

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 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
Councillor R Marsh

Argoed Ward

Councillor John Holiday
Councillor M Shepherd
Councillor W J Taylor
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones
Councillor I Jolly

1 Co-option of Members

None was used

2 Use of Recording system

3 Standing Orders

4 Declarations of Interest to be signed

5 Financial Matters

Invoices to be paid September 2019		£
Compacc	Payroll services	14.00
Eukhost	Computer hosting	79.92pd
SLCC	Membership fee	175.00
Canda	photocopying	129.36
One Voice	employer training	180.00
Redbud	July Account	1535.00pd
BT	July Account	75.75pd
BT	August account	76.35
Flintshire cc	energy May June & July	<u>279.99</u>
	Total	<u>2545.37</u>

Authorisation required

A budget review will be carried out by the Clerk by October a followed by a review of standing orders and financial controls

Precept of £24883.66 has been received at the end of August.

7. Chair's Report

- a. The Clerk has return to work today being the first day and will intend to work two days a week. The Clerk was asked his status relating to returning to work he informed the council that he had consulted with the hospital team who advised him to be aware in taking care. A members asked was he was sure regarding the return to work the Clerk stated he was as he had now reduced his hours to two days a week and also had 5 weeks holidays to take.
- b. The Clerk has contacted BT regarding the IP address of the internet which has apparently has been identified as blacklisted from 2005/6 he has requested a static IP address from BT.
- c. The Clerk has been in touch with Natwest regarding new bank accounts and has been given a telephone number to contact in Birmingham to contact to process he will do this later this week
- d. The Community centre in Mynydd Isa has had its Defibrillator erected and attached to the building. Members informed that New Brighton had erected theirs and Argoed Sports Club are in the process of erecting theirs.
- e. Mynydd Isa has come 1st for the fourth year running in the Best Kept Village.

8. Notice of Motion none

9. Planning applications

Applications:

Ref: 060071 **Date Valid:** 25 June 2019 **Expiry Date:** 20 August 2019

Case Officer: 01352-703260

Agent: JIG Architects, Unit 16 Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1XP

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to side of dwellinghouse including all other associated works to completion

At: Ty Gwyn Farm, Well Street, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 2PQ

Grid Ref: 326596 363306

Area: Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Approved**

Ref: 060202 **Date Valid:** 5 July 2019 **Expiry Date:** 30 August 2019 **Case**

Officer: 01352 703255

Agent: Parry Davies Architects Ltd, Studio 55:20, North Wales Business Park, Abergele, LL22 8LJ **Approved**

Proposal: Erection of external lift structure

At: Beaufort Park Hotel, Bryn Offa Lane, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ

Grid Ref: 325419.5 365574.8 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

Ref: 060220 **Date Valid:** 12 July 2019 **Expiry Date:** 6 September 2019 **Case**

Officer: 01352-703281

Agent: Hourigan Connolly, 2nd Floor 55 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 2BY

Resubmitted under Different No see also notes of minutes below

Proposal: Residential development for the erection of 97 dwellings including the provision of affordable units, areas of public open space, landscaping and associated works
At: Land to the south of New Brighton Road, New Brighton, Mold, Flintshire
Grid Ref: 325184 365551 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

--Ref: 060236 **Date Valid:** 22 July 2019 **Expiry Date:** 16 September 2019 **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 **Approved**
Grid Ref: 325603 364642 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

Ref: 060318 **Date Valid:** 5 August 2019 **Expiry Date:** 30 September 2019 **Case Officer:** 01352-703262
Agent: , **More Information required of applications**
Proposal: Application to discharge conditions no. 3,6,7,9,10,11,13,14,16,18,20,21,22,25 and 26 of planning permission ref. 059026
At: Land at Issa Farm, Bryn Road, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6RY
Grid Ref: 326132 364741 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton A member

Ref: 060322 **Date Valid:** 5 August 2019 **Expiry Date:** 30 September 2019 **Case Officer:** 01352 703327
Agent: GBS Design Services, Dee View, 44 Whitford Street, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 7NJ
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension with rear decking and replacement of the attached single garage.
At: 5 Llys Dedwydd, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6YN **Approved**
Grid Ref: 325684.7 364025.5 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

