

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

PRESENT:

Councillor R Marsh (Chair)	Councillor H McGill
Councillor D Jenkins	Councillor M Jones
Councillor W J Taylor	Councillor Bragg
Councillor C L W Bull	Councillor J Norwood

In attendance:

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

1.075/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following apologies were received:

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

Absent:

2.076/14 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

3.077/14 Co-Option of Members

Mr Paul M Jones and Mr John A. Holiday made presentations to the Council and were accepted to be co-opted on to the Council. Both Members signed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and a receipt for the Local Government Member Code of conduct.

4.078/14 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.

5.079/14 Financial Matters

Accounts for Payment February		£
BT	Telephone and internet	54.79
Redbud Limited	Quarry Planting and trench	£390.00
Redbud Limited	Contract duties	£900.00
Society of Local Council Clerks		
	Annual Subscription	167.00
Canda Copying	Quarterly Photocopying	120.88
		<u>1632.67</u>

Resolved: Payments were approved with the Chair and Vice-Chair Authorising payment on behalf of Council.

Risk Assessment

The following changes were agreed.

Where reference in the assessment related to Monitoring Committee it should be changed to Chair and Vice chair.

Page3 last row under the column Required Action the date and year should be removed.

Page 4 Top row under column Controls in Place change at each meeting to Quarterly

Penultimate row Column likelihood of risk change to High

Grants Meeting:

Ysgol Mynydd Isa requesting a donation to the local Eisteddfod Group.

Recommended £200.00

Resolved: The payment of Grant was approved

**6.080/14 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on
3rd February 2015**

Resolved: Minutes approved and accepted by the Council.

7.081/14 Chair's Report

1. B.R.A.N.D. Site meeting has been arranged for Friday 6th of March at 3pm on the Northern Side of Bryn Road Bryn Y Baal.
2. Installation of water will happen on the 5th of March
3. The member for south was attending the County Forum on behalf of the Council and would like to update on some of the items discussed in the meeting in item 8.
4. Section 78 appeal Cllr Norwood and Cllr Mcguill are to attend the appeal on the 4th of March.
5. Disabled badges Street scene were to view the Square on the 2nd of March.
6. The Clerk has contacted the Sports association regarding the lease and been informed it's not ready yet.

Resolved: Clerk to follow up and contact the Argoed Sports to produce the Lease.

7. The Clerk has contacted street scene regarding the gate at Wat's Dyke Park no response as yet but he has also spoken to Leisure Services who said they will help if need be.
8. A white paper consultation regarding reforming Local Government requires a response perhaps a meeting should setup to discuss a response.
Resolved: The Clerk to arrange a meeting with a view of completing the consultation.
9. The basket swing and a Tottle bank have been ordered for Argoed park a t a cost of £8k with the Council contributing £4k.
10. The Clerk is to attend the police Forum on the 4th of March. The questions raised in the last meeting have been forwarded to the inspector.
11. New Member's Code of Conduct was agreed in December and a copy is available for each member. Each member present received a copy and signed a receipt.
12. The Forms for the Environment Competition have been received.
13. Flintshire Playscheme starts 20th July 2015 at £900 per location. Members were informed that some members were not happy with the results in 2014 and this was an opportunity to discuss the matter before agreeing to go ahead. Some members expressed disappointment in the Mynydd Isa result for 2014 but were pleased with the attendance in New Brighton. A suggestion to reduce to one playscheme was rejected.

Resolved: Both playschemes should go ahead and any cancellation should be decided when the next report is received around November.

Correspondence

150202	Aled Roberts AM	Review of roads	Received
150203	Register of electors.	Electronic copy	Received
150204	One voice Wales	Membership	Received
150206	Flintshire CC	Community assets	Received
150210	Flintshire CC	Best Kept Communities	Received
150211	Flintshire FCC	Trade Waste	Received

8.082/14 Expression of Interest in Community Assets

A meeting was held on the 25th of February with FLVC relating to the Community Asset Transfers they were as confused as the Council. The FLVC have taken on board points made by councillors in the Meeting to discuss with the officers of the County Council. Members who attended the meeting were no further forward in understanding the process and drew the attention of FLVC to assets in the area that were not on the list. They were the following Parks Issa farm, Heol Fammau, Vale drive and the remembrance garden.

The members were informed that due to the changes in the lottery funding rules, Leases up to 99years were available including a 5 year break clause.

The member for the South Ward indicated that managing the grounds only could increase the liability insurance substantially and the Council should expect recompense from the County Council.

Members still expressed their concerns regarding double rating it was suggested that the Column showing the cost of the County rate on the Precept could vary by Council to show where communities have taken over assets.

