



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MERCIA DRIVE, MYNYDD ISA.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

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

Argoed Ward

Councillor M Shepherd
Councillor I Jolly
Councillor H McGuill
Councillor J Taylor
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

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

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr J Norwood, Cllr J Holiday

2. Co-Option of members

The letter from Cllr W Robinson, giving his reasons for absence, was considered.

Resolved: That he be allowed to retain his allowance as it was accepted in good faith.

3. Declaration of interests to be signed

Cllr H McGuill declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 7 and left the room when this item was considered.

Cllr F Hadfield- Jones declared a personal interest in item 9.

4. Standing Orders

The draft standing orders and draft financial regulations were considered.

Resolved: Both documents approved as per the drafts.

In light of financial regulation 6.20, a debit card was approved.

5. Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a. The following accounts for payments January 2020 were approved:

Flintshire County Council	Electric	£186.66
Mared Eastwood	Travel	£34.20

- b. It was noted that £1,000 had been added to the Precept, as requested by Members, which has increased the percentage from 3.71% to 5.03%, producing a rate of 31.68 pence in the pound. A copy of the submission has been issued to Councillors.

- c. It was noted that salary costs from September to December are £6,849.70 and expected to be £1,834.92 from January to March. Future months will also include a pension contribution in relation to the Assistant Clerk.
- d. The bank balances were noted.

6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020

Resolved: Minutes were approved.

7. Chairman's Report.

- a.) The Amenities committee in their meeting of the 22nd of January reviewed two tenders for the Community Gardening Contract, Contractor A submitted a tender for the amount of £1229 it was not clear whether it was an annual amount or a monthly amount which would have resulted in an annual amount of £14748. Contractor B amounted to £13004 which was cheaper. It was well analysed which would allow the council to monitor the costs easily by creating a coding structure and will be carried out by the assistant clerk.
The Clerk was requested to approach contractor to reduce the price.
The Contractor has reduced to £12075 which has been budgeted in the precept.

Resolved: That Contractor B is awarded the contract for a period of 3 years.

- b.) It was noted that two dummy cameras have been purchased and expected to be delivered in the next four to five weeks.

Resolved: That a statement be drafted as to why there is no recording, so that we are prepared if asked.

- c.) It was noted that two heater boxes are required for the defibrillators as there are concerns about the batteries.

Resolved: That a grant of £1000 from Argoed Recreational to be given to purchase the boxes and installation.

- d.) It was noted that permission has been given to have a defibrillator installed at the Griffin, who will also make a contribution of £150 and will run a fund-raising event.
- e.) It was noted that the accounts for Argoed Recreational has been submitted to the Charity Commission.
- e.) It was noted that the community councils in Wales will remain the same, albeit with a change in how votes will be allocated.
- f.) It was noted that as Windows 7 is being replaced, there is a requirement to update our computer systems, including a central filing system, which will require some expenditure.

Resolved: That the upgrade be approved.

8. Notices of Motion None received

9. Planning applications/Decisions.

The following schedule of outstanding planning applications was noted:

Received

Ref: 060711	Date Valid: 20 November 2019	Expiry Date: 15 January 2020	Case Officer:
Agent:	,		
Proposal:			
At:	Bod Offa Farm, Bod Offa Lane, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6RE		
Grid Ref:	326484.7 363658.9	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: Argoed

Ref: 060730	Date Valid: 19 November 2019	Expiry Date: 14 January 2020	Case Officer: 01352-703255
Agent:	GBS Design Services, Odin's Cottage, Ballachrink Farm, Glen Road, Colby, Isle of Man, IM9 4HW		
Proposal:	A conversion of the attached garage to a habitable room and a side extension.		
At:	12 Hill View, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6SL		
Grid Ref:	325912 364644	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: New Brighton

Ref: 060755	Date Valid: 21 November 2019	Expiry Date: 16 January 2020	Case Officer:
Agent:	Lovelock Mitchell Architects, 3 Stanley Street, Chester, CH1 2LS		
Proposal:			
At:	Land rear of 66A Mold Road, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6TD		
Grid Ref:	326015.4 363798.4	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: Argoed

Ref: 060691	Date Valid: 25 November 2019	Expiry Date: 20 January 2020	Case Officer: 01352-703260
Agent:	BH Architects Ltd, Barden, Queen Street, Treuddyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4LU		
Proposal:	Garage conversion to Utility and Shower Rooms		
At:	10 Cledwen Drive, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6TZ		
Grid Ref:	326099 364380	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: Argoed

Ref: 060713	Date Valid: 2 December 2019	Expiry Date: 27 January 2020	Case Officer: 01352-703260
Agent:	Mr Gary Owen, Crud Yr Wennol, 15 Cae Dafydd, Meifod, Powys, SY22 6HF		
Proposal:	Roof Over Yard between 2 Cubicle Buildings & Installation of Slurry Lagoon and Transfer Channel		
At:	Argoed Hall Farm, Argoed Hall Lane, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6SQ		
Grid Ref:	325376.9 364393.2	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: New Brighton

Ref: 060819	Date Valid: 12 December 2019	Expiry Date: 9 January 2020	Case Officer: 01352-703281
Agent:	,		
Proposal:	Prior Approval - Installation of telecoms pole		
At:	The Stables, Well Street, Buckley, CH7 2PQ		
Grid Ref:	326611 363355	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: Argoed

Ref: 060772	Date Valid: 10 January 2020	Expiry Date: 6 March 2020	Case Officer: 01352-703260
Agent:	,		
Proposal:	Replacement Outbuilding		
At:	20b Mold Road, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire		
Grid Ref:	326320 363821	Area: Argoed Community Council	Ward: Argoed

