reports

NONE

13.074/14 Committees and Groups Report

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

Meeting ended 9.15pm

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm
6th January 2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

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

In attendance: Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones

Apologies:, None

Absent: None

Declaration of interests: none

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

Winter Planting

The last stages of winter planting should be completed by the end of the month once the pensioners' boxes have been collected.

Bryn y Baal Quarry

Meadow Development.

The Committee discussed the meadow development and it was agreed that the meadow will be maintained even though there will be developments to ensure that all members of the community can access the meadow e.g. disabled who currently can't use the side gate as the spring is too strong.

The Clerk informed the committee that a letter had been sent to the Chair of the school governors' stating that they will be notified within one month of any final decision on the plans.

The committee reviewed the letter from a Rockcliffe resident and the subsequent letter from the Ombudsman and asked the Clerk to write to the resident stating that once a decision has been made regarding the development they will be notified within one month.

The Ombudsman concluded that as no final decision had been made on the development plans there was no case to answer.

Water Supply

The Clerk requested that a payment for water supply should be made he was advised to do so.

Post Office Update

The Clerk stated at present the target for the opening of the |Post Office is still likely to be January 2015

Transfer of Assets

The Clerk informed the Committee that he had written to the County Council asking if the Garage could transferred to Argoed as part of the asset transfer listing. The Garage was still inaccessible with the gaol posts and fencing blocking access even though he had written to the association asking them to remove them by the 31st of December.

Argoed Sports Park

The Clerk showed the committee two items that the County Council recommended. One was a Tottlebank |Plus the other was a Digger which included repairs to the sandpit. Total cost was £10,000 with Argoed providing £5,000. The Committee agreed on the Tottlebank and refused the Digger. The Clerk was to discuss with the County Council an alternative to the digger.

Letter from resident regarding a tree on Y Bonc

A letter was received from a resident stating that a tree in the park was damaging a retaining wall and requested that the Council correct the situation. Redbud had been asked to check on the tree and reported back to the Clerk that it required a tree surgeon to cut down the tree. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a tree Surgeon.

Amenities Budget 2015/16

The Clerk explained that one big item on the budget was a replacement DVR for the CCTV. The current DVR no longer works and the initial costs to replace the DVR and some lights should cost around £4k. He advised that the council can replace immediately or wait until April with a new budget. It was decided to repair in the new financial year. The current DVR would cost around £3600 to replace but he has been advised that a cheaper option is available. The Committee asked the Clerk to write to the local shops to ask for a contribution towards the upgrade.

The Christmas tree lights budget was increased from £1500 to £2500 for more lighting to be added around the square at Christmas

Next Meeting: 18th February 2015

Meeting Terminated 7.45pm