

# **MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.**

## **Representatives:**

### **New Brighton Ward**

Councillor G K Mutch  
Councillor J McCarron  
Councillor A Henry  
Councillor B Clarke

### **Argoed Ward**

Councillor John Holiday (Chair)  
Councillor M Shepherd  
Councillor W J Taylor  
Councillor J Norwood  
Councillor I Jolly

## **Annual Council Meeting**

### **1. Use of recording equipment**

None was used

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr R Marsh and Cllr H McGuill

### **3. Election of Chairman 2019/20**

Cllr I Jolly proposed that the current Vice-Chair, Cllr J McCarron be appointed next Chair, in accordance with usual practice.

### **4. Resolved:** Unanimous decision to appoint Cllr J McCarron Chair for 2019/20

### **5. Appointment of Vice-Chair 2019/20**

Cllr M Shepherd proposed Cllr I Jolly.

**Resolved:** Unanimous decision to appoint Cllr I Jolly Vice-Chair for 2019/20

### **6. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Both Cllr J McCarron and Cllr I Jolly confirmed acceptance of Office.

The Council thanked Cllr J Holiday for his service as Chair for 2018/19 and the work he had done on behalf of ACC.

### **7. Chairman's Allowance and Remuneration Fees**

It was noted that each member will have to complete a payments voucher, to be returned to the Clerk, indicating their wishes.

### **8. Appointment of Members to serve on Council Committees**

It was noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair are able to attend all of the committees by virtue of their offices.

**Resolved:** To keep all the committee members as they currently are. That is:

Grants Group: McGuill, Norwood, Clarke and Henry

IT Group: Hadfield-Jones, McCarron, Mutch, Marsh and Jolly

Amenities C'ttee: Marsh, Norwood, Mutch, Taylor, Clarke and Henry

### **9. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

#### **Resolved:**

- a. Argoed Sports Association- Cllr J McCarron and Cllr H McGuill
- b. Ysgol Mynydd Isa Governing Body – Cllr J McCarron

- c. North Wales Police Consultative Committee – Cllr J Holiday
- d. North Wales Association of Town Councils – Cllr J Taylor, Cllr I Jolly and a Clerk
- e. Flintshire County Council Standards Committee – Cllr H McGuill nominated.

## **Council Meeting**

### **10. Co-Option of members**

None

### **11. Standing Orders**

None

### **12. Declaration of interests to be signed**

None

### **13. Financial Matters**

The increase in the cost of room hire from Canolfan Isa was noted.

It was noted that Mared Eastwood has agreed to assist whilst the Clerk is absent due to illness.

Further clarification was required as to why there are three bank accounts.

Further clarification also needed regarding the sick pay payable to the Clerk whilst on sick leave. The need for a protocol to cover sickness absence was also discussed.

It was noted that the year-end report has been submitted, with all taxes paid on behalf of ACC and members

**Resolved:** The invoices detailed below be approved to be paid.

Assistant Clerk to seek clarification from the Clerk regarding terms of employment and the need for three bank accounts and to email the responses to Members.

Redbud Landscapes	March/April	£620.00
Canda Copying	Photocopying	£34.00
Canolfan Isa	Hire of Office and Rooms	£1010.80

### **14. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019**

Chair sign on approval, subject to amendment stating that Cllr J McCarron had been present.

### **15. Chairman's Report.**

Cllr J Holiday gave the report as outgoing Chair:

Obviously, things have been a little difficult with Clerk Rhodri's absence with back problems, although he has been able to do some work from his sick bed. Fortunately, we have been able to recruit Mared Eastwood as an Assistant Clerk, to assist with some of the administrative tasks. It will obviously take her a little while to become familiar with the workings of the Community Council.

Post Office – it is pleasing to see that the Post Office has taken up residence in Caffi Isa in the short term and is open on Friday mornings. Please ensure that as

many people as possible are aware of it still being available in Mynydd Isa. Hopefully, the permanent arrangement to open more fully as part of the Community Hub in Caffi Isa will not take too long to finalise.

PCSO – I have had several meetings with PCSO Sammi Salisbury, to discuss anti-social problems in the area, policing and to review video camera footage from our network of cameras installed locally. Hopefully, their presence may help to deter the mindless acts of vandalism that we have seen recently.

Mold/Bryn y Baal footpath/cycle path –Sustrans has been contacted, to find out whether there has been any progress on this proposal, but no response to date.

## 16. Matters since last meeting

- a. It was unclear what proposal Redbud had submitted and it was suggested that other companies should also be invited to tender. It was recognised that contractual terms cannot be varied within the contract term, without agreement, and that small contractors need timely payments.

**Resolved:** Assistant Clerk should make more enquiries regarding the Redbud Contract and Cllr M Shepherd to write to North Wales Wildlife Trust to request seeds for the Quarry.

