**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6th of OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh (Chair) Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor M Jones Councillor J Holiday.

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones Councillor C L W Bull

Councillor A Hayward-Baker Councillor J McCarron

Councillor W J Taylor Councillor J Norwood

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.058/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received: Councillor P M Jones

**Absent:** Councillor H McGuill, Councillor B Bragg

**2.059/15 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

**3.060/15 Standing Orders & Declarations of Interest.**

None

**4.061/15 Co-Option of Members**

None

**5.062/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for Payments September**

£

BT July invoice 56.35

R Hampson-Jones Councillors Expenses 35.00

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Redbud Ltd Community Contract £ 900.00 additional work £ 523.49 1423.49

Total for two months **1564.84**

The Clerk explained to council that the additional work by Redbud related to repairs to New Brighton Centre £73.49 and maintenance at Y Bonc Park.

Some members were dismayed that the charity Miffy has not maintained the park.

**Resolved: That no further work should be carried out at the park until the transfer of assets has been completed**

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

**Salary Costs** were presented to council in the information pack for information only.

**Financial Statements April to September** were presented to Council where it was reviewed with the Clerk.

**Resoolved:The Council accepted the Statements of Accounts.**

**6.063/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st of September 2015**

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

**7.064/15 Chair’s Report**

**Matters since last meeting**

1. The clerk has approached Sainsbury’s who are prepared to donate £50 towards the Christmas tree.
2. The transfer of assets form from MIFFY to Mold Recreation Grounds is being processed as the Clerk has submitted a form to the lottery. Banks have been approached with regard to opening a bank account. There will be a requirement for a management team responsible for the charity. A bank has expressed concern with regard to the management of funds. The Clerk is waiting for a copy of a bond to be forwarded from the county council

The Chair and the Vice Chair should be the Cheque signatories with the Clerk being the initial Treasurer

**Resolved: The Clerk is to proceed with setting up the bank account.**

1. As requested by the amenities committee the Clerk has put forward to the county council the suggestion of transferring the lighting of the council to them in exchange for the management of the parks in the area.
2. Letter received from Flintshire County Council regarding upgrading the equipment at Heol Fammau has been granted requiring a maximum match funding of £5000. Approval is required by 30th of October
3. NWAMWALC meeting will be held at Flint Mountain on Friday 23rd October 2015. Cllr Taylor Cllr Holiday and Clerk to attend.
4. Poppy Day service8th of November in Bistre Parish Church will be attended by the Chair. Will there be a service in New Brighton? Is there a requirement for a wreath there as well?

**Resolved: A service will be held at New Brighton and two Wreaths are required.**

1. Both Schools i.e High school and Mynydd Isa and have agreed to Friday 4th of December For the turning on of the lights. The tree has been booked to be delivered on the 29th of November.
2. The Settlement Survey has been completed and submitted by the Clerk to the county council.
3. In the Correspondence an e-mail has been received from Elite fitness who currently occupy what was the Spar supermarket where she stated that she has received aggravation from the local youths. I have produced DVD’s for them showing the behaviour of some of the youths. e.g. racing around the square on bikes as if their at a velodrome, passing a rugby ball in between to ladies talking one being a 70 year old, walking on the roof of the building. The Police did attended on the third night and discussed with youths. The owner has requested our help.

**Resolved: The Clerk should continue to work alongside the Police and produce CCTV Footage if available.**

1. Buckley Town Council Mayor’s Charity Ball Friday 6th of November at Beaufort Park Hotel. The Chair is unable to attend.
2. A Proclamation Ceremony for the Urdd eisteddfod in 2016 was held at Flint and the clerk attended on behalf of Council.

**8.065/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

The clerk has submitted a request to the county council to consider transferring the 130 lights of Argoed to Flintshire in exchange for the Argoed receiving and controlling the parks and greenery. The Clerk spoke to the Chief Officer of organisational change who stated that exchanging assets is not part of the remit for transfer of assets, however he will ask the Chief Officer of Street scene and Transportation to contact Argoed with a view relating to the transfer to his department of the 130 lights.

**9.66/15 Notices of Motion**

**The Council consider a community speed watch project in the area.**

**Councillor Holiday**

Cllr Holiday explained to the council the scheme that has been applied throughout England where some Police Forces have accepted and installed the schemes others have not. He was not aware of such a scheme in Wales.

**Resolved:The Clerk is to approach North Wales Police and get their point of view.**

**The Council to consider the safety options regarding the gate at Y Bonc**

**Councillor Taylor**

Cllr Taylor explained that he and Cllr Marsh had a meeting with the Flintshire leisure regarding a replacement gate for the park. The Clerk provided a photograph of the proposed gate and members felt that the gate was not suitable as it would be difficult for someone in a wheelchair to open. After deliberations the council felt that a gate should be moved around the corner and provide a side entrance as the attraction for the child is to run out to press the button to cross the road.

