**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2016 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Marsh Councillor D Jenkins

Councillor J Norwood Councillor J Holiday.

Councillor H McGuill Councillor W J Taylor (Chair)

Councillor J McCarron

**In attendance:**

Mr R Hampson-Jones (Clerk)

**1.017/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor C L W Bull, Councillor P M Jones, Councillor F Hadfield-Jones, Councillor A Hayward-Baker Councillor M Jones

**2.018/16 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

**3.019 Police Report**

PCSO Maggie Lynch submitted a police update for the Argoed area which has been forwarded to members

**4.020/16 Co-option of Members**

**NONE**

**5.021/16 Standing Orders**

Cllr Bragg is no longer a member.

**6.022/16. Financial Matters £**

**Income** PreceptApril Payment 22508Sainsbury’s cash 50

**Payments**

Café Isa Annual Rent 1000.00

Planning Aid wales Councillor and Clerk courses 85.00

Amberol 8 Hanging Baskets 266.35paid

Flinthire CC March lighting Maintenance 232.83

Electricity 334.83

Repairs 259.28 826.54

Canda Copier Quarterly Invoice 126.57

BT May Invoice 54.61

Redbud Landscapes community caretaking153-7 810.00

Total to be paid £3169.07

**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

**Approval of the Accounting Statements**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Argoed Community Council** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income & Expenditure Statement** | **Apr 15-Mar 16** |  | **Apr 15-Mar 16** |  |
| **INCOME** | **Actual** |  | **Budget** |  |
| Precept | 64077 |  | 64077 | Box 2 |
| other income | 150 |  |  | Box3 |
| Interest received | 19.25 |  | 30 | Box3 |
| Total Income | 64246.25 |  | 64107 |  |
| **OVERHEADS** |  |  |  |  |
| Clerk's Wages | 19172.76 |  | 19173 |  |
| Staff Employer's NIC& Pension | 5457.08 |  | 7136 |  |
| Staff Expenses | 18.84 |  | 150 |  |
|  | 24648.68 |  | 26459 | Box4 |
| Community Caretaking | 9390 |  | 9000 |  |
| Lighting energy | 4138.16 |  | 4020 |  |
| Lighting Maintenance | 3366.14 |  | 4500 |  |
| Lighting repairs | 1361.22 |  |  |  |
| Chair's Allowance | 1250 |  | 1250 |  |
| Travel and Conference | 291.6 |  | 300 |  |
| Grants s137 | 1600 |  | 2000 |  |
| Audit FEES | 900 |  | 900 |  |
| Professional Fees | 167 |  | 100 |  |
| Web design and Newsletter | 500 |  | 500 |  |
| Photocopying | 457.1 |  | 750 |  |
| Printing and Stationery | 33.95 |  | 200 |  |
| Insurances | 1715.65 |  | 1700 |  |
| Telephone | 290.16 |  | 350 |  |
| Internet Charges | 372.62 |  | 300 |  |
| POSTAGE |  |  | 60 |  |
| Other Administration costs | 97.92 |  | 100 |  |
| Christmas tree and Lights | 1530 |  | 2500 |  |
| PLANTING | 2035.6 |  | 2000 |  |
| Playscheme | 1800 |  | 1500 |  |
| PC/Printer Consumables | 18.05 |  | 100 |  |
| Other Maintenance costs | 95 |  | 300 |  |
| Other Community Projects | 5400 |  | 5000 |  |
| CCTV | 4573 |  | 4000 |  |
| Local Development Plan |  |  | 500 |  |
| Garden Projects | 2176.02 |  | 2000 |  |
| Total Overheads | 43559.19 |  | 43930 | Box6 |
| Excess Income/(Expense) |  |  |  |  |
| Net Income/(Expense) | -3961.62 |  | -6282 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Argoed Community Council** |  |  |  | | **Balance Sheet** | **as at 31/03/2016** |  |  | | **CURRENT ASSETS** |  |  |  | | Debtors | 1982.4 |  | Box 8 | | HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT | 7150.02 |  | Box9 | | HSBC Business Money Manager | 30140.56 |  | Box 9 | | Total Current Assets: | 39272.98 |  |  | | **CURRENT LIABILITIES** |  |  |  | | Creditors | 9596.59 |  | Box 10 | | TOTAL NET ASSETS: | 29676.39 |  | Box11 | |  |  |  |  | | CAPITAL & RESERVES |  |  |  | | Net Income/(Expenditure) | -961.62 |  |  | | Reserves b/fwd | 30638.01 |  |  | | TOTAL CAPITAL & RESERVES | 29676.39 |  | Box11 | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

