



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor J McCarron (Chair)
Councillor GK Mutch
Councillor R Blanchard
Councillor R Marsh
Councillor B Clarke

Argoed Ward

Councillor J Holiday
Councillor I Jolly (Vice-chair)
Councillor H McGuill
Councillor Miriam Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Janet Jones

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr A Henry, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr J Norwood,

2. Co-option of Members

None

3. Declarations of Interest

None received

4. Standing Orders

No changes to note.

5. Financial Matters

a The following payments and invoices were noted:

Invoice No.	Name	Details	Amount (£)	
4	MLandscapeUK	Quarry floor flail and strimmer works	155.00	
Payment voucher	Cllr I Jolly	Insect boxes x 7	20.93	
000013	Loggerheads Christmas Trees	Christmas trees x 2 (12')	180.00	

E0600CSC0R	Microsoft	365 Business Basic	13.68	dd
E0600CS2N8	Microsoft	365 Business Standard	11.28	dd
M119AJ	BT	Telephone and internet	84.52	dd
TW096145	Flintshire CC	Street lighting repairs	77.05	
TW096146	Flintshire CC	Street lighting repairs	347.05	
TW096144	Flintshire CC	Street lighting repairs	77.05	
EW001032	Flintshire CC	Playscheme	1743.28	
14519	Snapfast	Argoed Lights	418.99	so
0052021	Michelle Jones	Planters	2,889.60	
0062021	Michelle Jones	Garden maintenance	388.80	
0072021	Michelle Jones	Hanging Baskets	3,701.70	
Total			10,099.53	

Resolved: That the payments and invoices are approved to be paid, subject to the invoices from Michelle Jones. Delegated authority given to Chair and Vice-Chair to authorise payment after invoices have been checked.

- b) The salary and other costs were noted.
- c) The bank balances were noted as listed

6. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 3 November 2020

**Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 3 November 2020 approved.
Clerk to request StreetScene to walk the footpath to and from Wylfa roundabout prior to approving it.
Clerk to request StreetScene to provide comment as to why bus stops are not being built.**

7. Chairman's Report

Cllr McCarron introduced Janet Jones, who has extensive clerking experience and has agreed to support the Clerk in the office, a warm welcome is extended to her.

Janet Jones left the meeting after this item.

8. Notices of Motion

None received.

9. Audit Update

Clerk advised that a response has now been sent to the external auditor.

10. Recruitment of Assistant Clerk on temporary basis

The proposal that Janet Jones be employed on a temporary basis, until recruitment of an Assistant Clerk is reviewed in the Spring, was considered.

Resolved: That Janet Jones be recruited on a temporary basis until the recruitment of an Assistant Clerk is reviewed in the Spring. That she be paid the sum advertised and the model contract of employment, that has previously been approved, is used.

11. 20mph update

The email response that has been received from Anthony Stanford was considered.

Resolved: To take up the offer of a meeting and that Anthony Stanford and Mark Edwards be invited to a meeting prior to the February meeting.

12. Brown directional signs for New Brighton Bowling Club and Quarry

Clerk advised that details of the suggested sites for the signs (Bowling Club) have been received but the cost is still awaited. Quarry proposal hasn't been actioned yet but we'll get some idea as to costs when the complete proposal for the Bowling Club is received. It is typical for the body requesting the signs to bear the cost, but the Council may consider a grant to assist with this.

Resolved: To review this further when the costings are received.

13. Christmas update

It was noted that the publicity for this event had been done and that Santa would only be interacting with those children that are in a car, to ensure social distancing. Cllr R Blanchard had also secured an interview with Leader Live and would be giving an interview to promote the event and the baubles for the memory hedge – 14 sold so far.

14. Dummy cameras

It was proposed that the dummy cameras be upgraded to real ones, to extend the CCTV coverage within the community. It was noted that there would be an initial cost, which would be offset by the cost of transferring the camera at £80 per time. If we are also going to be moving a dummy camera, this may result in a cost of £160 per time as 2 units are being moved. It was considered that if an investment had already been made with regard to the cameras, it would be good to spend more and make them viable.

Resolved: Clerk to get quotes to upgrade the dummy cameras to real ones.

15. Precept and projects for 2021/22

The following were suggested as forward work:

- Cameras
- Poppies for lamp posts
- Christmas lights – rolling programme for these, to include Llong and Bryn-y-baal
- Defibrillator pads – to review annual maintenance agreement and recollection that British Lions are willing to supply new pads.

Resolved: that the current Defibrillator units be added to the asset list

- Cycle track
- Cllrs McCarron and Blanchard to attend the One Voice Wales training.
- Replace the main notice board

16. Planning Applications/Decisions

062046 – there was a concern as to where the cars will be parked. The property is quite close to the junction and only has a single garage. The owner operates a large van and the entire property has a 6ft high fence that has been erected without planning permission. It was noted that this property already has a large conservatory.

Resolved: To object to this application on the basis that there is insufficient provision for parking, overdevelopment of the site and the existing breach of planning with regard to the fence.

17. Police Report

A polite reminder for the monthly report has been sent.

18. Committee and Group Reports

- a) The minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting on 18 November 2020 were considered. It was noted that poppies for lamp posts are £2 each.

**Resolved: The minutes were approved.
Clerk to get an alternative quote/solution for the gate at the Bonc**

Meeting concluded 20.50pm

Next meeting to be held 5 January 2021