**Resolved:** To invite Redbud to next Amenities Committee, to discuss their proposal in more detail.

- b. It was noted that there is no FCC grant this year to contribute to the play scheme.

**Resolved:** that a summer playscheme will be provided this year and that the provider should be Aura at Argoed High School, subject to a ceiling price of £1,373.95.

- c. **Resolved:** that an Amenities Committee meeting be arranged for 15 May 2019 and that future meetings will be held in either the Clerk's office or MR3.

- d. It was noted that Redbud usually oversee this, in conjunction with the Clerk.

**Resolved:** that the Best Kept Communities Competition 2019 is entered, the Clerk is nominated to submit the paperwork.

- e. **Resolved:** Cllr J Taylor will take responsibility for the installation of the defibrillators at New Brighton Community Centre and Argoed Sports and Social Club.

- f. **Resolved:** Cllr J Holiday and Cllr J Norwood would arrange to meet and install the signs at Wats Dyke Park.

- g. The Council appreciated the offer of trees from the WI but were concerned about their suitability for the areas suggested and the ongoing maintenance for them.

**Resolved:** To thank the resident but decline the offer.

- h. The email from the owner of Orchard Cottage was considered.

**Resolved:** Cllr I Jolly to inspect the issue highlighted and arrange for appropriate action to be taken. Clerk to write to the owner to advise.

- i. Concern was raised about the current health of Maureen Jones, a former Community Councillor, so that the Council could show its respect appropriately.

**Resolved:** Cllr J Taylor would make enquiries and report back.

## 17. Notices of Motion

None

## 18. Planning Applications/Decisions

Officer: Mr J Beattie  
Contact Number: 01352-703262  
Date: 29/04/2019  
Ref: 059864  
Proposal: Erection of lift extension  
Location: Argoed High School, Bryn Road, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6RY  
Grid Ref: E 326381 N 364560  
Is a Departure from the Development Plan: No  
Affects a Right of Way: No  
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment: No

Observations within 21 days

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Officer: Mr M Harris  
Contact Number: 01352-703269  
Date: 25/04/2019  
Ref: 059847  
Proposal: Erection of 1no. dwelling on plot of previously approved double garage  
Location: Crown House, Main Road, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6QW  
Grid Ref: E 325403.1 N 365440.2  
Is a Departure from the Development Plan: No  
Affects a Right of Way: No  
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment: No

Observations within 21 days

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Officer: Mr A Wells  
Contact Number: 01352 703255  
Date: 16/04/2019  
Ref: 059791  
Proposal: Erection of extension to dwelling  
Location: 18 Elwy Close, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6TY  
Grid Ref: E 326138 N 364310  
Is a Departure from the Development Plan: No  
Affects a Right of Way: No  
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment: No

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Officer: Mrs B Kinnear  
Contact Number: 01352-703260

Date: 01/04/2019  
Ref: 059688  
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension  
Location: 29 Gosmore Road, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6QN  
Grid Ref: E 325230 N 365320  
Is a Departure from the Development Plan: No  
Affects a Right of Way: No  
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment: No  
21 days have passed

## **18. Representative's Report Police Report**

South Flintshire Local Policing Team  
Incident update - (from 27/03/2019 to 25/04/2019)

### **FSW20: Bryn-y-Baal/New Brighton**

#### Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/ Trends:

31/03/2019 – Bottle of Budweiser smashed on the driveway of a property on Hill View. Officer attended to provide reassurance. No CCTV.  
31/03/2019 – On-going issues between neighbours on Lindum Close. Housing informed and joint visit with PCSO arranged.  
22/04/2019 – Two known intoxicated females outside a property on Heol Fammau, wanting to fight with a young person at the address. Officer attended location but negative sightings of females.  
22/04/2019 – Individual has called their dog “fat boy” and neighbour believes that this was aimed at them. Reassurance and advice provided.

#### Crime issues/ trends

28/03/2019 – iPad stolen from a property on Bryn Offa Lane. No CCTV, no witnesses. No further lines of enquiry.  
30/03/2019 – Individual driving under the influence of drugs. Tested positive for cannabis. Arrested.  
02/04/2019 – Reports of a dog jumping over the fence of a property on Bryn Road. The dog chased a young boy who was walking his dogs at the time. LEAD initiative letter and Acceptable Behaviour Contract issued to owner of the dog.  
04/04/2019 – Damage caused to the back window of a vehicle on Main Road. No CCTV. No witnesses. No CSI opportunities.  
06/04/2019 – Sound of a disturbance at a property on Clwyd Crescent, due to a house party. Officer attended and gave words of advice.  
08/04/2019 – Report of the theft of a bicycle and helmet from an insecure garage on Hazel Grove. CSI attended. OWL alert sent out by Neighbourhood Wardens.  
12/04/2019 – Damage caused to a plant in a garden on Moel Fammau. No CCTV. No further lines of enquiry.  
13/04/2019 – Reports of a male on Bryn Clwyd delivering charity bags. Target hardening offered. Intelligence report submitted.  
23/04/2019 – White Transit van parked half on pavement and half on road. Officer attended location but negative sightings of the vehicle. No VRM given.