The Councillors questioned the validity of the signature on the statement as it represented a company the clerk explained that a limited company is a person at law.

**Resolved: The Clerk to ask the question of the auditors**

**Resolved:**

**The Accounting Statements approved and to be signed by the Chair.**

**Internal audit Report**

**Asset register has not been updated for the £4573 Cost of upgrading the CCTV System.**

The Council discussed this matter and agreed that the new items for the CCTV related to replacement of items that had broken down and to record the true cost the CCTV it would need to decrease the assets by the value of the repaired items.

**Resolved: Not to increase asset value.**

**No Evidence within the minutes that the 2014/15 audit report had been presented to Council.**

The members confirmed that the audit report had been presented and can be borne out as the Clerk salary is presented to council in its information pack each month as requested by the internal audit’s comments in 2015.

**Resolved: The Council confirms presentation of report.**

**Included within Creditors is a £350 accrual for s137 Grant.**

The amount relates to an invoice for felling a tree at Y Bonc Park which is owned by the Charity Mold Recreation Grounds which the Council trustee to the Charity.

**Resolved:** **This is a cost which relates to the 2015/16 year and actioned in 2015/16**

**7.023/16. Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 3rd of May 2016**

**The Minutes were approved by council and signed by the chair**

**8.024/16. Chairman’s Report**

**Matters arising since last meeting**

1. The Clerk has instructed the builder to rebuild the wall at Y Bonc park.
2. The concerns of the residents of Heol Fammau Park have been forwarded to the PCSO.
3. The Chair has attached the rubbers to gates in WATS Dyke Park and the Clerk has forwarded his request for more to Flintshire County council. The resident who complained initially about the gate rang up and thanked the council for attaching the rubbers. Cllr McGuill thanked the Chair for the work done
4. The Gate in FFordd Ogwen is of concern as a large tractor has been used to enter the park passing within two or three inches of a new wall built by a resident. The Chair requested the Clerk to draw the attention of Flintshire CC regarding this concern and asked them if they are to use a large tractor could they install a five bar gate in Beech Grove.
5. The Clerk has not received a reply from Flintshire regarding registering the two pieces of the land owned by Mold Recreation Grounds. Perhaps it might be better to consider solicitors Keene and Kelly to carry out the registration?

**Resolved: The Clerk to request a quote from solicitors for the registration of land**

1. The 8 baskets have been purchased and should be here later this week.
2. The Metal basket tree has returned to Abbey metals to day after treatment and should be with us within a week.
3. The Insurance has been renewed on a three year option at £1429.67 per annum.
4. Spoken to Flintshire CC regarding extending the car park and having the crossing. They have scored the crossing alone and are looking into the feasibility of including the carpark and whether it’s allowed within the scheme. Flintshire is allowed to forward 3 schemes to the welsh government each year and the decision is taken later on in the year and the top three suggested schemes are forwarded to the Welsh Government in January 2017.We will be advised later on the year if successful.
5. The Chair attended the Civic service of Buckley Town Council.
6. The Clerk attended the sponsors event at the Urdd eisteddfod on behalf of the Council.
7. Flintshire Civic service 10th of July 9.30 St Winefride’s.Well street Holywell
8. The Fence at New Brighton should have been fixed by now

**Resolved: A member for New Brighton will view the fence and report back**

**Correspondence**

National resources Wales Permit Parrys Quarry Received

Flintshire CC 2 notifications of speed limit Forward

North Wales Prison Event 1st June Received

One Voice Wales Allowances and expenses Received

Resident Memorial gardens need attention Received

**Resolved: Flintshire County Council to be contacted to maintain site**

3 residents Football area Wat’s Dyke Received

**Resolved: Goal posts to be picked up from Wylfa House to be used.**

**9.025/16 Expression of Interest in Community Assets**

The members requested that the Clerk should write to New Brighton Community Centre regarding the holding of a meeting.

