



## MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020 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

#### Argoed Ward

Councillor J Holiday  
Councillor I Jolly  
Councillor H McGuill  
Councillor J Taylor  
Councillor J Norwood

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

### 1. Apologies

Received from Cllr R Marsh, Cllr M Shepherd, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones

### 2. Co-Option of members

Rebecca Blanchard was proposed by Cllr McGuill. Rebecca Blanchard has been a resident in Mynydd Isa for a number of years, is on the PTA and volunteers with the local scouts group.

**Resolved: That Rebecca Blanchard be co-opted as a councillor.**

### 3. Declaration of interests to be signed

None recorded.

### 4. Standing Orders

Nothing to consider

### 5. Financial Matters

#### Resolved:

a. The following accounts for payments February 2020 were approved:

BT	Telephone and internet	£86.40	Pd
Furniture at work	Boardroom table and stationary	£538.92	
Michelle Jones	Community maintenance	£2250.00	
Compacc	Payroll December and February	£28.00	
One Voice Wales	Training - Assistant Clerk	£60.00	
Defib Pad	Heated cases	£1053.60	Pd
Amazon	Computer upgrade	£33.88	Pd

Flintshire CC	Stage 2 Wats Dyke	£5000.00	
Canda	Photocopying	£170.35	
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£9207.15</b>	

b. Bank accounts for February 2020 were noted as follows:

Community HSBC £3,866.64\*

Community NatWest £903.75

Reserve NatWest £31,009.45

Argoed Recreation £7,671.61

\*Will be closed when certain all transactions have cleared.

c. It was noted that salary costs are £2,510.84

## 6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020

**Resolved: Minutes were approved, subject to Cllr J Holiday's apologies being recorded.**

## 7. Chairman's Report.

a) It was noted that the new board room tables are expected to be delivered within the week for the new office/chamber. The tables have a walnut effect and the existing chairs will be used.

b) It was noted that a mole catcher has been contacted to deal with the mole problem at Y Bonc.

c) It was noted that the black flooring in Y Bonc is 10 years old now and that the time has come for it to be refurbished. After some discussion, it was agreed that the flooring should be replaced rather than repaired again. Flintshire CC (Aura) has agreed to provide some match-funding in the 2020/21 allocation towards the upkeep of this park. The overall cost is anticipated to be in the region of £18k. Recreation's balance is currently £7,671, together with £5k annual grant from ACC and £5k from FCC – the balance to come from the parks' budget.

**Resolved: Clerk to progress with this project.**

d) It was noted that a contract for services is being drawn up for Michelle Jones to be the community gardener with effect from 1 April 2020.

e) It was noted that the Clerk will be taking the remainder of his annual leave the last two weeks of March. The Assistant Clerk will be taking hers during April, to allow for cover in the office to continue.

f) The letter in from a resident regarding the Christmas lights was noted, together with the response, which was considered to be very positive.

g) It was noted that the teenagers would welcome some lighting at the mugga pitch at Y Bonc and it was recognised that this could have a positive impact on the anti-social behaviour that is seen from time to time in the centre of Mynydd Isa.

**Resolved:**

**a. Clerk to research and establish the costs that will be involved.**

**b. Clerk to find and apply for grants to assist with the costs.**

- c. Any lighting should be sufficiently robust/protected to withstand a kicked ball.
- d. Lights to only be around the pitch, not floodlights, maybe on a timer.

h) It was noted that the defibrillator boxes have now arrived and an electrician has been contacted, to provide a quote for installation – costs to be borne by ACC.

**Resolved: The defibrillator box to be fitted at New Brighton Community Centre as a priority.**

i) It was noted that the additional moveable cameras are expected either later this month or in early April.

j) It was noted that planning consultations are being forwarded to councillors prior to the monthly meetings.

## 8. Notices of Motion

The request from New Brighton Community Centre Committee was considered. It was noted that they wish to support the area being entered into the Best Kept Communities competition and have requested hanging baskets to make the area more appealing. It was noted that pensioner social housing is one of the categories in the competition and hanging baskets could potentially be installed on the lamp posts in that area.

**Resolved: ACC will supply some hanging baskets, subject to clarification of who is responsible for what in connection with them.  
Representatives from NBCC Committee be invited to the next Amenities meeting, to discuss options.**

The request for a dog bin on Mold Road, near to the junction with Bod Offa (not Mercia Drive), was considered. After general discussion, it was agreed that this request be supported, with the best location being near to the general waste bin that is already there.