23/04/2019 – Insecure shed has been broken in to overnight on Bryn Road. A nail gun was stolen. CCTV footage available of the known suspects of a delivery company. On-going investigation. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be set up.  
23/04/2019 – Shed broken into overnight on Bryn Road. A bicycle was stolen. CSI attended. On-going investigation. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be set up.

## **FSW21 – Mynydd Isa**

### Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

29/03/2019 – Kids climbing on to the roof of premises on Mercia Drive. Youths have been given yellow cards/ referred to the Youth Offending Team for early engagement.

30/03/2019 – Report of a known individual riding a quad bike on the road on Bryn Offa. Suspect given a Section 59 warning. (If suspect receives another S59 warning, the quad will be recovered.)

30/03/2019 - Four youths congregated on the driveway of a property on Carton Road, without having permission. They were also running in and out of gardens. Reassurance provided and officers asked to monitor location.

05/04/2019 – Altercation between a group of approximately 20 youths outside premises on Mercia Drive. Officer attended location but negative sightings of youths. Enquiries made with informant.

06/04/2019 – Individual received a phone call off a male who was talking in a sexual way. Reassurance and advice about call blocker provided.

12/04/2019 – Two youths attended premises on Bryn Road and were abusive to staff. On-going investigation.

15/04/2019 – Group of youths playing kicking a football at the window of a property on Mercia Drive. Informant took the ball off of the youths and the youths were climbing on to the roof. Area search conducted but negative sightings. Reassurance provided. Known group – yellow cards issued.

18/04/2019 – Group of approximately 20 youths surrounding two males against a fence on Watts Dyke Avenue. Investigation on-going.

### Crime Issues / Trends

02/04/2019 – Report of a disqualified driver on Mercia Drive. Checks carried out on vehicle and details circulated to officers to monitor when patrolling the area. Roads Policing Unit made aware and intelligence report submitted.

03/04/2019 – Vehicle drove over pavement and on to the Argoed school field. Male got out and walked up and down the hedgerow and then drove off. Officers made aware for patrols.

03/04/2019 - Vehicle broken into on Park Avenue and sunglasses stolen. Neighbour witnessed two males attempting to break into vehicles. CCTV obtained from Dwyfor Avenue. Footage circulated in an attempt to identify the suspects.

04/04/2019 – Vehicle damaged access gained overnight on Park Avenue. CDS and small change stolen. House to house carried out but negative. CCTV footage circulated.

07/04/2019 – Damage caused to a vehicle overnight on Dafydd Close where the back window was smashed. No CCTV. House to house – negative. No further lines of enquiry.

10/04/2019 – Reports of a suspicious male in the area of Ffordd Brenig and Watts Dyke Avenue. Officer has spoken with the male and carried out checks. Other agencies have been made aware to monitor this individual.

11/04/2019 – Oil spillage on Wylfa roundabout. Highways contacted.

13/04/2019 – Report of a dog that had been in a vehicle for 2 hours and was barking a lot on Mold Road. Checks carried out on vehicle. Owner contacted. Dog was safe and well.

17/04/2019 – Group of youths shoplifting at a premises on Mercia Drive. Yellow cards issued/ referred to the Youth Offending Team and banning letters issued in the presence of parents.

18/04/2019 – Group of youths kicking bins and pulling them out of holders and making a mess. CCTV reviewed. Yellow card issued/ referred to Youth Offending Team.

20/04/2019 – Report of an individual rattling the letter box to a property on Llewellyn Drive. Two intoxicated females were seen walking away from the property. No offences disclosed.

21/04/2019 – Report of a vehicle broken down on the A494 and will be collected ASAP. Nothing for police.

21/04/2019 – Vehicle broken down on the A5118 and was in a dangerous location. Vehicle was moved before officers attended.

22/04/2019 – Report of a vehicle being driven erratically on the A541. Officers carried out patrols but negative sightings.

#### **Other News/PCSO activities:**

PCSO Sammi is off duty from 26/04/2019 until 11/05/2019.

Cuppa with a Copper will be held on Monday 13th May, 11am at Caffi Isa.

It was noted that PCSO Sammi Salisbury provides an excellent report and that ACC is to continue to give support.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to PCSO Sammi Salisbury to offer to reposition the redeployable camera, currently deployed at Wats Dyke Park

#### **19. Committee and group reports**

No meeting held since November 2018.

Meeting concluded at 20.00pm