**MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2017 AT 7 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

Councillor R Marsh Councillor B Clarke Councillor JMcCarron

Councillor I Jolly Councillor H McGuill Cllouncillor J Norwood

Councillor W J Taylor(Chair) Councillor A Henry Councillor M Shepherd,

1. **Use of recording equipment**

Members and observers are requested to switch of mobiles and recording devices with exception to Police security and the Clerk who records the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr John Holiday. Cllr GK Mutch

1. **Co-Option of members**

None

1. **Standing Orders**

No Items to discuss

1. **Declaration of interests to be signed**

**None**

1. **Police Report**

No report has been received. Once received it will be forwarded on to you. However PC Natalie Williams has responded to an e-mail complaining about the dangerous parking around the high school and will be attending with PCSO’s this afternoo

1. **Financial Matters**

**Approval of Accounts for Payment- September 2017**

 **£**

Argoed Sports Assoc Electricity 125.00

BT Telephone & Internet 56.95

Gamlins Law Land Registry Quarry & Y Bonc 530.00 Caffi Isa rental July & Sept 32.40

RedbudLtd July & Aug 520.00pd

Viking Stationery 61.18

Sabre Guarding CCTV upgrade 4896.00

Redbud Ltd September Fees 600.00

 **TOTAL 6821.5**

 **Salary costs September £2863.27**

Note: salary costs are not recorded in minutes but Councillors have been informed

**b)** Accounts not presented to be distributed later in month

**c) Lighting contract**

**Resolved:The Clerk is to raise tender for lights and distribute to three suppliers**

1. **To approve the Minutes of the 5th of September 2017**

**Resolved:The minutes were approved and signed by Chair**

1. **Chair’s Monthly Report**

 **a) Matters since last meeting**

**1.** The Clerkrequested fromRedbud Ltdmeasurements for the fence to go down behind the goals in Wat’s Dyke it measured 60m.

**Resoolved:** The council agreed to delegated the purchase to the Amenities committee

**2**. Redbud has reviewed the memorial garden and the following were observations:

 **Spraying of memorial garden paths.**

Herbicides - sprayed on all paths. £120

Ferrous sulphate - to kill moss on the paths. £80

**Resolved:To spray the memorial garden and to add the spraying of the Community Centre surroundings.**

**Action required to tidy Memorial Garden**

Hoe all paths.

Rockery border needs heavy pruning, thinning and removal of shrubs and turning over of soil area.

Replace rotten timbers in 1 x bench

Sand and repaint all benches, including metal work where required.

Reinstate borders under shrubs.

Cut back shrubs in small borders.

Skip required due to large amounts of waste that would be created.

**Suggestions.**

Installation of rubbish bin.

Add additional benches to under trees along the fence to create seating area away from the path.

Addition of wild flower meadow border and forget-me-nots.

Addition of plants with pleasant aromas near seating area.

Area for plaques/small stones/or flowers to be laid.

**3.** The Audit report has been returned with one qualification which relates to the management of the website. The council has an IT group and it’s suggested that they monitor compliance of website and inform the clerk of items of non-compliance. The requirements were listed in the September minutes

Member for Argoed ward stated that he reviewed the requirements and felt that the majority of information was already in Place.

**Resolved: The audit report was accepted by Council**

**4.** The Council has received a letter from Aura which is an employee organisation that has taken over the management of leisure services and open spaces. Cllr Holiday has written to council about the Closures of squash courts and would appreciate some support. Aura has also taken over the management of grants to the parks and the clerk had to confirm again that New Brighton Park required attention

**Resolved:** **The Clerk to write to Flintshire disagreeing with the closures.**

**5**. The Clerk and chair and Cllr Norwood have been reviewing the alternatives for the benches and replacing the wood on the current benches. Recycled wood appears to costly however a suggestion is for the Chair Cllr Norwood and Clerk to visit a build show in Birmingham from the 10th of October to see what is available how useful it would be and is the cost justified.

Alternatively a suggestion is to replace with hard wood. Whichever

 Product is favoured would also be considered for the fence in Wat’s Dyke.

 **Resolved: The Members and Clerk are to attend the show in Birmingham.**

**6.** The memorial bench for Cllr Bull could be considered next to the new fence proposed in Wat’s Dyke

**Resolved:** **Decision is made after the Birmingham show.**

**7.** A family has approachedthe Clerk regarding putting a memorial bench in the park at Y Bonc. They have agreed to put a picnic table there and they would also like to kick start the new charity with a donation to it and as well a memento in the memorial park which the new charity is thinking of developing.

**Resolved:** **The council to provide the necessary support for the family**

**8.** John Gray is in the process of drawing up the constitution for the new charity Argoed Recreational Charity and is meeting trustees tomorrow at 5.30pm

1. **Notices of Motion**

**None**

1. **Planning applications/Decisions**.

**Ref:** 057443 **Date Valid:** 22 August 2017

**Expiry Date:** 17 October 2017 Ca**se Officer:** 01352-703262

**Applicant:** Mrs Olive Evans, 143 Park Avenue, Bryn Y Baal, CH7 6TR

**Agent:** ,

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling

**At:**  143 Park Avenue, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6TR

**Grid Ref:** 326074 364446 **Area:** Argoed Community Council W**ard:** Argoed

Above is the planning application processed any comments please advise the

Clerk

**Resolved:The application is accepted.**

1. **Representative Reports**

Any News on Sports Association- Do we need to continue to pay the electric?

**Resolved: The electricity is to be paid.**

1. **Committee and group reports**

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

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr W J Taylor, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr Norwood,

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

**Apologies**: Cllr R W MarshCllr G KMutch, Cllr J Holiday,Cllr A Henry

**Declaration of interests:** None

**RedBud Ltd**

Redbud queried whether they were going to clear the Quarry or the school the clerk stated that the school has been contacted but has not had a reply as yet.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact school**

**Repairs at Y Bonc**

The Clerk informed the committee that two quotes had been received by the Council in relation to the repair at Y Bonc Park. The Charity had expressed some concern on guarantees and the clerk was to follow up and get compatible quotes. A member was concerned as whether the base was suitable before commencement. The Clerk stated that any amendment to the base would require additional costs.

**Resolved: The Clerk to represent costs to Amenities Committee**

**New Posts for Hanging Baskets**

Three quotes had been received for the posts to be erected around the square Flintshire Fabrications £2,600. Abbey Metals £1283 Broncoed engineering £730

**Recommendation and resolved: To accept the Quote from Broncoed Engineering**

**Charity Development**

The Clerk informed the committee that after further consultation with the FLVC representative a new Charity is to be constructed under the name of Argoed Recreation

Charity and could be in place by December.

**Meeting Closed 6.45pm**