

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 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

Annual Council Meeting

1. Use of recording equipment

None was used

2. Apologies

Councillor Jim Norwood

3. Co-Option of members

William Robinson gave a presentation in support of his expression of wish to be appointed a Councillor for ACC.

Resolved: That William Robinson be co-opted as a Member of Argoed Community Council.

4. Standing Orders

Will be reviewed over the summer break and any revisions brought to the Council in the autumn.

5. Declaration of interests to be signed

Declarations of interest from Cllr H McGuill; Cllr J Holiday; Cllr M Shepherd and Cllr J Taylor

6. Financial Matters

a) Invoices

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

BT	Telephone Invoice 16 May 2019	£73.23
BT	Telephone Invoice 16 June 2019	£73.27
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting inspection and maintenance	£293.61
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting energy – April 2019	£93.33
Redbud Landscapes	Invoice 235	£600.00
Redbud Landscapes	Invoice 236	£1,085.00
Redbud Landscapes	Invoice 237	£410.00
HMRC	Class I NI payments	£649.12
JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal Audit	£326.40

It was noted that another invoice had just arrived from eUKhost Ltd in the sum of £79.92 and another expected, in the region of £150, from HCI Data in respect of the Council's domain name.

Resolved: That these invoices be paid when it presented to the Clerk.

b) Bank Mandate

Resolved: To give the Assistant Clerk authority to have access to Internet Banking and to have Cllr R Marsh and Cllr I Jolly as the cheque signatories, Assistant Clerk to be a non-signing signatory in addition to the Clerk.

c) Employee related matters not minuted due to employee confidentiality.

d) Bank Accounts were noted

e) Payment Vouchers were distributed, to be returned in confidence to the Assistant Clerk

7. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2019

Chair signed on approval.

8. Chairman's Report:

Matters since last meeting

a) Audit – the internal auditor report was considered in full, with each section being discussed.

Resolved:

- a. The accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 were approved.
- b. The filing and bring forward systems to be reviewed.
- c. The Assistant Clerk will make further enquiries regarding the Snapfast invoice, for completeness.

b) An update was given regarding the entries submitted

Resolved:

Cllr I Jolly to accompany the judges on their visit. Cllr W Robinson to consider nominating a substitute to accompany them as well.
Assistant Clerk to send them copy entries.

c) Clerk's sickness absence and temporary cover

Resolved:

- a. That representatives from the HR Group meet with the Clerk for an update.
- b. that the Assistant Clerk be authorised to work up to 24 hours per week, if needed, on a temporary basis pending the return of the Clerk

d) The Clerk's continuing absence was noted.

- e) The revised proposal for sports equipment in Wat's Dyke Park was considered. The opportunity for match-funding was noted.

Resolved: To authorise the proposed phase 1:

- a. Site clearance and safe removal of near end of life equipment - £2,950
- b. Installation of Street Fitness - £7145
£10095

- f) The wildflower proposal was considered, with the addition of the bank to the side of New Brighton Football Field. It was noted that volunteers will be needed to help strip and then lay turf, which is physical work. This is expected to be around September time.

Resolved:

Cllr M Shepherd to revert back to North Wales Wildlife Trust for an adjusted proposal and for a time-scale, to allow for permits to be arranged, a cutting schedule agreed with Streetscene and volunteers organised.

9. Notices of Motion

None

10. Planning Applications/Decisions

It was noted that no planning applications or planning decisions had been received.

It was noted that a resident's group has been set up to discuss a proposed development in New Brighton, which is currently in the pre-application stage. The request from the residents that the New Brighton Community Councillors attend a special meeting with them, to listen and note their concerns so that they may be referred back to Flintshire CC as part of the formal consultation process was also noted.

Resolved: That the New Brighton Community Councillors will attend a special meeting with the residents group at the appropriate time.

11. Representative's Report

Police Report

None received this month.

12. Amenities Committee Report

Minutes for meetings on 15 May and 19 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair

13. Grants Committee Report

The following grants were recommended by the Grants Committee:

Argoed PTA – recommend £1,000 to be paid from Reserves. This is a one-off grant and payment would be consistent to that made to Ysgol Mynydd Isa when it celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Elite – recommend £200 towards their trip to Portugal – conditional upon it being evidenced as going against costs incurred for the trip/refunded to parents if already paid for in full.

Fuchsia and Geranium Society – recommend £200

Argoed Gardening Club – recommend £200.

Resolved: The grants be awarded as per the recommendations.

Meeting concluded at 9pm