**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2016 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 A Hayward-Baker

Councillor J McCarron

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.001/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor P M Jones, Councillor F Hadfield-Jones, Councillor Bragg.

**2.002/16 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

**3.003/16 RETIRING CHAIR’S REPORT**

My Third term as chairman of Argoed Community Council has come to an end. It’s been a learning experience and an enjoyable one.

Several key issues that the Council had to deal with this year with the an ongoing programme of Asset Transfer from Flintshire County Council which affects the community council. The Concern is that residents’ get less services with increasing costs.

On a positive note Café Isa Community Interest Company have taken over the management of the community centre from April 2016 which included the library which has opened this week. I wish them well in the future, how it will affect the council in financial terms, is yet to be seen.

The responsibility for Y Bonc has returned to the Council as trustees of Mold Recreation Grounds. The Council needs to move forward to establish a management team for the Charity.

I’d like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support over the last three years and I understand that Councillor Taylor is ready to take the reins as Chairman and I wish him all the best.

I would like to offer my services to act as Vice-Chairman for the coming year notwithstanding any nominations.

**4.004/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2016/17**

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year. The Chairman to be invested with the Chain of Office, make a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Resolved: Cllr John Taylor was elected Chair for the year**

**5.005/16 APPOINTMENT 0F VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016/17**

 **Resolved: Cllr John Holiday was elected as Vice –Chairman for the year**

**6.006/16 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chair asked that members had read the new code of conduct and if they were ready to accept.

 **Resolved: The code of Conduct was accepted by Council.**

**7.007/16 CHAIRMAN’S ALLOWANCE 2016/17**

 **Resolved: No change to the current allowance of £1250 which is processed through payroll with payments in May and September**

**8008/16. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

**GRANTS GROUP**

**Councillors: McGuill, M Jones,Marsh and Norwood.**

**WEB GROUP suggested change of name to IT GROUP**

**Resolved: The WEB group to be called the IT group taking on responsibility for CCTV.**

**Members Councillors: McCarron and Hadfield-Jones**

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**Councillors: Norwood, Marsh, Jenkins McGuill Bull**

**The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex officio of all the above committees and group.**

**9009/16. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

 Argoed Sports AssociationCllrs Hayward-Baker and Jenkins

 Ysgol Mynydd Isa Governing Body Cllr Hayward-Baker

 North Wales Police Consultative Committee Cllr Holiday

 North Wales Association of Town Councils Cllrs Holiday, Taylor & Norwood with Clerk

 Mynydd Isa Youth Club no longer required

 New Brighton Community Centre Cllrs M Jones, Jenkins, McCarron

Flintshire County Council Standards Committee Cllr Jenkins

 Mold Recreation Grounds Management Committee CllrsMcGuill, Norwood,McCarron,Marsh,

M Jones with Chair and Vice Chair

**COUNCIL MEETING 7pm**

**10010/16. Financial Matters £**

 NWAMWALC Quarterly Meeting 15.00

 Clerks Travel NWAMWALC 36.72

 CANDA Delivery of Ink 30.00

 BT Telephone and Internet 48.81

 Viking Refuse sacks 99.53

 Clerk Gifts for library staff and caretaker 71.95Paid

 Flinstshire CC Galvanised sign and Basket tree 632.98

 Redbud Landscapes community caretaking 149-52 720.00

 Total to be paid £1789.99

**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 and Statement of accounts**

The Statement of Accounts have been received from the external auditors giving the 11th of July as the date of presenting the statements to BDO the new external Auditors. Internal Audit has been arranged for the 19th of May.

**11011/16. Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 5th of April 2016**

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

**12012/16. Chair’s Monthly Report**

 **Matters arising since last meeting**

1. The Amenities have received a quote regarding the repair for the wall which came in at £1550. It

was recommended that the repair should be paid for by the charity who is the landowner.

**Resolved: The repair should go ahead and the Council as trustee of the Charity agreed payment should be met by the charity who are owners of the land.**

1. The Clerk and members attended a meeting between residents regarding the witches’ hat in Heol Fammau. The Chair elaborated stating the concern of the residents was that it would attract more disruptive youths to the park. Where they have had a problem in the past with youths gathering and drinking and being abusive and causing damage.

**Resolved: The Clerk to inform the PCSO of the residents’ concern**

1. The supervisor of |Flintshire County Council confirmed he has found the rubber for the gates and will attach them soon. An east ward councillor informed the council that the gate in beech grove need attention.

**Resolved: Clerk to inform Flintshire County Council of the attention needed in Beech Grove.**

1. The Deeds relating to the Charity have been received from solicitors and the Clerk is waiting to hear from Legal Flintshire.

**Resolved: The Clerk to Follow up with Flintshire’s legal department.**

1. Cllr McCarron has repaired the camera that was not working.
2. The Clerk had requested a quote for site managing Y Bonc for Moles. The quote received was £440 per annum.

**Resolved: The quote was rejected**

1. The Clerk has received a quote for 8 baskets with reservoirs for £220.

The amenities has recommended to proceed.

