**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2015 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair) Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Norwood

Councillor J Holiday. Councillor H McGuill

Councillor W J Taylor Councillor F Hadfield-Jones,

Councillor Hayward-Baker Councillor P M Jones

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.022/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor Bragg.

**Absent:**

**2.023/15 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

**3.024/15 Declarations of Interest**

**None**

**04.025/15 Standing Orders- Declarations of Interest.**

**None**

**5.026/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments May £**

BT Telephone and internet 57.57

Redbud Landscapes Inv 98-101 750.00

R Hampson-Jones Kaspersky’s computer security 21.66

P&A Group Planters for under signs 380.00

Zurich Insurance Annual Insurance 1715.65

JDH Business Internal Audit 2015 22.56

Flintshire C C Lighting and electric Aug 14 &Feb Mar 1701.78 Total Invoice 4949.22

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

**Statements of Accounts** Copies of the Statements of accounts have been presented to Council for approval.

**Resolved: The statements were authorised and signed by theChair**

**Clwyd Pension Fund Service Level Agreement**

The Clerk wishes to advise that he is to sign the Service Level Agreement with the Clwyd Pension Fund.

**Resolved: The Clerk was to sign and return the Service Level Agreement.**

**06.027/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th of May 2015**

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

**07.028/15 Chair’s Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

1. The Clerk contacted Flintshire County Council regarding a dog bin in Pen y Carreg footpath. Street Scene has installed one in the last week

2. The Clerk wrote to the County Council regarding concerns expressed in the last meeting on the proposed development on Mold Road as the County Council has withdrawn support on two major items on the basis of costs. The view expressed in the letter that the County Council was putting costs before safety.

3. The large planter purchased is now in place on the corner of Wylfa Avenue and Wylfa Hill.

4. The Clerk has been in contact with the Youth Club to set up a youth committee and also to provide support around the area at the time of the Best Kept Community Competition. The Clerk would like some indication of what format the Council would like the committee to take.

The members expressed that two to three members of the youth committee could attend and would be an early item on the agenda.

5. Lease for the garage has been signed off and returned to the legal department in County Hall.

6. The planters for under the signs are ready to collect and will be installed in the next few weeks. One additional planter was requested by Redbud and ordered. The member for the South Ward suggested that two more planters should be built in the same area as the two near the Bus stop on Mold Rd by Pren Avenue. It was suggested that the Scouts be contacted to build the planters.

7. The Chair will attend the following Civic Services:

Buckley Town Council Sunday 7th June

Flintshire County Council Sunday14th June

**Correspondence:**

Flintshire Diabetes Grant application Received

Ombudsman Code of Conduct Received

The Pension Regulator Automatic enrolment Actioned

Resident Ash grove Dog bin Actioned

Youth Club Committee setup Actioned

Cllr Holiday Bus Route to New Surgery Received

The member for the South Ward informed the council that a radical change to bus routes is underway. Members expressed concerns regarding access to the new clinic by bus. Currently Buckley TC contributes around £5000 towards the Border Community Transport. However members felt that a £1 charge by the transport company to take residents to the surgery is not unreasonable.

ASC Cllr Norwood details Actioned

FCC Legal Access of information Forwarded 11/5

FCC Chair new chair Cllr Ray Hughes Received

FCC org change acknowledgement of letter Actioned

Cllr McGuill Notice of motion Actioned

Lottery notice of transfer re: MIFFY Processing

FCC competition Acknowledgement of entry Received

**08.029/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

As instructed the Clerk has written to the County Council regarding the delay in response to his letter of the 15th of December. The County Council has replied with a letter that was sent to the Clerk on the 23rd of January. The Clerk has not received this letter. A date has been set for 6pm 11th of June for the Council with Ian Bancroft who is leading the organisational change in Flintshire.

Members expressed their dismay at the state of the centre and how untidy it was with the Youth club taking it over and it seems to have lost its community use with former paying users being asked to leave.