Decisions

Ref: 060691 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352-703260
Agent: BH Architects Ltd, Barden, Queen Street, Treuddyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4LU
Proposal: Garage conversion to Utility and Shower Rooms
At: 10 Cledwen Drive, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6TZ
Decision Date: 09/01/2020 **Decision:** **Approved**
Decision Issued: 9 January 2020 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060730 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352 703255
Agent: GBS Design Services, Odin's Cottage, Ballachrink Farm, Glen Road, Colby, Isle of Man, IM9 4HW
Proposal: A conversion of the attached garage to a habitable room and a side extension.
At: 12 Hill View, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6SL
Decision Date: 03/01/2020 **Decision:** **Approved**
Decision Issued: 6 January 2020 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer-----

Ref: 059521 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352-703281
Agent: Mr Clifford Pyke, Greenfield Cottage Mews, Huxley Lane, Huxley, Nr Tattenhall, Cheshire, CH3 9BG
Proposal: Amendment to previously approved housetype
At: The Stables, Well Street, Buckley, CH7 2PQ
Decision Date: 18/12/2019 **Decision:** **Approved**
Decision Issued: 18 December 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060448 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **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
Decision Date: 18/12/2019 **Decision:** **Approved**
Decision Issued: 18 December 2019 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

Ref: 060713 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton **Case Officer:** 01352-703260
Agent: Mr Gary Owen, Crud Yr Wennol, 15 Cae Dafydd, Meifod, Powys, SY22 6HF
Proposal: Roof Over Yard between 2 Cubicle Buildings & Installation of Slurry Lagoon and Transfer Channel
At: Argoed Hall Farm, Argoed Hall Lane, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6SQ
Decision Date: 14/01/2020 **Decision:** **Approved**
Decision Issued: 14 January 2020 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

In particular, it was noted, with regard to planning application number 060755, that not all the information is on the website. A public meeting has been called for 5 February 2020.

Resolved: A letter is sent to the planning officer requesting more information, as nothing is on the website (as of 4 February 2020).

- a. **Representative's Report.**
- b. Speedwatch - the update that more action is now taken by the police as the speed cameras now visit the problem areas as highlighted by the Speedwatch reports. It was commented

that the new matrix cameras sited by County Hall appear to have had a great positive impact.

10. Committee and group reports

Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 6pm at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Cllr W J Taylor, Cllr J McCarron, Cllr A Henry, Cllr B Clarke

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

1. Apologies Cllr K Mutch

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Bryn-y-Baal Quarry Update

Assistant Clerk updated that the trees growing out of the cliff face had now been removed. Some of the wood has been given to a local woodcarver, who was very appreciative.

A letter has been received from the residents at Rockcliffe, tabled at the meeting. The letter explained the reasons for the house sign, confirmed green rubbish would be removed and requested permission use crusher run to patch the lane.

Recommended:

- a. In view of previous contentious relations, we proceed no further regarding the 'Rockcliffe' house sign and give permission for it to remain.
- b. That the request to Flintshire County Council for a brown sign for the Quarry be pursued.
- c. That the residents of Rockcliffe are given permission to patch the lane with crusher run.

4. Update regarding Wats Dyke Park

Phase one is completed. The next phase will include the children's area and a hut with a slide attachment has been suggested. Match funding of £5k has been requested from Aura for Y Bonc.

5. Update regarding telephone box at top of Chambers Lane

BT has confirmed that, whilst they cannot give a date for when the contractors will attend, this telephone box is still on their list to be removed the next time the contractors are within the area.

6. Consideration of Gardening Contract Tenders

A comparison table of the two quotations that have been received were tabled. There is a wide disparity between the two quotes, which were £1,229 (Contractor A) and £13,004 (Contractor B). After due consideration of the tenders contractor A lacked clarity to the service provided compared the contractor B which provided a better breakdown of costs which would allow better control and analysis of the contract on an on-going basis.

Recommended: Clerk to negotiate with Contractor B to reduce the quote to £12k, failing which the contract goes back out to tender.

7. Defibrillator Boxes at New Brighton and Argoed Social Club

There have been a number of issues regarding the defibrillator boxes in that the battery in the one at New Brighton Community Centre has failed, although has been replaced, it may be that they start having issues at 0°C rather than -10°C, replacement batteries are expensive. ASA are putting pressure for one to be installed at Argoed Social Club, as theirs is kept in the changing rooms and is not generally available. It was hoped that funds from ARC could be used to fund proper heated boxes and any redundant boxes could be donated to Ysgol Mynydd Isa as the glass defibrillator box sited at Wats Dyke is deteriorating.

It was suggested that the Griffin could be considered as an alternative site for the other defibrillator as this would be available for the residents and visitors at that end of the village.

Recommended:

- a. The Griffin be considered as an alternative site and the managers be approached to see if they would help facilitate this.
- b. Heated boxes be obtained, funded by ARC, together with any installation costs, if necessary.
- c. Any spare boxes be donated to Ysgol Mynydd Isa.

8. 5 year plan suggestions

Concerns were raised regarding the safety of the house at the bottom of Wylfa Hill given that one of the boarded windows has been broken into again.

Recommended:

That the police be contacted, for them to be aware and keep an eye on the area.

Council Meeting Terminated 7.15pm

Resolved: Minutes of the Amenities Committee on 22 January 2020 were approved. It was noted that if a covered hut is proposed for the children's area in Wats Dyke park, this could potentially be mis-used. Aura are to provide specifications of any equipment, to be approved.

BT to be contacted to ensure that the site is properly made safe after the removal of the phone box.

Permission is given for the 'Rockcliffe' house sign to remain.

The request to Flintshire County Council for a brown sign to the Quarry be pursued.

The residents of Rockcliffe are given permission to patch the lane only with crusher run. No permission to be given for them to put down crusher run to the sides of the track.

Meeting ended 8.10pm