

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor J McCarron (Chair)
 Councillor G K Mutch
 Councillor B Clarke
 Councillor R Marsh

Argoed Ward

Councillor John Holiday
 Councillor J Norwood
 Councillor H McGuill
 Councillor I Jolly
 Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

In attendance: Clerk Rhodri Hampson-Jones, Assistant Clerk Mared Eastwood

Received presentation from residents regarding a parcel of land on Bryn Lane.

1 Apologies

Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr A Henry, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr W Robinson

Resolved: Assistant Clerk to write to Cllr W Robinson to remind him of the six month rule

2 Co-option of Members

None

3 Standing Orders

None. It was noted that they are to be reviewed, in light of the new model standing orders that are available. The new model financial regulations will be reviewed also. A review meeting to be called in January 2020, as well as one for the precept.

4 Declarations of Interest to be signed:

Cllr J McCarron declared an interest in item 8(a).
 Cllr F Hadfield-Jones declared an interest in item 5(c).
 Cllr H McGuill declared an interest in item 10(a).

5 Financial Matters

a. Accounts for Payment December 2019

Out There	Purchase of Christmas Trees	£175.00	Paid
Welsh Audit Office	Audit 2019	£240.10	
Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying Costs	£106.49	
BT	Telephone and Internet	£85.04	Paid
Redbud	Community Maintenance	£1067.50	
SLCC	Local Council Administration 11 th Ed	£108.79	Paid
ICO Certificate	Paid by Clerk	£40.00	Paid
M Eastwood	Office Supplies	£119.50	
		£1942.42	

Resolved: Approved to be paid.

b. Accounts to October 2019

Following accounts were presented by the Clerk:

Budget Review December 2019



Income & Expenditure Statement	Apr- Oct	Nov- March	Total Year	Budget	REVISED amend Budget	variance	
INCOME							
PRECEPT	49767	24883.7	74651	74651	74651	0	
other income	150		150		0	-150	
Total Income	49917	24883.7	74801	74651	0	74651	-150
STAFF COSTS							
Wages	12567	9172	21739	20391.8	20392	-1347	
Staff Employer's NIC& Pension	2905.5	1269	4174.5	7106.34	7106.3	2931.8	
Staff Expenses			0	100	100	100	
TOTAL STAFF COSTS	15472	10441	25913	27598.2	0	27598	1684.9
OTHER EXPENDITURE							
Lighting Upgrades	3346.4		3346.4	4250	4250	903.64	
Community Caretaking	4870	5000	9870	10000	10000	130	
Rent	1025.2	100	1125.2	1500	1500	374.8	
Lighting Energy	666.93	746.64	1413.6	1700	1700	286.43	
Lighting Maintenance		500	500	500	500	0	
Lighting Repairs	2095.5	1750	3845.5	4000	4000	154.5	
Councillors' Allowance	1200		1200	3350	-1850	1500	300
Chairman's Allowance	1200		1200		1250	1250	50
Travel and Conference			0	400	-400	0	0
Councillors Training	180	468	648	300	400	700	52
Grants s137	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	0
Audit Fees		600	600	600		600	0
Legal Fees			0	500		500	500
Professional Fees	352.6	33	385.6		300	300	-85.6
Photocopying	221.31	200	421.31	550		550	128.69
Printing And Stationery			0	200		200	200


Insurances	1694		1694	1700		1700	5.97
Telephone	223.66	200	423.66	500		500	76.34
Internet Charges	176.5	200	376.5	500		500	123.5
Other Administration costs			0	300	-300	0	0
Christmas Tree and Lights	240	1580	1820	1800		1800	-20
Planting	1089.5		1089.5	1200		1200	110.55
Playscheme	1100		1100	2000		2000	900
Other Maintenance costs			0	500		500	500
Play Areas		10000	10000	5000		5000	-5000
CCTV			0	400		400	400
Argoed Recreational Charity	87.42	5000	5087.4	5000		5000	-87.42
Bank Interest Payable	30		30			0	-30
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE	21799	26977.6	48777	48750	0	48750	-26.6
Total Expense	37271	37418.6	74690	76348.2		76348	-1808
Excess Income/(Expense)	12646	-12535	111.09	-1697.2	0	1697.2	1808.3

