

**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th OF APRIL 2016 AT 7.00P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor D Jenkins	Councillor R Marsh (Chair)
Councillor W J Taylor	Councillor M Jones
Councillor J Holiday,	Councillor J McCarron
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones	Councillor J Norwood

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.094/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received: Councillor B Bragg, Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor A Hayward-Baker, Councillor P M Jones, Councillor H McGuill

**Absent:**

**2.095/15 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

**3.096/15 Standing Orders & Declarations of Interest.**

**Declaration of Interest**

None

**4.097/15 Co-Option of Members**

None

**5.098/15 North wales Police Update.**

PCSO Maggie Lynch submitted a police update for the Argoed area. Members commented that the report did not have all the items reported by the Owl reports.

**Resolved: The Clerk to discuss with the inspector at the Police Forum.**

**6.099/15 Financial Matters**

**Accounts for payments March 2016**

		£	£
BT	January Invoice		50.43
Canda Copying	Q/e January 2016		21.26paid
Redbud Ltd	Contractual Work March	900.00	
	Clearance of tree at Y Bonc	550.00	1450.00
Flintshire C.C.	Lighting costs February		
	Maintenance	282.83	
	Electric	334.43	
	Repairs	0	567.26
Flintshire C.C.	Match Funding Heol Fammau		5200.00
Warrener Pest	Removal of Mole –Y Bonc		70.00
	TotalMarch		<u>7458.95</u>

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

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

### **Audit 2016**

In February the council received from JDH Business Services a letter relating to the Internal Audit 2016. The Clerk requires the following decisions:

1. Do you wish to continue with the Current internal auditor.
2. Dependant on the decision above do you wish to review the internal auditor immediately? In the next year? or Not at all?
3. Are you happy to accept the fee of £270+vat

**Resolved: Items 1. And 3. Were approved and a review to be carried out in the New Year.**

### **7.100/15 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2016**

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

### **8. 101/15Chairman's Report**

#### **a) Matters since last meeting**

1. The Clerk has contacted the solicitors regarding an update on the details regarding Mold Recreations and will pick up a file on Thursday.
2. The tree and laurel bushes have been removed from Y Bonc however the retaining wall needs attention and the Clerk would like authority to continue with the project. The Wall is in some disrepair.

#### **Resolved: The amenities committee to review and report back to council**

3. The Witches Hat play equipment has been installed by the council as per the invoice for £5200. However a neighbour has complained about it and a meeting has been arranged to meet the neighbours at 6pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April two councillors from the amenities committee are to attend.

#### **Resolved: The Clerk and members of the Amenities committee to attend the meeting with residents.**

4. The gates of Wat's Dyke Park were reviewed by the Vice-Chair ,the Clerk and the supervisor for Argoed from Flintshire County Council. It was agreed that the two gates would have attached rubber bungs and one gate would be amended.

With regard to access for the disabled the Vice-Chair and Clerk were advised that only one disabled access is required to comply.

The resident has contacted the council as was informed of the above and confirmed he would be happy when all the work is done.

#### **Resolved: The Clerk and Amenities committee to follow up to get the work done.**

4. The Clerk attended the SLCC meeting in Prestatyn where a presentation was given by the new Auditors BDO. Where they explained about what is required from the audit. There seems to be more required from the internal auditor so in future there could be an increase in the internal audit fee with no cap on the external audit fee.

5. No response has been received from New Brighton Community Centre or the county council's legal department. The Clerk has written to the council to request an update.

6. The Clerk has forwarded a request for a bus shelter on Wylfa Hill and has spoken to the department regarding placement of the bus shelter.

#### **Resolved: The Clerk to follow up with County Council.**

7. A letter from Sainsbury's was received regarding the state of the car park this has been forwarded to the county council.

#### Correspondence

Sender	Subject	Action
Flintshire CC	Suspension of Right to buy	forwarded
New Brighton Centre	Council representation	for consideration

**Resolved: The choice of the council as representatives are Cllrs M Jones, MacCarron and Jenkins.**

Flintshire CC	Dog Fouling	for Consideration
Pension Regulator	Registration of Pension Scheme	for Process
Flintshire CC	Complaint new equipment in park	see above
North Wales Police	CCTV footage	for action
Kaspersky	Subscription      £37.99	Approval

**Resolved: The Clerk is go ahead and purchase the Anti-virus software**

North Wales Police	April Update	In Info pack
Flintshire CC	Consultation on recycle	forwarded
Flintshire CC	Play scheme 2016	for Approval
CBRE	Sainsbury's	forwarded
Flintshire CC	Thoughts on Local Dev Plan	forwarded
NAMWAOLC	Meeting 22/04/2016	Please advise

**Resolved :Cllrs holiday and Taylor to inform The Clerk of their availability.**

Resident complaint	Dog Fouling	for discussion
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#### 9.102/15 Expression of Interest in Community Assets

The Clerk has no further update however members should be aware that Café Issa will be taking over the management of Mynydd Community Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

The council discussed gifts for the staff of the library and the centre.