The Council felt that they could not commit to any further development until the matter has been resolved by Flintshire County Council.

A proposal was put forward to carry out a trial for three months to close the gate for three months and to assess the feedback received.

**Resolved:The Council to carry out a trial of the park by closing the gate and assess the feedback after notices to be put up in the park informing the residents of the trial and for them to feedback through the website.**

**The Council to consider the erection of a removable metal tree for holding plant baskets Councillor Taylor**

Cllr Taylor explained that a metallic tree could be built by Abbey Metals for a price of £400. The tree would hold 8 Hanging baskets and would in place where the Christmas tree is normally placed.

It would be 11ft tall with a second tier hanging from 8 ft with the basket being 6ft high.

**Resolved: The quote was accepted and the Clerk is to place the order.**

**The Council to consider Residents’ Parking only in Wat’s Dyke Avenue Councillor Mc Guill**

**Due to the absence of Cllr McGuill the matter was referred to the next meeting.**

**10.067/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

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| **Application ref:** | **053920** | **053208** |  |
| **Application date** | 18/08/2015 | 17/02/2015 |  |
| **Location** | Fairview Vale Drive | Land at Issa Farm |  |
|  |  | Mynydd Isa |  |
| **Development** | Erection of two storey extension | Erection of 59 dwellings, |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection |  |  |
| Closing Date | 07/08/2015 | 10/03/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No Objection | Objection see comment below |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Approved | Committee 09/09/2015 |  |
| **BY:** | Delegated officer |  |  |
| **Date** | 10/09/2015 |  |  |
| **Application ref:** | **054085** | **054198** |  |
| **Application date** |  |  |  |
| **Location** | 38 Mold Rd Mynydd Isa | Rock Bank New Brighton |  |
| **Development** | Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling | Display of 2no. temporary stacker sign |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
| Closing Date |  | 25/09/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Approved |  |  |
| **BY:** | Delegated Officer |  |  |
| **Date** | 18/09/2015 | Target Date 15/10/2015 |  |
| **Application ref:** | **054209** | **54226** |  |
| **Application date** |  |  |  |
| **Location** | Rose & Crown New Brighton | 154 Mold Road Mynydd Isa. |  |
| **Development** | Conversion of public house into 2no. dwellings and   erection of 1no. dwelling in place of existing outbuildings | Erection of 3No. detached dwellings and access road. |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No Objection | See Below |  |
| Closing Date | 02/10/2015 | 07/10/2015 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 14/10/2015 | Target 23/10/2015 |  |
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Planning application 054226

154 Mold Road Erection of 3 detached dwellings and access road

Argoed community council objects to this development for the following reasons:

1. It does not comply with the rule that the access road needs to be at least 25 ft wide.

2. Pavements in front of the area should be at least 1.8m wide

3.It should be noted that the council has objected to this development on two previous occasions

Planning applications 040645 and 044588 where the applications were refused but allowed on appeal.The council still stands by its objections of the other two times.

The concern of the council is that they see no point in consultation if local views are ignored at appeal.

**Erection of 60 houses Mold Road Planning Committee.**

Cllr Norwood attended the planning committee for the above planning item and was dismayed that he arrived at 9.30am, and it finished at 8.15 pm. He had asked for a projector to be erected and when he arrived it was not in place. There were only six residents at the meeting and no sustenance had been laid on, which he found unacceptable. The committee went through all the information and

He informed the committee that the County Council had supported the community with regard to the danger of the development but withdrew their support when highways passed the application. The reason of the change in the support was that the Council found it wasn’t worth the cost. The Councillor stated that he was appalled at the change in stance considering the health and safety risk.

The campaign went well on the day a result is expected in 6 weeks

**12.068/15 Representatives Reports**

**Argoed Sports Association.**

The association is currently reviewing its situation.

**New Brighton**

The Vice Chair commented that he would appreciate more reports on the community centre’s activities and a copy of their financial statements.

**13.069/15 Committees and Groups Report**

The minutes for the amenities committee for the 8th of September are attached

**Web Group**

The chair of the web group stated that the web pages are being reviewed regularly and keeping the community updated as it receives information.

**Meeting ended 9.15 pm**

**NEXT Meeting 3rd of November 2015**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm**

**8th September 2015 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr R W Marsh, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Norwood

Cllr McGuill

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

**Apologies**: Cllr C Bull, Cllr D Jenkins,

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:**.