The next process will contain the costs in relation to the managing of the assets.

9.083/14 Anti-Social Behaviour Act

There is a Police Forum on the 4th of March which will be attended by the Clerk there is a space for two additional members to attend. The list of suggested subjects under this Act has been submitted to the Inspector.

10.084/14 Notice of Motion

None

11.085/14 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	Approved	Approved	
BY:	Delegated Officer	Delegated Officer	
Date	06/01/2015	11/02/2015	

Application ref:	053063	053208	
Application date	02/01/2015	17/02/2015	
Location	5The Square	Land at Issa Farm	
	Mynydd Isa	Mynydd Isa	
Development	Change of Use to dance studio and fitness centre	Erection of 59 dwellings,	
Council's Decision	No Objection		
Closing Date	23/01/2015	10/03/2015	
Council's Comments		Objection see comment below	
FCC Decision	Approved		
BY:	Delegated officer		
Date	6/02/2015		
Application ref:	053017	053154	
Application date	18/12/2014	29/01/2015	
Location	10 Rockliffe	Oakfield Cottage	
	Bryn Y Baal	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			
FCC Decision	Approved		
BY:	Delegated officer		
Date	12/01/2015	Target 13/03/2015	

Planning Application 053208

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

12.086/14 Representatives Reports

County Forum

Report from Cllr H McGuill

A presentation was given by Cllr A Dunbobin on the armed forces community covenant which can provide funds for projects relating to memorials etc. The member suggested that this funding could be considered for the memorial park.

The white paper on the planning bill was discussed as well as the white paper relating to the reformation of Local government.

The BBC TV would be at FLVC looking at community projects in relation to asset transfers.

13.087/14 Committees and Groups Report

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

Meeting ended 9.15pm

18th February 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: Cllr C Bull,

Absent: None

Declaration of interests: none

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

Summer Planting

Redbud Ltd presented a list of suggested plants for the summer planting with the intention of planting early to settle down the bedding.

The members were informed that three boxes underneath road signs need replacing or repairing. The contractor can build or purchase necessary boxes and will negotiate with P&A. It was agreed that Redbud could build the boxes.

A member suggested that the colours for the Roundel should not be red and white only. This was agreed. Cllr for New Brighton offered to the Council three Holly Trees for the memorial garden. The Clerk stated that he had worked out the Co-ordinates and will see who owns the land.

Recommendation: The purchase of plants of £640 was agreed.

Bryn y Baal Quarry

Water Supply

At this point in time no progress with the installation.

Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported that Flintshire CC had been contacted regarding a bus shelter for Bryn Road Bryn Y Baal and there was a possibility of funding.

Transfer of Assets

The Clerk informed the Committee that the FLVC had contacted him regarding setting up a meeting, he informed them about the confusion relating to what was up for transfer.

The committee went through the transfer list and Identified the following assets for transfer:

P/PA/0141 - Mynydd Isa Argoed Play Area	Council Is Interested
P/PA/0128 - Bryn y Baal Play area at Parc Isa	Council Is Interested
P/PA/0099 - Mynydd Isa Heol Fammau Play Area	Council Is Interested
P/PA/0143 - Mynydd Isa Play Area No 2 Wats Dyke Rec Ground	Council Is Interested
P/PA/0102 - New Brighton Play Area to rear of Community Centre,	Council Is Interested
P/PF/0040 - Mynydd Isa Playing Field Wats Dyke Recreation Ground	Council Is Interested
P/CC/0014 – New Brighton Community Centre Needs clarification on Whether a lease is in operation	

Other parks in the area were also identified, which were not on the asset listing.

Recommended: The Clerk was to contact FLVC to set up a meeting of full council to discuss the transfer of assets.

Argoed Sports Park

Discussions had taken place between Leisure Services and the Clerk and it was suggested that The Dual Frame (£7k) and repairs to the sand pit would cost £8k. The Committee reviewed the items again and agreed to have the swinging basket £5K and the Tottlebank £5k

Recommendation: The Clerk to order swinging Basket and Tottlebank**Tree on Y Bonc**

Only one quote was received from three suppliers and the committee reviewed the costs and after some discussions it was agreed to write to MIFFY and ask them to put it right.

Recommendation: The Clerk to write to MIFFY to remove the tree and make right.

Closed Circuit Television

Three quotations were presented to Committee and after discussions the quotes were not standard enough to be clear the Clerk was asked to use the specification of one quote as ask the other two to quote on the same specification.

Next Meeting: 18th March 2015

Meeting Terminated 7.15pm