



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021.

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 M Shepherd
Councillor F Hadfield-Jones

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

Presentation received from Flintshire County Council Officers: Sam Tulley, Streetscene Maintenance Manager (Central and Roadspace) and Mark Edwards, Area Coordinator, Streetscene and Transportation regarding the pilot 20mph scheme:

- The area covering New Brighton, Bryn-y-Baal and Mynydd Isa will be part of 1 of 8 pilot schemes within Wales.
- Flintshire County Council ("FCC") are working with Welsh Government ("WG") at the moment as a consistent approach across all authorities is wanted. No time-scales as of yet but it is hoped to have it all in place by the summer.
- Our bid was made strong by the number of schools in the area.
- The road from Buckley to Mold cannot be included, notwithstanding the number of children crossing it, as it is a classified road and must remain at 30mph. This is a pilot scheme however and may be tweaked going forward.
- The support of the police will be needed for this to work properly.
- The effectiveness of the 20mph will be about percentages and bringing the average speed of the road down.
- There will be two parts to the public consultations; notices and advertising on FCC's website, with maps and showing all the roads that will be affected.

Council Meeting

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr J Norwood,

2. Co-option of Members

It was noted that the Notice of Vacancy deadline date of 17 February 2021 had passed and there is no requirement to hold an election. General discussion around encouraging new people to apply. Agreed that a little more information surrounding the time commitments and what the role entails would be helpful.

Resolved: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Blanchard to create an outline pack for prospective councillors to consider.

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.	Supplier	Details	Amount(£)	Pd/DD/SO
	ProVision	Street Lights	418.99	Standing Order
M122OT	BT	Internet and telephone	84.25	DD
Payment Voucher	Microsoft	3 x Business Basic	13.68	
Payment Voucher	Microsoft	1 x Business Standard	11.28	
Payment Voucher	Amazon	Frame for certificate	6.83	
	Jones Brothers Leeswood Ltd	Repair to fence of dog-walking area, Y Bonc	480.00	
TW096409	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting repair	90.05	
TW096393	Flintshire County Council	Street lighting energy	279.99	
Total			1,385.07	

b) The salary and other costs were noted.

c) The bank balances were noted as follows:

NatWest Current – £2,458.24

NatWest Reserves- £26,241.70.

Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment. The anticipated costs were also noted and approved.

6. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 2 February 2021

Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 2 February 2021 were approved.

7. Chairman's Report

Nothing of note to report due to the pandemic.

8. Notices of Motion

None received.

9. Action Tracking

The Clerk gave an explanation of the action tracking document, which records the actions arising from the minutes and the work that has been done in respect of each item. Clerk requested that sufficient notice is given if any member wishes a fuller report to be given at a Council meeting. Cllr Jolly requested that job titles be included if outside persons are referred to, for clarity.

Resolved: The action tracking document was noted and well-received.

10. Summer Playscheme

The email received from Flintshire County Council was considered, together with the risk assessments that had been provided.

Resolved: To order in principle 4 weeks of playscheme to run in the summer holiday and split over the two sites in New Brighton and Mynydd Isa.

11. Consideration of a litter-picking scheme

Clerk advised that residents have requested if the Council does anything in relation to litter-picking as they would like to volunteer. Cllr McGuill advised that the caretaker at Argoed High School has said we may borrow the school's litter-picking equipment if we are to arrange a date. It was noted that many of our residents are already litter-picking on a regular basis. Cllr Holiday commented on how the similar scheme in Mold appears to be very successful. Cllr Blanchard gave overall support for the scheme but would not like to deter youngsters from picking up their own litter as this is becoming an increasing problem.

Resolved: An event be organised for a couple of days, to evaluate interest and go forward from there.

Cllr McGuill to approach school and ask that they address this with the pupils.

12. Brown directional signs for New Brighton Community Centre and Bowling Club

Clerk advised that an initial meeting has been held with representatives from NBCC and the Bowling Club and a request for revised costings has been sent back to Flintshire County Council so that different options may be considered. A contribution for funding from both organisations has been agreed in principle by NBCC and the Bowling Club but no figures to consider have been put forward currently.

13. Planning Applications/Decisions

General discussion around application no. 062495.

Resolved: 062495 – no objection subject to there being adequate off-road parking.

14. Police Report

The following report was noted:

Incident update - (from 01/02/21 to 28/02/21)

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/CrimeTrends:

- For information - We have seen an increase in reports of COVID breaches such as gatherings etc, in all areas of Flintshire. All being dealt with accordingly.

FSW 20 – New Brighton

N/A

FSW 21 – Argoed

1x ASB – Watts Dyke Avenue Mynydd Isa – Group of 6 to 7 Youths causing a nuisance, shouting and swearing on the street breaching Covid Regulations. Negative sightings on arrival to area.

1x ASB – Alwen Avenue Bryn-y-Baal – Group of 4 youths causing issues in the neighbourhood. Negative sightings on arrival to area.

Other News/PCSO activities:

+ Active patrols to be conducted in the area.

Clerk gave an update about the recent incident of racial abuse in that it is believed there is useful CCTV footage for the time in question and the police have been advised. It is hoped that the individuals can be identified and appropriate action taken. Cllrs Holiday and Shepherd thought the schools should take a lead on this. However, it was noted that schools do cover the issue in the citizenship lessons and this incident did not happen on school premises.

Resolved: To continue to take action against it to try and stamp out this kind of behaviour within our community.

15. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee on 17 February 2021.

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting were approved.

To purchase:

- **an octagonal planter, with Argoed Community Council and the logo for the Square in Mynydd Isa**
- **two metre square planters, to be situated at the top of Chambers Lane and in Llong, both of which to have the logo on them.**
- **Hanging baskets to be installed probably in New Brighton and Bryn-y-Baal**
- **2 window boxes for the village entry signs at Bryn-y-Baal and New Brighton**

The cost not to exceed £1,500

To request interested parties within the community for help with plants and the planting of the hanging baskets, etc

Meeting concluded 20.15pm

Next meeting to be held 6 April 2021