**Resolved: The Clerk to proceed with the Purchase**

1. The Insurance renewal has been received and the following options are available.

1year agreement £1495.56

3year agreement £1429.67

5year agreement £1363.78

 **Resolved: The Clerk to continue with the 3 year option**

**13013/16. Notice of Motion**

**Council to consider to close the Exit of the car park in Mercia Drive and extend the parking to Bryn Road and link in with the back car park and the exit to be the current entrance at Bryn road to rear carpark. The Amenities Committee**

The amenities committee is asking the council to consider having the grassed area around the library removed and replace with a car parking facility which allows parents of the children attending Wat’s Dyke school to park their cars and walk the children to school. They would close the current exit and the current entrance from Bryn road would become exit only. The councillor for South ward indicated there may be money available from the safer routes for school fund. Allowing a crossing to be installed on Mercia drive.

Another suggestion was to have no parking during drop off times at the school however there were concerns that it would be difficult to enforce.

The Council will investigate further in coming months.

**The Council to write to Flintshire County Council requesting that the youth club remains open during holidays to provide access to facilities for them to use. Cllr J Norwood**

Cllr Norwood expressed his concern regarding the use of the Youth Club facility which appears to be open for 4hours a week in school term time. It is closed during holiday which is when the youth club is required to be open to provide facilities for the |Children. The members concurred with this view and felt that it would be a better use of the facilities now the youth club is not restricted to school terms.

**Resolved: The Clerk is to write to youth service requesting that the service be available during the holidays**

**14014/16. Planning Applications/Decisions**

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| **Application ref:** | **54789** | **055027** |  |
| **Application date** | 22/02/2016 | 15/03/2016 |  |
| **Location** | 61 Chambers lane | 1 Pen y Lon Mynydd Isa |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Development** | Alterations and extensions to Bungalow to form two-storey dwelling | Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No objection | No objection |  |
|  Closing Date | 14/03/2014 | 05/04/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision**  |  | Approved |  |
| **BY:** |  | Delegated officer |  |
| **Date** | Target date 11/04/2016 | 03/05/2016 |  |

**15015/16. Representative’s Report**

**North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils Meeting 23rd of April 2014**

Dr Fish of Betsi Cadwaladr will be the speaker at the AGM.

The Governor of the New prison in Wrexham was suggested for a future

Meeting.

**Local Government reform**

It is expected that the Boundary Commission is likely to design the reformation of the new community councils in Wales.

The current plans for unitary authorities are:

 Labour 5 counties. Plaid 8 or 9 counties.

The New authorities’ election is expected to take place in 2019 with a view of taking over in 2020.

The Community Councils will be elected in 2017 with a view of reducing the number to 100 councils instead of 730. Some councils could be split in half with a view of having each council representing 1250 of the electorate.

The Clerk suggested to the meeting that the Commission should be encouraged to take the current 150 town council as a beginning and attaching community councils to them. This was accepted by the association to be put forward to the commission.

The new councils’ will not have resources they are expected to reach deep in to their pockets

The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Anti Social Behaviour Act 2014**

Powys seem to be worse off than North Wales who appear to be more pro-active. Many services were talked about and generally North Wales provided better services.

**Social & Care Welfare Act 2014**

There will be 7 regions. Every person with care needs need to be provided with a carer. All Agencies in care should get together to enable the act to be effective.

The view felt that this was a drain on resources with some current users loosing out.

**Wind Farms**The Control of the planning for wind farms have been taken over by the Welsh government. Subsidies are still in place despite the statement that they will be reduced.

Transportation Roads will be changed to allow for the equipment to get to sites.

Decisions will be made by a minister in a Cardiff with no line of appeal.

The target of windfarms has been set by the European parliament.

**16016/16. Committee and group reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 20thApril 2016 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

**PRESENT.**

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

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

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

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests: None**

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

**Baskets for New Tree Clerk reported he had a quote for £220 for 8 baskets with reservoirs**

**Recommended: The Clerk to purchase the baskets.**

**Y Bonc: The Chair and Cllr Norwood with Clerk visited the site to see the damage and found the damage was significant and should be dealt with immediately. The Chair presented a Quotes for £1550 to repair the wall. The Clerk informed the committee that the Charity does have over £2000 in the bank**

**Recommendation: The work should go ahead with the recommendation that the repair should be carried out by the charity who are owners of the property.**

**Planting: It has been agreed that the Roundel should contain more perennials an agreement of £325 to be spent on them with £480 to be spent on planters a total £905 which includes plants for the Baskets.**

**A suggestion was put forward to hold a spring clean event and invite the Probation service to take part. Cllr Marsh stated he was seeing the probationary service and he would request their help.**

**Heol Fammau the Chair and Cllr Norwood and Clerk attended a meeting with the residents complaining about the witches’ hat in the park where an officer of Flintshire County Council led discussions to rectify the residents’ complaint. It was not a complaint about the witches’ hat but more about the drainage at the site and youth behaviour.**

**Parking in schools Cllr McGuill presented Cllr Norwood with a scenario of having restricted parking around the school in Wat’s Dyke with a suggestion that a crossing to be set up on Mercia drive.**

**Recommendation: The item to be put on the Council’s agenda with a view of enlarging the Carpark to Bryn road closing the current exit and the new exit being the current Bryn Road entrance/exit**

**Youth Club Cllr Norwood stated that the Youth Club is closed at the time when most needed by the children of the area which was during holidays. He felt that the Council should**

**Write to county and request a holiday service.**

**Next Meeting: 11th May 2016**

**Meeting Terminated: 6.55 pm**