**Resolved: Assistant Clerk to request a dog bin from StreetScene.  
Cllr J Norwood to take responsibility for undertaking the associated consultation with nearby residents.**

## 9. Planning applications/Decisions.

### Received

**Ref:** 060997 **Date Valid:** 7 February 2020 **Expiry Date:** 3 April 2020 **Case Officer:** 01352 703255  
**Agent:** JNL Design, 51 Burntwood Road, Burntwood, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 3EL  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension  
**At:** 51 Park Avenue, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6XR  
**Grid Ref:** 326192 364133 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed

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**- Ref:** 061025 **Date Valid:** 14 February 2020 **Expiry Date:** 10 April 2020 **Case Officer:** 01352 703255  
**Agent:** Peter Trow Design Consultant, 5 The Links, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DZ  
**Proposal:** The conversion of a detached double garage, to provide suitable ancillary accommodation facilities for a 'granny flat'.  
**At:** 10 Rockcliffe, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6SE  
**Grid Ref:** 325868 364819 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** New Brighton

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## DECISIONS

**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

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**Ref:** 060772 **Area:** Argoed Community Council **Ward:** Argoed **Case Officer:** 01352-703260  
**Agent:** ,  
**Proposal:** Replacement Outbuilding  
**At:** 20b Mold Road, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire  
**Decision Date:** 05/02/2020 **Decision:** **Approved**  
**Decision Issued:** 5 February 2020 **Decision Level:** Delegated-Officer

**Resolved:** The above planning schedule was noted.

The following planning applications were considered:

## PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION

**Ref:** 060997  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension  
**Location:** 51 Park Avenue, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6XR  
**Grid Ref:** E 326192 N 364133

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	No
Affects a Right of Way	No
Accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	No

I would advise you that I am in receipt of a planning application for the above proposal.

Full details of the application can be found on our website by clicking onto the url (if this does not work, please copy and paste the url in your web browser.

[https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC\\_Planning/Home/Details?refno=060997](https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=060997)

Documents can then be viewed by clicking on the heading '**Associated Documents**'.

I should be pleased to receive your observations on this proposed development within the next **21 days**.

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## **PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

**Ref:** 061052  
**Proposal:** Kitchen & bedroom rear extension  
**Location:** 1 Bryn-Y-Baal Cottages, Bryn Road, Bryn-Y-Baal, Mold, CH7 6SF  
**Grid Ref:** E 325763 N 364715

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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**Resolved:** No comment to make other than on 061052 and that is to say that vehicular access to the rear of the property should be maintained due to the existing parking issues on that section of the road.

10. Representative's Report:

- a) Speedwatch – checks have been undertaken on Llywelyn Drive and Mercia Drive at 8.30am and 3.30pm. Whilst there is the impression that cars are speeding, the reality is that parked cars are slowing them down so there is no actual speeding issue. Also, whilst Speedwatch may record the speeding cars, the follow up from North Wales Police isn't often very good. In comparison, there has recently been a blitz in Buckley, in the known hotspots, and nearly 200 speeders were recorded that day.

**Resolved:** Assistant Clerk to put Cllr Holiday's report on the website.

- b) Police report:

The following police update was considered:

FSW20 Bryn-y-Baal/ New Brighton

FSW21 Mynydd Isa

FSW20

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/ Trends:

No incidents reported.

Crime issues/ trends

04/02/2020 – Suspicious circumstances – Male stating that he was deaf attempting to sell pictures to residents on Pen y Lon. **Area search conducted, negative sightings. Reassurance provided and target hardening offered to informant.**

09/02/2020 – Road disruption – One sheep on the road on Bryn Road. **Area search conducted, negative sightings.**

11/02/2020 – Road disruption – Parking issues on Ffordd Fer. **Officer attended, vehicles not causing an obstruction. All in order.**

23/02/2020 – Road related – Report of two vehicles driving dangerously on A5119 New Brighton. **Partial VRM provided. Patrols conducted, negative sightings.**

24/02/2020 – Criminal damage – Damage caused to a vehicle parked on Mold Road. **No CCTV and no witnesses. No suspect identified.**

25/02/2020 – Arson – Rubbish set alight on football pitch near to Moel Fammau. **Fire service attended. Arson Reduction Team erected an arson alert board at the location. CCTV enquiries to be conducted.**

FSW21

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

No incidents reported.