**Resolved: The clerk to purchase appropriate gifts for the staff and the Chair will attend to distribute and to say thank you on behalf of the council.**

#### 10.103/15 Notice of Motion

**The council to consider welcoming student Japanese Visitors to the area.**

##### Cllr Holiday

Cllr Holiday gave a presentation to the council regarding Japanese students between the ages of 15-23 years who are the area on a cultural visit and asked if the council would like to be involved.

**Resolved: The Council members would consider the matter if there was a request to to get involved but the feeling was that it was already o**

**The Council to consider ways of managing dog mess after comments received on Facebook  
Cllr Hadfield-Jones**

Cllr Hadfield-Jones mentioned comments received through Facebook regarding the number of dog mess along routes from resident's home to the shops. Members were unhappy that there were no wardens around to penalise offending dog owners.

The members after some consideration decided that the website should be utilised to capture data regarding dog fouling in the area and submit to Flintshire County Council

**Resolved: The website to be used to capture data on dog fouling in the area, the clerk to respond to the letter and Flintshire County Council to be notified of the dog fouling in the area.**

**11.104/15 Planning Outstanding Items**

<b>Application ref:</b>	<b>54789</b>	<b>055027</b>	
<b>Application date</b>	22/02/2016	15/03/2016	
<b>Location</b>	61 Chambers lane	1 Pen y Lon Mynydd Isa	
<b>Development</b>	Alterations and extensions to Bungalow to form two-storey dwelling	Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling	
<b>Council's Decision</b>	No objection	No objection	
<b>Closing Date</b>	14/03/2014	05/04/2016	
<b>Council's Comments</b>			
<b>FCC Decision</b>			
<b>BY:</b>			
<b>Date</b>	Target date 11/04/2016	Target Date: 03/05/2016	
	<b>54226</b>	<b>054507</b>	
<b>Application date</b>		12/11/2015	
<b>Location</b>		6 Argoed View New Brighton	
<b>Development</b>		Erection of two storey rear extension, new porch and garage extension,	
<b>Council's Decision</b>		No Objection	
<b>Closing Date</b>		07/10/2015	
<b>Council's Comments</b>			
<b>FCC Decision</b>		Approved	
<b>BY:</b>		Delegated Officer	
<b>Date</b>		15/12/2015	

## 12.105/15 Representatives Reports

Cllr Holiday reported on the following meetings:

**Police Forum** the inspector informed the meeting of the statistics relating to the area however The councillor felt that the meeting was about delivery of statistics than of discussing projects.

**Age Friendly Community** the Councillor found that the delivery was eloquent and wanted to make people aware of what was on in the area for the older generation and wanted to encourage social interaction.

**Speedwatch:** North Wales Police are very keen to get the project off the ground with Assistant Chief Constable adopting a positive approach. There will be a co-ordinator based in Mold and areas of need s are to be identified and volunteers needed to get it started. Cllr Holiday will be volunteering

## 13.106/15 Committees and Groups Report

Cllr Holiday attended Community Speed watch and tested the equipment. He noticed the change in behaviour of drivers as they saw the camera. There is a rule applied to speeds which was generous in his view.

Members suggested following areas Park drive and Llewellyn Drive during school runs. Cllr holiday requested that any suggested areas should be reported to him.

## 14. Committee and group reports

### Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

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

Cllr D Jenkins Cllr McGuill Cllr M Jones Cllr J Holiday

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

**Apologies:** Cllr C Bull, Cllr McGuill, Cllr Hayward-Baker

**Absent:** None

**Declaration of interests:** None

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

All council members had been invited to the meeting as agreed in the February Council Meeting to allow resolutions to be processed Cllr M Jones and Cllr Holiday accepted the invitation.

### **Redbud Landcapes**

Presented a report to the committee showing what would be required regarding the maintenance of the borders, boxes and roundel. Suggestions were put forward for the council to consider. The following was agreed:

1. 8 Baskets for the hanging tree would cost around and would include a reservoir to save watering every day. Cost of approximately £25 per basket.
2. Grasses to be transferred from the roundel to the borders

3. The roundel will be filled with perennials at a cost of £325
4. Borders- perennials to be considered in the borders possibly buddleia Caffi Issa to be contacted to see who is responsible. Possible sponsors could be sought.
5. The committee could consider setting up a local spring clean event.
6. The planter in Bryn Rd Bryn y Baal to be installed in Vale drive Park
7. The tree and laurel at Y Bonc to be cut down and shaped where required at a cost of £550

**Resolved: The above items to be processed within the next few months with Y Bonc Park cutback taking priority.**

### **Park Management**

The Clerk confirmed that the new sign had been installed at Bryn Y Baal Quarry.

#### **Heol Fammau**

The Committee Chairman gave an update on the development stating that the old equipment will be staying with new “Witches Hat” to be put in front of the swings and alongside other equipment which also have soft landing floor around it. He stated that the swings would need attention probably next year the current swings can be deep in mud at times.

They also identified that the laurel trees were high and need approximately a foot taken off them.

#### **Wat’s Dyke Park**

The Committee Chair and The Clerk met with Flintshire County Council and resolved matters regarding the gates in the park. New Rubbers will put on the gates to reduce the sound of the gate banging the frame.

The Clerk mentioned the letter received from Sainsbury’s regarding the state of the car park and that he had received a response from the head of Street scene who will look into the matter.

**Next Meeting 13th April**