Resolved: That any councillor allowance that isn't accepted is added to the grants budget. Review the £1580 allocated for the Christmas Trees and Lights when the invoice comes in from Mega to be reviewed.

c. Match-funding

The illustrated equipment proposed for the completion of the Wats Dyke outdoor gym area was noted:

	J3701A	Vitality Rowing Machine	2,275	2,275
	PJ3701A	Installation of J3701A	290	290
	J3702A	Vitality Exercise Bike	2,127	2,127

	PJ3702A	Installation of J3702A	290	290
	J3704A	Vitality Armrests	1,275	1,275
	PJ3704A	Installation of J3704A	290	290
		Total:		£6,547

In addition, there is equipment in the fenced, small child area that needs updating.

Resolved: The budget of £5k to go into ARC and then apply for the match-funding. Progress the second stage of the outdoor gym area and update the fenced in park.

6 Approval of Minutes dated 5 November 2019

Minutes were approved and signed.

7 Chair's Report

- a. Forget-me-not Gardening Group presented at the previous meeting.

Resolved: agree to them planting up the hanging baskets in principle but need further detail and costs to progress. Assistant Clerk to contact the Group for further details, in particular their health and safety method statement and risk assessment.

- b. Noted that the Clerk will be on holiday from 4th – 13th December. Clerk will have 2 further weeks annual leave to be taken before the end of March 2020.

- c. Noted that the Christmas lights to be switched on 4 December 2019. As Chair unable to attend, the Vice-chair to step in.

- d. Noted that the Christmas Dinner for the councillors and staff has been booked for 7pm on 12 December 2019 at The Griffin.

- e. The draft tender document for the community gardening has been put forward by the Amenities Committee, with additional comments from Redbud.

Resolved: Draft approved subject to comments (to include requirement for risk assessment method statements).

To proceed with the tender process, by offering it to four local contractors and advertising it on the internet, with a view to the contract starting in March 2020

- f. Noted that the Clerk's office will be closed from 23rd December to 2 January 2020.

8 Notice of Motion

- a) **The Council was keen to demonstrate to the public that they have taken note of the local issues with anti-social behaviour and responding.**

Resolved: To liaise with PCSO Sammi Salisbury to establish the hot-spots within our area.

To budget for 3 new commandos and 2 dummy cameras (£2,500)

- b) **It was considered whether or not Councillors should now pay for their own Christmas meals, rather than it being paid by the Chair. It was noted that some Councillors donate their allowances to charity/community projects.**

Resolved: The Christmas meal will continue to be paid by the Chair.

- c) **This could not be considered as an item regarding pedestrian crossings has been considered within the last six months.**

9 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

Ref: 060479 **Date Valid:** 23 September 2019 **Expiry Date:** 18 November 2019 **Case Officer:** 01352 703255

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

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

At: Briarfield, Main Road, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6QW

Grid Ref: 325212.2 365421.3 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

Decisions

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

Ref: 060359 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352 703255

Agent: CH Design, 7 Brookdale Avenue, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5RB

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory - Proposed single storey rear extension, proposed single storey side/front extension and widened drive access.

At: 15 Llys Argoed, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6TX

Decision Date: 26/09/2019

Decision: **Approved**

Decision Issued: 26 September 2019

Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060322 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **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
Decision Date: 10/10/2019 **Decision:** Permitted Development
Decision Issued: 10 October 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060371 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352 703255
Agent: ,
Proposal: Rear dormer extension to existing bungalow
At: 128 Mold Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6TF
Decision Date: 29/10/2019 **Decision:** Approved
Decision Issued: 30 October 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060479 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352 703255
Agent: JNL Design, 51 Burntwood Road, Burntwood, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 3EL
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
At: Briarfield, Main Road, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6QW
Decision Date: 13/11/2019 **Decision:** Approved
Decision Issued: 13 November 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

10 Representative's Report

- a) In light of the antagonism within the ASA committee towards the Council, it was considered whether or not a representative should continue to attend at the ASA meetings. It was noted that the Council wishes to continue to have some kind of relationship with the ASA, the question is upon what terms. It was felt that the firework event was successful, with the promotional support from the Council and the Council could budget a grant for this community event next year.