Ref: 060371 **Date Valid:** 15 August 2019 **Expiry Date:** 10 October 2019 **Case Officer:** 01352 703255
Agent: ,
Proposal: Rear dormer extension to existing bungalow **Approved**
At: 128 Mold Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6TF
Grid Ref: 325552 363817 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed

DECISIONS

Ref: 059864 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352-703262

Agent:

Proposal: Erection of lift extension

At: Argoed High School, Bryn Road, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6RY

Decision Date: 10/06/2019 **Decision:** Approved

Decision Issued: 10 June 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 059847 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352-703269

Agent:

Proposal: Erection of 1no. dwelling on plot of previously approved double garage

At: Crown House, Main Road, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6QW

Decision Date: 13/06/2019 **Decision:** Refused

Decision Issued: 25 June 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 059985 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352 703255

Agent: JNL Design, 51 Burntwood Road, Burntwood, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 3EL

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to front of dwelling

At: 112 Park Avenue, Bryn Y Baal, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6TR

Decision Date: 27/06/2019 **Decision:** Approved

Decision Issued: 27 June 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060071 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352-703260

Agent: JIG Architects, Unit 16 Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1XP

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to side of dwellinghouse including all other associated works to completion

At: Ty Gwyn Farm, Well Street, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 2PQ

Decision Date: 05/08/2019 **Decision:** Approved

Decision Issued: 5 August 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060202 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352 703255

Agent: Parry Davies Architects Ltd, Studio 55:20, North Wales Business Park, Abergele, LL22 8LJ

Proposal: Erection of external lift structure

At: Beaufort Park Hotel, Bryn Offa Lane, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ

Decision Date: 13/08/2019 **Decision:** Approved

Decision Issued: 13 August 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Notes of Consultation Meeting re proposed development on land south of New Brighton Road, New Brighton.

Attendees:

Jon McCarron (Chair), Ian Jolly (Vice-chair), Roy Marsh, Bea Clarke, Anne Henry, John Holiday, Keith Mutch, Rhodri Hampson-Jones.

Mared Eastwood

Speaker from public: Derek Walters

10 other attendees from public

Clerk: Introduced himself and explained it was to be a consultation meeting and, whether ACC agrees/disagrees, the views of the public will be forwarded to FCC.

Rep: Introduced himself and invited guest speaker.

Rep: When they first became aware of the development, open meetings were held in New Brighton Community Centre (“NBCC”), three or four meetings have been held so far. A steering group was formed, to study all the documents and formulate objections of which there are too many to go through tonight.

Clerk: When you make objections, you need to tie in with planning requirements.

Rep: We are aware of that:

There has been massive over-development in New Brighton. According to FCC in 2015 there were 328 houses. Since then, there has been a development behind Argoed View of 13 houses – with a planning condition that has not been complied with, which does not instil confidence in our planning department, and there is another new development of 23/24 houses behind the former Argoed Service Station. This represents an 11% increase in houses since 2015. If you add another 97 houses to this that would equate to a 40% increase in what is classed as a category ‘b’ village where there should have been growth of 8-15% over the UDP period.

Part of the proposed site is not within the current boundary.

Traffic – this would be exiting onto New Brighton Road, which has failed the assessment for safe routes to school for children, is classified as an unsafe route to school for children and can’t be classified as a safe walking route.

A traffic survey has been conducted of traffic approaching the lights in New Brighton from the Sychdyn direction. 192 vehicles were counted within an hour. The top speed recorded was 49 mph with 68 vehicles travelling over 35mph, which merits a cautionary letter from NW Police (JH concurred).

There have been drainage concerns for the Cae Isa residents for years, which have not been resolved. At the moment, no drainage plans have been uploaded to show how the proposed development will be drained, which means we are unable to comment in respect of it. The field has been referred to by a previous councillor as the ‘paddy fields’.

The development behind Argoed View continues to have drainage issues in contravention of the planning conditions.

There are wildlife concerns in that Great-crested Newts are in the area. According to Natural Resource Wales there are four known habitats within 250m of the proposed

development and the developers are yet to show how their development will not be detrimental to them.

There is no infrastructure to support the development – you cannot get a doctor's appointment, more health services are being shut down therefore this leads to further worry for the residents.

Active Travel – New Brighton is not included in active travel therefore you are forced to travel by car from this site.

Mem: Could the steering group prepare a summary, to include the comprehensive points and send it to ACC?