**Resolved: The Clerk is to contact the youth service for representation at Council to inform the council of the future development of the council.**

**09.030/15 Closure of Surgery.**

The doctors have vacated the surgery and the Youth Service has taken over the offices. As requested the Clerk has written to the Health board regarding how the Council felt on the closure and have requested a Public meeting with the board and the Manager of the surgery at Mynydd Isa. No reply has been forthcoming.

**10.031/15 Notices of Motion**

**The Council to consider setting up a garden competition with best garden and best street categories Cllr McGuill**

Cllr McGuill gave a presentation to the council on how the competition would give recognition to residents who would be brightening up the area with their colourful and well-kept gardens. Could also include a best street category to generate community spirit. The council should look at Hawarden Community Council competition for a template.

Judges of the county competition or the local gardening club could be invited to judge and comment,

**Resolved: The members in principle were in favour of the development of a competition.**

**11.032/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

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|  | | **Argoed Community Council** | | |  | |
| **Application ref:** | | **53463** | **053208** | |  | |
| **Application date** | | 07/04/2015 | 17/02/2015 | |  | |
| **Location** | | 14 Parc Issa | Land at Issa Farm | |  | |
|  | | Bryn Y Baal | Mynydd Isa | |  | |
| **Development** | | Erection of two storey Extension | Erection of 59 dwellings, | |  | |
| **Council's Decision** | | No Objection |  | |  | |
| Closing Date | | 28/04/52015 | 10/03/2015 | |  | |
| **Council's Comments** | |  | Objection see comment below | |  | |
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| **FCC Decision** | | approved | Under Consideration | |  | |
| **BY:** | | Delegated Officer |  | |  | |
| **Date** | | 08/05/2015 | 30/03/2015 | |  | |
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| **Application ref:** | | **053456** | **53484** | |  | |
| **Application date** | | 01/04/2015 | 23/04/2015 | |  | |
| **Location** | | 19 Pen Y Carreg Close | Signage Wylfa S/stn | |  | |
|  | | Bryn Y Baal CH7 6TW |  | |  | |
| **Development** | | Erection of Two Storey Extension | Starbucks Drive Thru | |  | |
| **Council's Decision** | |  |  | |  | |
| Closing Date | | 22/04/2015 | 14/05/2015 | |  | |
| **Council's Comments** | | No objection | No Objection | |  | |
| **FCC Decision** | | Under consideration |  | |  | |
| **BY:** | |  |  | |  | |
| **Date** | |  | Target date 02/06/2015 | |  | |
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| **Application ref:** | | **53379** |  | |  | |
| **Application date** | | 05/05/2015 |  | |  | |
| **Location** | | The stables Wells Street |  | |  | |
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| **Development** | | Static Caravan and Toilets |  | |  | |
| **Council's Decision** | | Has Concerns |  | |  | |
| Closing Date | | 26/05/2015 |  | |  | |
| **Council's Comments** | | Councillors expressed concerns regarding the need for a toilet Block and Caravan |  | |  | |
| **FCC Decision** | |  |  | |  | |
| **BY:** | |  |  | |  | |
| **Date** | | Target 16/06/2015 |  | |  | |

**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.

**12.033/15 Representatives Reports**

**Argoed Sports Association.**

The current representative attended a meeting of the sports association and was dismayed at the attitude in the meeting he felt it was not controlled properly and was held in an inappropriate area with members interrupting the meeting with the to-ing and fro-ing to the bar. The representative resigned due to the attitude of some members of the committee who were hostile. Cllr Hayward-Baker agreed to be the new representative.

**13.034/15 Committees and Groups Report**

There are no minutes for Amenities Committee in May as there was no quorate.

**Web Group**

The web has been updated with the latest minutes and the Clerk and Cllr Hadfield-Jones have sorted the e-mails out bringing all the changes relating to the AGM into action. A latest list of Councillors has also been sent and should be updated in the next week or so showing the members names, addresses, telephone Numbers and the councillors’ Argoed e-mail addresses. The Clerk has liaised with Sara Parker in relation to putting something on site about the Caffi.

**Meeting ended 9.10pm NEXT Meeting 7th July 2015**