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

**Redbud Contract review:**

The Chair of the committee recommended that due to the timescale that the committee should recommend the current contract with a view of reviewing in about Three months

**Recommendation as stated by the chair was carried**

**Bryn Y Baal Quarry**

The Clerk stated the quote of £155.00 by Abbey metals and was asked to proceed and to receive a quote for the A4 sign.

The member for South Ward requested that the farmer should be contacted regarding the cut back.

**Gate at Y Bonc**

The Committee Chair and the member of east ward attended a meeting with a staff member of Flintshire County Council who recommended a different gate for the road.

The Chair suggested that it would be better to move the entrance up the lane leading to the dog walking area as it will be more cost effective.

**Recommendation: To wait for the plans to be received from F.C.C. and discuss in full council. The Clerk to put the matter on the agenda.**

**Transfer of assets Update**

The Clerk informed the committee that at their recommendation the Clerk has written to Flintshire County Council to consider the exchange of assets. A member suggested that the cost of maintaining the Parks would be very costly.

The Clerk also informed the Council that he has carried out a survey of possible contractors for lighting and will draw up contracts ready for the review.

**Recommendation: To wait for response from Flintshire County Council.**

**Parks update**

The Clerk informed the committee that a request has been submitted to County Council regarding match funding for Heol Fammau

**Next Meeting: 14th October**

**Meeting Terminated: 7.00 pm**

**Appendix B**

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| **Income & Expenditure Statement** | | |  |  |
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| **April to September 2015** | | **Actual** |  | **Annual Budget** |
|  |  | **Apr to sept** |  | **2015/16** |
| INCOME |  | £ |  | £ |
| PRECEPT |  | 42,718.00 |  | 64,077.00 |
| other income |  | 100.00 |  |  |
| Interest received |  | 9.61 |  | 30.00 |
| Total Income |  | 42,827.61 |  | 64,107.00 |
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| LIGHTING COSTS |  |  |  |  |
| Lighting energy |  | 2,006.58 |  | 4,020.00 |
| Lighting Maintenance |  | 1,396.98 |  | 4,500.00 |
| Clerk's Wages |  | 9,586.38 |  | 19,173.00 |
| Community Caretaking |  | 3,900.00 |  | 9,000.00 |
| Staff Employer's NIC& Pension |  | 2,778.54 |  | 7,136.00 |
| Staff Expenses |  | 14.34 |  | 150.00 |
| Chair's Allowance |  | 1,250.00 |  | 1,250.00 |
| Travel and Conference |  | 60.00 |  | 300.00 |
| Grants s137 |  | 700.00 |  | 2,000.00 |
| Audit FEES |  |  |  | 900.00 |
| Professional Fees |  |  |  | 100.00 |
| Webdesign and Newsletter |  |  |  | 500.00 |
| Photocopying |  | 236.92 |  | 750.00 |
| Printing and Stationery |  | 33.95 |  | 200.00 |
| Insurances |  | 1,715.65 |  | 1,700.00 |
| Telephone |  | 145.89 |  | 350.00 |
| Internet Charges |  | 141.30 |  | 300.00 |
| POSTAGE |  |  |  | 60.00 |
| Other Administration costs |  | 47.92 |  | 100.00 |
| Christmas tree and Lights |  |  |  | 2,500.00 |
| PLANTING |  | 755.33 |  | 2,000.00 |
| Playscheme |  |  |  | 1,500.00 |
| PC/Printer Consumables |  | 18.05 |  | 100.00 |
| Other Maintenance costs |  |  |  | 300.00 |
| Other Community Projects |  |  |  | 5,000.00 |
| CCTV |  | 4,573.00 |  | 4,000.00 |
| Local Development Plan |  |  |  | 500.00 |
| Garden Projects |  | 1,581.05 |  | 2,000.00 |
| Total Overheads |  | 30,941.88 |  | 61,869.00 |
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| Excess Income/(Expense) |  | 11,885.73 |  | 2,238.00 |

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| **Balance Sheet** |  | Sep-15 |
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| CURRENT ASSETS |  | £ |
| HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT |  | 479.81 |
| HSBC Business Money Manager | | 47,130.92 |
| VAT Control A/c |  | 1,385.41 |
| Total Current Assets: |  | 48,996.14 |
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| CURRENT LIABILITIES |  |  |
| 2105-100 GMV Accrual A/c |  | 3,472.40 |
| Net assets |  | 45,523.74 |
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| Reserves: |  | £ |
| Brought Forward |  | 30,638.01 |
| Current year reserves |  | 11,885.73 |
| Earmarked |  | 3,000.00 |
| total Reserves |  | 45,523.74 |
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| **Allocated expenditure** |  |  |
| Park development |  | 5000 |
| Bus stop Bryn y Baal |  | 3000 |
| Audit fees |  | 900 |
| Web Support |  | 500 |