

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor J McCarron (Chair)

Councillor G K Mutch

Councillor A Henry

Councillor B Clarke

Argoed Ward

Councillor John Holiday

Councillor M Shepherd

Councillor W J Taylor

Councillor H McGuill

Councillor I Jolly

Apologies: Cllr R Marsh, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr W Robinson

In attendance: Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones; Temporary Assistant Clerk Mared Eastwood

1 Co-option of Members

None

2 Use of Recording system

It was agreed that the meetings would no longer be recorded other than minutes being taken.

3 Standing Orders

None. It was noted that they are to be reviewed, in light of the new model standing orders that are available.

4 Declarations of Interest to be signed:

Cllr J McCarron and Cllr H McGuill regarding item 5(d).

5 Financial Matters

a. Accounts for Payment October 2019

		£
BT	Telephone and Internet	77.50
Aura	Summer Playscheme	1100.00
Compacc	Payroll & Allowances PAYE	83.00
Caffi Isa	Room Charges	14.40
Provision	Lighting Supplies	<u>2514.60</u>
	Total	<u>3789.50</u>

Authorisation Required

b. Budget revision

It was noted that this should be completed before the next meeting of the Council

c. Wales audit confirmation of our accounts have been received successfully

It was noted that the Audit has been passed successfully, with no outstanding issues.

d. Grants Argoed Sports Association

After some discussion by the members, it was agreed that no grant be awarded due to budget constraints.

7. Approval of Minutes dated 3 September 2019

Minutes were approved and signed.

8. Notice of Motion

None was received.

9. Chair's Report

- a. New static IP address has been set up and seems to be effective.
- b. The completion of the new bank account have been done and we are now waiting for the account numbers and sort codes to be sent to us.
- c. 6 November 2019 there is a photoshoot regarding the defibrillators with the Lions Charity.
Resolved: As many Councillors as possible to attend.
- d. Bransby is having a concert again at Caffi Isa on 23 November 2019 at 7.30pm on behalf of St Cecilia's Church.
- e. Remembrance Sunday service will be St Cecilia's at 10.45 Sunday 10th of November with laying of the wreaths at the memorial in the memorial garden chambers lane.
Resolved: Chair to attend with chain of office and suitable wording. Clerk to arrange wreaths
- f. Community Contract (Landscaping) will go out to tender for the contract to begin from 1st January 2020
Resolved: Invitations to tender to be sent to local contractors.
- g. An advertisement has been raised for the post of Assistant Clerk where one reply has been received. Clerk asked if Council wished to re-advertise or proceed.
Resolved: Council proceed with that candidate being invited for interview by the HR Group.
- h. No list has yet been received from either of the junior schools regarding their concerts. Subject to any clash, it was agreed that the December option would be fine. Clerk to write to Argoed High School and Mynydd Isa Junior School to advise Council will hold carol service on 13 December 2019 – alternative date is 5 December 2019.
Resolved: the decision for the final date be delegated to the Amenities Committee.
- i. Clerk's holiday of 4th – 7th December was noted.
- j. Christmas trees. The Council to arrange for trees in both Mynydd Isa square and at New Brighton Community Centre but would also invite representatives from Canolfan Isa and New Brighton Community Centre to have some input into the type of tree to be chosen. A specification of a 12 foot tree for each location was agreed, with an expected cost of up to £250 each.
Resolved: The Council to liaise with the local communities.

10. Planning applications

Applications

Ref: 060448 **Date Valid:** 29 August 2019 **Expiry Date:** 24 October 2019 **Case Officer:** 01352-703262 **Agent:** ,

Proposal: Application for variation of condition no. 2 (plans) and 18 (materials)

At: Land off Llys Gwynant Issa Farm, Bryn Road, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6RY

Grid Ref: 326067 364871 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

Resolved: The application was noted but thought to be incomplete in that the nature of the conditions is not evident. It was agreed that Cllr Jolly would investigate further.

Decisions

Ref: 060236 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352 703255

Agent: Mr J Edsall, 51 Burntwood Road, Drury, Buckley, CH7 3EL

Proposal: Erection of extension to bungalow to form annexe

At: 20 Erw Goed, Mynydd Isa, CH7 6YE

Decision Date: 23/08/2019

Decision: Approved

Decision Issued: 23 August 2019

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Resolved: Noted.

11. Representative's Report

Noted: No Police Report had been received but will be forwarded when available.

12. Committee and Group Reports

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday at 6.00 pm 18th September 2019 at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr A Henry Cllr B Clarke Cllr Norwood, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr I Jolly (Vice Chair)

Declaration of interests: None

Apologies: Cllr R W Marsh., W J Taylor

In attendance: Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones

1. Mercia Drive, The Committee were made aware of the removal of the raised bed in front of Caffi Isa and asked if the fencing around the Mercia Drive could be removed.

Recommendation : The Clerk to follow up and see if they can be removed.

2. A tender application need to be devised for the Community Maintenance Contract and the contract is to be extended to 31st December. With new one beginning from the 1st of January.

3. Wildlife Trust will be returning to plant in the Memorial garden and the quarry. A member suggested that Roundup a weed killer should not be used on the weeds as wildlife Trust will not operate in areas where it is used due to the detrimental effect on bees.

Resolved: Expert opinion to be sought regarding Round-up, which would only be used in a targeted way in any event.

4. The memorial garden is to be prepared for Remembrance Sunday and old poppies to be removed.

Recomendation: Redbud to be instructed to prepare site.

5. Christmas trees it was suggested that each community centre should receive funds to purchase their own Christmas tree

Recommendation: The funds to be distributed to the community centres

Resolved: The Council will retain responsibility for arranging and erecting the trees but will invite a representative from both Mynydd Isa and New Brighton communities to help choose the trees.

6. The Chair explained that a tree in the quarry was dangerous and had reviewed a site with a tree surgeon who presented a quote of £800 to the Temporary Clerk. A member stated that another contractor is available and will present his details

Recommendation: Clerk to seek further quotes

Resolved: Three quotes to be obtained regarding work to be done in the Quarry so that they may be assessed against each other.

7. The Clerk to Contact North Wales wildlife regarding improving the quarry.

8. The owners of the house in the quarry are to be contacted regarding removing the sign with the name of the house on the right hand side of the entrance to the quarry. They are also to remove rubbish that is on the quarry land.

Resolved: Letter to be sent to owners of Rockcliffe, to request that they remove the rubbish.

Meeting closed 8.20pm