Rep: Yes.

Rep: Were you aware that the surface water drainage on the development behind Argoed View has not yet been completed?

ACC: No.

Rep: For your information, ACC had objected to the two new developments in New Brighton and had asked for a mini-roundabout, but we didn't get it – we can get ignored in the same way as you but we do try.

BC: There is a rumour that they're looking to build houses by the Shell garage – has anyone heard anything about that?

Rep: They are just rumours.

Rep: There are no doctors, no post-office in New Brighton.

Clerk: ACC did not receive any pre-consultation letter from the developer prior to going to planning.

Mem: Other problems are going to be the schools – so where are the children going to go?

Mem: There is another development proposed for New Brighton – what's your opinion on the other 10?

Rep: We think the access is quite dangerous.

Mem: They also own a house at the back of Gosmore Road.

Rep: For your information, there is also a proposal to sell land for development on the outskirts of Sychdyn.

Chair: That is of interest, but not relevant to tonight's meeting.

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There is a footpath from Argoed View to New Brighton Road – the developers are offering a diversion – are they allowed to do this? They propose to divert it half way down and then divert onto a pavement, I was under the impression that it needs to divert onto a path? Also, it will be diverted onto a very busy road.

Mem: It currently leads onto that very busy road.

Rep: There will be 97 houses with children, exiting onto the very busy road.

Rep: That particular right of way is Wats Dyke Heritage Trail, it runs parallel to Offa's Dyke – it's a priority route they wanted to protect and was opened by an Assembly Member.

Clerk: I suggest you contact the Assembly Member and your MP and highlight this to them.

Rep: Regarding the footpath on New Brighton Road – it is in the plan to put a path from the proposed development to New Brighton lights, but the hedge is protected under the *** Act(?) and the verge is not wide enough for a footpath, this would also contravene the Equality Act as disabled persons would not be able to use the path if it's not sufficiently wide.

Rep: This is the proposed footpath to New Brighton Road?

Rep: Yes.

Clerk: This should be included in your reply to FCC.

Rep: I've handed in a photo-copy to Mared of an article where Quentin Dodd has commented on the 'paddy fields'.

Rep: That's why we raised the point of the plans of the proposed drains not being uploaded.

Rep: These are busy roads, this could endanger life.

Clerk: Has anyone talked to the planning officer?

Rep: Jane has due to the mistakes in the initial consultation documents.

Rep: What would you like from us, ACC?

Rep: Your support, hopefully to attend with us at committee too and speak. If you could put your objections in as well, we'd be grateful.

Rep: After the meeting, the minutes will be circulated and discussed at our next meeting, which is 3 September 2019. Anything further from you needs to be sent to us by then.

Rep: It's disappointing that the developer ignored ACC prior to putting in the planning application.

Rep: This is not a 'nimby' thing – we are thinking of everyone in the community.

Rep: Thanked all for attending and closed meeting.

Meeting ended: 7.32pm

10. Representative's Report

Police Update

FSW20 Bryn-y-Baal/ New Brighton

FSW21 Mynydd Isa

Incident update - (from 02/08/2019 to 30/08/2019)

FSW20

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/ Trends:

18/08/2019 – Report of pellets being fired into gardens of properties on Bron Yr Eglwys.

Suspected to be coming over from the farm nearby. **Words of advice to shoot away from properties provided to farmer and individuals involved in the shooting of rooks.**

19/08/2019 – Report of stones and sticks being thrown at a property on Erw Goed. **Patrols conducted - negative sightings. Reassurance provided to caller.**

22/08/2019 – Group of youths standing on the New Brighton overpass and holding wooden planks. Caller was concerned that the youths may drop the planks on to vehicles below.

Patrols conducted – negative sightings of youths.

24/08/2019 – Report of a piece of wood being thrown at a property on Erw Goed. No damage caused. **Patrols conducted – negative sightings.**

26/08/2019 – Group of youths congregating outside a property on Heol Fammau. One youth punched the garage wall and became abusive to caller. **Reassurance provided to caller.**

Location will be monitored.