**Resolved:It was agreed that this item can be removed from the Agenda in future.**

**10.026/16 Notices of Motion**

**The Council to consider the acquisition of a speed Camera to utilise in the area Cllr Holiday**

Cllr Holiday informed the Council that he has joined the County speed watch group and currently an old heavy camera retained at Mold. A couple of community councils are looking at purchasing new ones and he suggested the Argoed should also do so.

**Resolved: One is to be purchase and the Clerk is to contact Buckley Town Council to find out where to buy one and the price.**

**The Council to write Flintshire County Council regarding the closure of the tip in Buckley and seek clarification on recyclable items that are thrown which could be recycled immediately. Cllr Norwood**

Cllr Norwood drew the Council’s attention to the future closure of Buckley tip. He was surprised and dismayed as he frequents the tip often and has to queue to get in. He often observes items that are fit for recycling such bikes which are of good quality thrown on to the tip when they could be redistributed in the community. Members agreed with the councillor and supported his view that the tip is of great importance to the area and its closure would increase the dumping of rubbish in the area.

**Resolved: The Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council objecting to the closure of the tip**

**11.027/16. Planning Applications/Decisions**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Application ref:** | **054789** | **055405** |  |
| **Application date** | 22/02/2016 | 31/05/2016 |  |
| **Location** | 61 Chambers lane | 11 Heol Fammau  New Brighton |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Development** | Alterations and extensions to Bungalow to form two-storey dwelling | Use of Land for Purposes ancillary to the dwelling house and erection of fence. |  |
| **Council's Decision** | No objection | Objection as it is out of keeping with other open areas |  |
| Closing Date | 14/03/2014 | 21/06/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** |  |  |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Approved |  |  |
| **BY:** | Delegated officer |  |  |
| **Date** | 09/04/2016 | 21/06/2016 |  |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Application ref:** | **055305** | **055310** |  |
| **Application date** | 04/05/2016 | 17/05/2016 |  |
| **Location** | 8 Park Avenue, Bryn Y Baal, Mold | Argoed Service Station, Main Road, New Brighton |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Development** | Proposed first floor extension | Erection of 24no. dwellings with associated garages, parking garden areas and open spaces with demolition of existing service station and outbuildings |  |
| **Council's Decision** |  |  |  |
| Closing Date |  |  |  |
| **Council's Comments** | No Objection | No Objection |  |
| **FCC Decision** |  |  |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | 25/05/2016 | 09/06/2016 |  |

**12.028/16 Representative’s Report**

**None**

**13.029/16. Committee and group reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 10th May 2016 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

**Apologies**: Cllr C Bull, Cllr D Jenkins, Cllr R W Marsh,

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:** None

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

**.**

**Park Management** The Clerk informedthe committee that he had contacted the builder to proceed with the repair. The builder he will attend as soon as it is possible**.**

**Basket tree** the clerk had spoken with the works manager and he will have the tree in for treatment within a week and as soon as he has it available he will let the clerk Know and will arrange an erection.

**Car park Extension Mercia drive**

The Clerk has written to Lee Shone of Flintshire County Council with a proposal and is waiting for a reply. Cllr McGuill suggested that it could be put forward for some funding from the Welsh government providing an argument could be made for road safety which would include a crossing

**Parking suggestion Wat’s Dyke** The Chair Suggested that the entrance to the school and the park could be used to drop off children where drivers would drive in off-load the children and drive out. It was suggested that the drivers could drive in and leave through Beech Grove. This was accepted as a similar solution. Both represented the children being dropped off in a safe environment and not causing a chaos in Wats Dyke avenue.

**Next Meeting: 15th June**

**Meeting Terminated: 6.45 pm**