Resolved: The Council to withdraw from the ASA committee and arrange with the County Councillors for them to report back to the Council.

To be available to the ASA committee, if needed.

Increase grants budget to £3,000 for 2020/21 and if there is grant money remaining at the end of the year, and the Council can afford it, to donate it completely.

- b) Cllr J Holiday provided an update regarding the informal speed survey that has been conducted. Two vehicles would have been reported to Speedwatch. Parked cars seem to slow the traffic down, with the noise of the bigger vehicles possibly giving the impression of

greater speed. It was suggested that 20mph speed limits be added, together with a pedestrian crossing on Mercia Drive also and that a further survey be conducted between 8.15 and 8.45am.

Resolved: To undertake more surveys in Mercia Drive and Park Avenue, both in the morning and afternoons, to build a case for Flintshire County Council to consider.
Put 'review safer routes to school' as an agenda item for Amenities.

11 Committee and Group Reports

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 6pm at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr W J Taylor, Cllr J Norwood, Cllr B Clarke

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

1. Apologies Cllr A Henry, Cllr J Holiday

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Redbud

Clerk provided update on Redbud's behalf; she has assisted in erecting the Christmas Trees, which were delivered today, and has agreed to look over the draft tender, to advise if there is anything missing. The shrubs at the back of the Community Centre have been cut back, together with general maintenance around the Square.

4. Tender Document

Draft tender was tabled, for committee to consider. It was agreed subject to the comments that were made and subject to any comments Redbud may give.

Resolved: Draft tender to be emailed to committee when a response has been received from Redbud.

5. Christmas Trees

A new hole for Christmas Trees will be required at New Brighton, given that currently there is only a fence-post stake. Streetscene are happy for Argoed Community Council to do this. The electric box in Mynydd Isa will require drying out prior to it being used. Both trees look good so far, although they are still wrapped in their netting.

Mega are booked in to do the lights for the trees and the posts. Two new dummy cameras have been ordered and FCC has agreed to install a socket on a post opposite Y Bonc and re-install the socket at

Wats Dyke. This represents a saving of £275 to Argoed Community Council so thanks are given to FCC.

Resolved: Assistant Clerk to chase for quote that Mega had agreed to give so that Clerk may continue to review this years' budget.

6. Christmas Party Night

Deposit has been paid.

7. Trees in Bryn-y-Baal Quarry

John Griffiths has been appointed. There is a wood-carver who is a customer in Caffi Isa who may be interested in the logs.

General discussion regarding the current state of the Quarry in that it is overgrown and needs clearing. Also, that the public are still not sure this is a public space.

Resolved: Assistant Clerk to request a brown sign, to direct public from the road: "Argoed Community Council – Community Meadow".

As gate is usually left open, a sign to be ordered worded "This gate to be kept closed".

Whilst ordering signs, "No bicycles in the park" for Y Bonc.

Redbud be requested to clear the Quarry more, with a view to it looking more like a meadow. The brambles, ash saplings and bushes to be destroyed (with the exception of the gorse bushes at the top of the bank near the gate) using targeted use of stump killer.

8. Letter to Rockcliffe

Needs to address the rubbish, sign and gate.

Resolved: Clerk to action.

9. Winter Bedding

Resolved: None to be planted this year, although snowdrops/crocuses could be planted under the weeping birch.

Council Meeting Terminated 7.00pm

Resolved: Minutes were approved.
Noted that the letter to Rockcliffe has now been sent.

Meeting closed 8.20pm