Crime issues/ trends

04/08/2019 – Road disruption – Male in the middle of the dual carriageway on A494. **Officer attended location but negative sightings of male.**

17/08/2019 – Suspicious circumstances – Report of bangs which sounded like a shot gun on Uwch Y Nant. **Officers attended but no further noises heard.**

24/08/2019 – Burglary – Shed door damaged whilst attempting to gain entry. Suspect did not gain entry and nothing taken. **No option for CSI due to weather. Reassurance provided to victim. Location will be monitored.**

25/08/2019 – Reports of youths throwing items at vehicles and causing vehicle windows to smash. **Reassurance provided. No CCTV. No suspect identified. Location will be monitored.**

29/08/2019 – Group of individuals pointing at houses and taking photographs on Moorcroft. **Reassurance provided. Patrols conducted. Location will be monitored.**

FSW21

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

19/08/2019 – Group of youths entering store on Mercia Drive and being abusive to staff members. **Officers attended and spoken with group and moved on. CCTV reviewed and individuals identified. Investigation on-going.**

20/08/2019 – Group of youths congregated outside store on Mercia Drive asking customers to buy them alcohol. **CCTV reviewed. Individuals identified. Investigation on-going.**

24/08/2019 – Three youths urinating on garden wall of property on Bryn Road. Caller confronted the youths and they became abusive. **CCTV reviewed. Youths identified. Investigation on-going.**

27/08/2019 – Group of youths throwing stones at property on Bryn Road. **CCTV reviewed. Youths identified. Investigation on-going.**

Crime Issues / Trends

02/08/2019 – Road related – Individual sighted getting into their vehicle intoxicated and driving away. **Area search conducted but negative sightings of vehicle.**

10/08/2019 – Criminal damage - Individual has thrown a stone at the window of a store on Mercia Drive and has caused the window to shatter. **There is CCTV which shows the incident but unable to see the face of individual and therefore, unable to identify the suspect.**

18/08/2019 – Criminal damage – Group of youths throwing stones at windows of properties on Ellesmere Road causing chips in the window. **House to house and CCTV enquiries conducted but negative. Location is being monitored.**

27/08/2019 – Criminal damage – Group of youths throwing stones at a property and vehicle on Bryn Road. Window of vehicle has been damaged. **CCTV reviewed. Youths in the area at the time have been identified. Investigation on-going.**

2. Committee and Group Reports

Notes of HR Group Meeting 25.07.2019

In attendance: Ian Jolly (Chair of this group), Jon McCarron, Keith Mutch, Roy Marsh, Faron Hadfield-Jones

Note-taker: Mared Eastwood

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Clerk's request to review his contract of employment.

It was agreed that it was a little unclear exactly what it is that Clerk is requesting and that clarification and a written request would be needed in order to consider his request properly.

A member had made enquiries and understood that the Clerk would be able to take his pension and continue to work without having to leave his employment to do so.

With regard to his ongoing absence, it was agreed that a meeting should be held with him after his consultant's appointment (7 Aug 2019) to review his progress and obtain a prognosis, if possible.

The Temporary clerk was tasked with writing to Clerk and sending him the paperwork to make a flexible working application. Once this had been received, the application could properly be considered and, if appropriate, the new role could be advertised.

It was agreed that, in the meantime, the temporary Clerk should register for Level 2 and Level 3 of the CiLCA training that had been emailed to the group prior to the meeting.

A draft advertisement to be done, in readiness.

Minutes of the HR Group held 6 pm 27th August 2019

Present: Cllr J A Holland, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr J Mc Carron, Cllr Roy Marsh, Cllr I Jolly

Consideration of reduction in Clerks Hours

The Clerk has signed the required form regarding flexible pension he has requested that his hours be reduced to 16 from 24. This allow the finance of an assistant

Resolved: The council to accept the changes in hours and Consideration of an assistant to the Clerk

The group considered the role of an assistant for the Clerk and the benefits of such as coverage and support. The Clerk suggested that the assistant would work 16 hours per week providing support for the clerk. The role would have to be advertised in the press, notice

board and website. Members suggested that the closing date should be the last week in September with the interview date being the beginning of October

Resolved: The assistant should be appointed as soon as is possible to provide support to the Clerk on his return to work.

Consideration of draft job description and person specification.

The group considered and reviewed both draft job description and person specification and were happy to proceed with them.

Next steps

The Council to agree the flexible working application

The Flexible Working application to be actioned

More meetings of the HR group to be organised.

Next meeting to be organised.