## Crime Issues / Trends

30/01/2020 – Burglary – Property broken into on Park Avenue. Untidy search took place and keys to vehicle parked on the driveway were stolen. **Vehicle was stolen and later recovered by police officers. CCTV and house to house enquiries conducted. CSI attended, footwear mark recovered. On-going investigation.**

31/01/2020 – Road related – Report of a suspected drug driver on Mold Road. **VRM provided. Area search conducted, negative sightings. Intelligence report submitted. Vehicle monitored.**

03/02/2020 – Suspicious circumstances – Female and male knocked on a property on Overdale Avenue and asked for “Cathy”. Informant did not know Cathy. **Reassurance provided. Leaflet drop/ house to house/ CCTV enquiries conducted. Target hardening offered. OWL alert sent out.**

10/02/2020 – Theft – Black bin stolen on Pen y Garreg. **Incident logged to obtain reference number for the council.**

15/02/2020 – Fraud – Informant received two phone calls from persons purporting to be from the Fraud department of Natwest bank stating that there had been fraudulent activity on her account. Received emails stating that her Apple account has been hacked into. Account shows that her account was used to order things from JustEat. **Advised to contact Action Fraud. Reassurance provided.**

18/02/2020 – Suspicious circumstances – Male knocking on doors of properties on Moelwyn Close and putting leaflets through mail boxes. **Details of the male’s vehicle provided. Area search conducted, negative sightings. Intelligence report submitted. Officers made aware for patrols.**

19/02/2020 – Suspicious circumstances – Youths sighted taking a board off one of the windows of the abandoned property on Wylfa roundabout. **Officers attended, negative sightings of youths. Arson Reduction Team contacted to contact the owners to board the property back up.**

19/02/2020 – Suspicious circumstances – Damage caused to a stone troth located on the yard of a property on Mold Road. **CCTV reviewed. Vehicle captured driving up yard and male got out of vehicle. Target hardening offered. Details of vehicle provided. Intelligence report submitted. Transpires that the male was carrying out engineering work.**

23/02/2020 – Road disruption – Reports of a vehicle with its hazards lights on parked on A5118 Mynydd Isa. **Officer attended. Vehicle had broken down. Vehicle recovered due to it causing an obstruction.**

## Other News/PCSO activities:

Cuppa with a Copper will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 between 11:00 and 12:00 hours at Caffi Isa.

It was commented that the house at the bottom of Wylfa Hill is still unsecured and poses a potential threat to the community.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to EXON, believed to own the property in question, to advise the window shielding has come off and needs to be re-secured.

## 11. Committee and Group Reports:

**Minutes of Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6pm at the Community Centre Mercia Square, Mynydd Isa.**

### **PRESENT.**

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

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

**1. Apologies** Cllr J Norwood, Cllr J McCarron

### **2. Declaration of interests**

None.

### **3. Update on Gardening Contract**

Clerk has had a meeting with Redbud and coded the elements of the tender quotation. Assistant Clerk will then have the responsibility to check the invoices against those codes, to monitor the costs incurred.

Quarry has been cleared and looks better, albeit some bushes look as though they have fallen over. Not all the land in the Quarry has been registered and this matter is now in hand.

### **Resolved:**

**Assistant Clerk to progress the matter of the unregistered land in the Quarry.**

### **4. Summer bedding**

### **5. Potting of hanging baskets**

The Forget-me-not Group are still willing to plant up the hanging baskets and have been asked for their health and safety method statement. The Lions have given their list of plants and prices, for Council to consider.

### **Resolved:**

**Assistant Clerk to continue to progress this matter and compile a comparison of costs and services for the summer bedding and hanging baskets from Follyfield and The Lions, to include labour, plants, compost, water-retaining gel and fertiliser.**

### **6. Wats Dyke Upgrade**

Clerk advised that Phase 2 has now been authorised and will go ahead. The next stage will also need to be considered and authorised, so that it may happen early in the next financial year, to save on installation costs.

**Resolved: The update was noted.**



**7. Directional Sign for Bryn-y-Baal Quarry**

Assistant Clerk gave update in that the Council Officer is drawing up the costs for both the sign to the Quarry and signs for New Brighton Bowling Club. These are the responsibility of Flintshire County Council but it is likely that Argoed Community Council will be asked to make a financial contribution.

**Resolved: The comments were noted and a further update in time for the next meeting of the Council was requested.**

**8. Five year plan**

Y Bonc is now in need of a programme of renewal. The response back to Bags of Help is being completed, which will allow us to apply for a further grant. Lights at Y Bonc could be considered as it may be that young people are not there in the evenings due to a safety/darkness issues. This, in turn may reduce anti-social behaviour in the village.

Details of some grants have also been circulated by email, with a grant for creating a wildlife area being available. Whilst it is considered unlikely that the grant will be awarded to Argoed Community Council, it may be worth applying, in any event.

**Resolved: Apply for the grant for Bryn-y-Baal Quarry**

**Council Meeting Terminated 6.30pm**

**Resolved: The above minutes were noted and approved.**

**Meeting ended 8.40pm**