

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd of APRIL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor F Hadfield –Jones

Councillor J McCarron

Councillor A Henry

Councillor B Clarke

Argoed Ward

Councillor John Holiday

(Chair)

Councillor W J Taylor

Councillor G K Mutch

Councillor H McGuil

Councillor I Jolly

Councillor M Shephard

1. Use of recording equipment

2. Apologies

3. Co-Option of members

4. Standing Orders

5. Declaration of interests to be signed

None

6. Financial Matters

None

7. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019

Chair sign on approval

8. Chairman's Report.

a) Matters since last meeting

1. JAH confirmed that he had met PCSO recently and that the laptop computers had been handed over, which would enable her to monitor cameras.
2. Broken milk bottles: it appeared that concerns over stacks of milk bottles left by the side of the road had been dealt with and the problem had not recurred.
3. Defibrillator Training: the training session at New Brighton Community Centre had been well attended and deemed a great success.
4. Defibrillators: the two defibrillators which had been acquired by ACC were in the office and should be sent out for installation at New Brighton and Argoed Sports Club.
5. Jon McCarron had asked about the possibility of providing some First Aid Training for members of the local community. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project and

that JM is to look into possibilities of training by St John's ambulance/British Red Cross or similar and ascertain cost.

Resolved: ACC would contribute to the cost if this training, when known.

9. Notices of Motion

1. Query has been raised as to whether Welsh Water encouraged the installation and use of meters to encourage reduction in waste of scarce resource. It was agreed that although not a significant local problem (water shortage), parts of the UK were at serious risk of shortages and that ACC should play its part in encouraging reduction in wastage/usage. It was thought that all new properties automatically had a meter installed.

Resolved: the Clerk should write to Welsh Water, asking for the policy on installation.

2. Redbud: the letter from Redbud regarding payments was noted and agreed that we needed to discuss with Michelle in greater detail. Different terms should not be introduced part way through currency of existing subcontract.

10 Planning applications

None known

11.Representative's Report

a) Police Report

PCSO Sammi had circulated a report as follows but was unable to attend in person. She will be available to discuss any matter of concern with local community members at Caffi Isa between 14.00 – 15.00 on Friday 12th April 2019.

Incident update - (from 03/03/2019 to 27/03/2019)

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Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/ Trends:

15/03/2019 – Informant received an abusive phone call (on Englefield Crescent) from an unknown person enquiring about the informant's internet connection. Officers attended and provided reassurance to the informant. Advice also given e.g call blocker.

21/03/2019 – Female attended location on Bryn Offa Lane to attend a course but was late so was rejected resulting in the female refusing to leave the location. Female was calmed down by a staff member at the location. Officers were not required to attend.

Crime issues/ trends

13/03/2019 – Vehicle collided in to the informant's vehicle on Gosmore Road. Discussion between both parties became heated/ aggressive. Officer attended. Details passed between parties. All in order.

14/03/2019 – Individual driving erratically on the A494 New Brighton. Officer stopped vehicle and carried out drug swipe. Positive for cannabis. Investigation on-going.

23/03/2019 – Horse loose in the road on New Brighton Road. Officer attended but negative sightings.

24/03/2019 – Dog at an address on Bryn Road continues to jump over the fence and cause issues. Dealt with by LEAD initiative anti-social behaviour warning letter.

24/03/2019 – Individual driving erratically on A494. Vehicle stopped by officer. Officer happy that the individual was not under the influence. Advice given with regards to the individuals' driving.

FSW21

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

No incidents.

Crime Issues / Trends

06/03/2019 – Reports of a male knocking on individual's properties on Bryn Road asking to sell household items. Officers attended and spoke with the male. Checks carried out. Male was wanted for other offence. Male arrested. Second male involved and checks carried out. Male was also stop searched and had similar household items on him. No offences.

07/03/2019 – Male congregated in between a hedge and fence near to the Argoed school yard. Officers attended but negative sightings of the male. Staff at the school made aware. Location added to officer's patrol plan.

07/03/2019 – Report of a dagger/ cross symbol painted on a lamppost on Bryn Road. Officer attended to provide reassurance and crime prevention advice. Photograph taken of the mark and sent to FCC to make them aware. Information sent to officers currently on Operation Lexus (targeting suspicious vehicles linked to burglaries) to patrol the area.

10/03/2019 – Report of fraudulent activity on informant's bank account. Crime prevention advice given. Advised to report to Action Fraud. CCTV enquiries made where the transactions were made. Relative of the informant identified. Informant wanted to confront the individual herself.

22/03/2019 – Portable cabin broken into overnight on Bryn Road. Nothing taken but items thrown around. CCTV opportunities. Crime prevention advice given. Nothing for CSI. On-going investigation.

b) North Wales Wildlife Trust

It was noted that they had proposed schedule of planting for the Memorial Garden and it was agreed that they should be asked to go ahead in September.

Query raised as to who were signatories for cheques. Apparently, Rhodri and Roy were able to sign cheques and Rhodri for making on-line payments.

Planting - plants to be collected from Nursery in late April. Payment will be made direct by Argoed Community Council to Nursery, rather than to Redbud and on to Nursery.

Exercise Equipment - detailed discussion on options for choice of equipment to be held at next meeting and decision made for order/installation.

Additional Litter Bins -

Resolved: that a bin should be placed in the Memorial Garden. Hilary McGuill offered to check with FCC on availability and installation.

Additional Clerical Assistance for Clerk –

Resolved: that Clerk's proposal to reduce hours and take on another assistant should be taken up. John Taylor to discuss options with the Clerk and that he had someone in mind who might be interested. Agreed that a job specification should be drawn up with possible interview/discussion on Friday 12th April 2019.

12. Committee and group reports

No meeting held since November 2018.

Meeting concluded at 20.00pm