**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 B Clarke

Councillor J Norwood Councillor J Holiday. Councillor J McCarron

Councillor H McGuill Councillor W J Taylor (Chair) Councillor I Jolly

**1.023/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The following apologies were received:

Councillor F Hadfield-Jones Councillor G Mutch

**2.024/17 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

**3.025/17 Police Report**

PC Natalie Williams and PCSO Andrea Ellis gave a report to the council on the developments with youths in the area. They confirm that currently youths are a problem and they are maintaining control in the area but there are always those who go a step too far. They take a direct approach with the youths and if they do not conform they are moved on. The officers stated that every few years characters who are troublesome appear in the area but do not come from the area and cause problems in the area. This appears to be happening frequently in the area.The Chair the officers for their attendance

**3**.**026/17** **Co-Option of members**

Mrs Miriam Shepherd gave a presentation to the members and was welcomed on to the council by the chair.

**Resolved: Councillor Miriam Shepherd was co-opted on to the council**

**5.027/17 Standing Orders**

**No Issues**

**6.028/17 Declaration of Interests to be signed**

**7.029/17 Financial Matters**

**Grant Mold Recreations 2000.00**

**Resolved: The Council will match fund the Tesco Grant received by the charity**

**Approval of Accounts for Payment for MAY 2017.**

BT May telephone and internet 56.67

Redbud Ltd Community Maintenance Contract(2 months) 1755.00

Amberol 4 Self Watering Cup & saucer paid 138.00

NWAMWALC Lunches and travel 48.00

Clerk Travel Welshpool 40.68

P&A Plants For Planters paid 784.80

Zurich Ins Insurance 2017/18 paid 1497.14

Argoed High Summer Sports Playscheme 1800.00

HH Print Banner for Mold recreations 84.00

Creative Acrylic Clear polycarbonate paid 70.91

Griffin Inn Council members Retirement paid 233.20

**Total Payments** **6508.40**

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

**Salary Costs** arenot recorded in minutes but Councillors have been informed of the cost,

**Statement of accounts**

**Approve the statements of accounts**

The Clerk explained the changes to the statement of accounts and requested approval to sign

**Resolved: approval was received and the clerk and Chairman signed the form**

**To accept the Audit report presented by JDH business services.**

The clerk explained the comments received from the internal Auditors and that the accounts in future will include one account for earmarked reserves which will refer to reserves have been allocated to a future expense

**8.030/17 Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 9th of May 2017**

**Resoved:The minutes were approved and signed by the chair**

**9.031/17 Chair’s Monthly Report**

**a) Matters since last meeting**

1. Expenses forms relating to election, for each Councillor have been presented to Flintshire County Council.
2. Four additional baskets have been purchased and delivered to Council
3. Plants have been purchased for distribution in the community. The planting out will have now been completed.
4. The large notice board on the community centre’s wall had been damaged. It was removed and repaired by the chair after purchasing a new polycarbonate window for the board.
5. On Friday 26th of May an incident occurred in the centre where the police requested CCTV footage which has been supplied.
6. Mold recreation ground has received its grant of £2000 from TESCo its suggested that the council pays for the work to be done at the park and the grant is paid to Argoed when the job is completed as a contribution to total costs.

**Resolved: approved under financial matters**

1. The changes at Wats Dyke Avenue are still being processed and should be completed during the summer break ready for September.

The presentation given before the meeting has indicated that changes have been requested meny councillors were not happy about the changes. However Flintshire County Council will now bear the cost of the new system. The Chair commented that as it didn’t comply with Argoed’s original plan the council would not pay.

**Resolved: To be discussed at next Meeting.**

1. Heol Fammau have had two new double swings installed in the park which complete the revamp of the park.
2. The Chair of the Council and the chair of Mold Recreation Grounds met up with the parks maintenance officer of Flintshire regarding the damage on the rubberised surface of the equipment. The feeling was that the damage could be related to wear and tear and perhaps some of the rubberised surface could be replaced with a tougher surface such as the centre of one of the floors.
3. Concerns were expressed as to how the children were getting into the farmer’s fields next door. There were areas in the hedging which made the access accessible for youths to climb in. The officer was asked to provide additional fencing which he said he would advise. The Clerk will advise the council of the cost once received.
4. The Officer then visited Wat’s Dyke Park and looked at the goal posts and noted that the one had a loose base and a crack at the join on the crossbar. He said that two new goal posts could be purchased with FCC financing one. Cost of 5 a side goals with installation £824 ex vat.

**Resolved: The council approved of two5 a side goals to be erected the area to be**

**90 degrees to the current Field cost of 50% £824**

1. An open day held by Caffi Isa was successful where Mold Recreations had 4 members interested in joining.
2. The following three names were suggested for the land at the Old Argoed service station.
3. **Hazel Grove / Llwyn Collen b) Ash Close /  Encilfa’r Onnen**

**c)Sycamore View / Trem y Fasarnen.**

**The Clerk has suggested that a) should be accepted.**

**Resolved: HazelGrove/Llwyn Collen be accepted**

**10.32/17 Code of Conduct amendments**

**No amendments requested**

**11.33/17 Notice of Motion**

**None**

**12.34/17 Planning Applications/Decisions**

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| **Application ref:** | **055597** | **055785** |  |
| **Application date** | 10/08/2016 | 15/08/2016 |  |
| **Location** | Land at Rose Farm Livery  Well Street Buckley | Top Farm Bryn Road  Bryn-Y-Baal |  |
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| **Development** | Erection of a detached Bungalow | Change of use to a garden from open space |  |
| **Council's Decision** | Consulted with FCC no reply this impedes decision and Objection Lodged |  |  |
| Closing Date |  | 05/09/2016 |  |
| **Council's Comments** | objection | Land Registry Problems |  |
| **FCC Decision** | Gone to committee | **NO DATA** |  |
| **BY:** |  |  |  |
| **Date** | Target 21/10/2016 |  |  |

**13.35/17 Representative’s Report**

**None**

**14.35/17 Committee and group reports**

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 17thMay at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

PRESENT.

**Committee Members:** Cllr Taylor Cllr Norwood, Cllr Mutch

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

**Apologies**: Cllr R W Marsh

**Absent: None**

**Declaration of interests:** None

**Maintenance plan**

Plants will be delivered to Redbud by the 25th of May the council has to pay the invoice before delivery.

**Recommendation: the Clerk to pay the invoice**

Disappointedly the costs was expensive and the supplier was charging at retail rate. Initially the costs amounted to £1100 and the contractor had to revise the order to reduce the price to around £770.

Members suggested that a company such as Folly Farm should be considered next year.

The Metal tree has been erected but appears to be lower than last year. Eight baskets are currently hanging with an additional four on order to be delivered by the end of the month. The Clerk paid £for the order

The New border the other side of the fence will be ready next week and the transplanting will be carried out at the same time.

The Clerk stated that a third supplier has quoted for the |CCTV and he will have the comparison figures ready by the next meeting.

Meeting closed 6.45pm

**Council Meeting Closed: 8.35pm**