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£7 refund from HM Land Registry

- c) Salary and other employment costs for May 2021: £1,992.33
 - d) Bank statement balances as at 24 May 2021:
 - NatWest Current: £1,229.92
 - NatWest Reserves: £44,331.65
 - e) Audit 2020/21
 - Papers sent separately – to be considered and noted.
 - f) Internet Banking
 - To approve the continued use of internet banking.
5. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 May 2021:

MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 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

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr J Norwood, Cllr R Blanchard

2. Chair's Report

The new dog waste bin has arrived for the Quarry and an exact location for it will be decided. It was suggested that the residents at Rockcliffe are informed of our intentions prior to installing the bin.

Cllr McCarron thanked everyone for all their support throughout his term of office.

3. Election of Chair for 2021/22

Resolved: Cllr I Jolly was voted unanimously to hold the office of Chair.

4. Appointment of Vice-Chair for 2021/22

Cllr F Hadfield- Jones was nominated.

Resolved: Cllr F Hadfield-Jones was voted unanimously for the office of Vice-Chair.

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Resolved: Cllrs I Jolly and F Hadfield-Jones to attend at the Clerk's office to sign their declarations of office.

6. Chair's Allowance and Remuneration Fees

Resolved: That the Chair be paid an allowance of £1200 and that the Councillor allowances remain at £150.

Any allowance not accepted by a Councillor be added to the grants budget.

7. Appointment of Members to serve on Council Committees

Resolved: That the committees and groups consist of members as follows:

Amenities –	Cllr I Jolly, Cllr J Norwood, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd
Grants -	Cllr H McGuill, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr I Jolly
IT Group -	Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr J McCarron, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr I Jolly
HR Group -	Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr I Jolly, Cllr J McCarron
Quarry Group -	Cllr I Jolly, Cllr K Mutch, Cllr M Shepherd

8. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Resolved: That the representatives be as follows:

Mynydd Isa School -	Cllr J McCarron
North Wales Consultative Committee -	Cllr J Holiday
North Wales Association of Town Councils -	Cllr I Jolly, Clerk and
Assistant Clerk	

9. Co-option of Members

It was noted that this continues to be a work in progress with the packs needing to be completed. There is another resident who may be approached with a view to her joining the Council in light of the work she is already doing within the community.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Cllr James Norwood and send flowers.

10. Declarations of Interest

None received.

11. Standing Orders

Clerk advised that whilst the amendment agreed at the last meeting has been minuted, the standing orders have not yet been updated to reflect the change. It is hoped the amendment will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

12. Financial Matters

Payments for authority to pay:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	Pro Vision	Street Lights Upgrade	418.99	SO
155186630	Amazon	First Aid Kit	7.90	pd
5107	Roadware	Dog bin	131.94	pd
0082021	Michelle Jones Gardening	Winter duties	405.00	
0092021	Michelle Jones Gardening	Clearing at Y Bonc	920.00	
73687719975	Webroot	Anti-virus software	24.99	
M124WJ	BT	Telephone and internet	93.48	dd
28845	Universal Silk Screen Printers and Signmakers	Dog Waste Sticker	1.31	
187273233	Amazon	Linseed oil for bug boxes	3.95	
P21230	Revader	Upgrade of dummy cameras	3,960	pd
Total			5967.56	
Outstanding from 2020-21:				
629	Compacc	O/s payroll	3.00	pd

M113NF	BT	Telephone and internet	85.11	pd
852291	EUKHost	Website	82.48	pd

Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment.

The salary and other employment costs were noted.

The bank balances were noted.

It was noted that the audit papers had been prepared in readiness to give to the internal auditor later in the week.

13. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 6 April 2021

Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 6 April 2021 were approved.

14. Notices of Motion

None received.

15. Action Tracking

Resolved: The action tracking document, which had been circulated separately, was noted.

16. Insurance Policy

There was a general discussion on the merits of the different quotes that had been supplied. Clerk advised that Came & Company, in compiling their quote had themselves obtained quotes from three different insurance providers.

Resolved: That Came & Company should be insurers for the next three years, to take advantage of the long-term agreement premium.

17. Social Media Policy

Clerk advised that whilst the WhatsApp group chat is very useful for the Members, it is not an official form of communication with the Clerk. Any suggestions/action points still need to be communicated properly in writing if they are to be actioned. Items cannot be added to the agenda after it has been sent out.

Resolved: That the Social Media Policy be adopted.

18. Match-funding

Clerk advised that a letter has been received, asking if the Council would consider match-funding to support refurbishment of the play park near Argoed Sports Association. The risk assessment sent in support was considered.

Resolved: Will give the match-funding of £5,000.

19. Holidays

Clerk requested annual leave for the first two weeks in August.

Resolved: That the holiday request be approved.

20. Dates for future meetings

Resolved: That the dates of future meetings be as follows:

Full Council	Amenities
1 June 2021	19 May 2021
6 July 2021	16 June 2021
7 September 2021	21 July 2021
5 October 2021	15 September 2021
2 November 2021	20 October 2021
7 December 2021	17 November 2021
4 January 2022	15 December 2021
1 February 2022	19 January 2022
1 March 2022	16 February 2022
5 April 2022	16 March 2022
3 May 2022 - AGM	20 April 2022

Grants meetings to be held 6 July, 5 October, 7 December 2021 and 5 April, 2022 – to be held before the main meeting.

21. Planning Applications/Decisions

General discussion around application no. 062365 and 062815.

Resolved: 062365 – go with officer decision

062815 – go with officer decision

22. Police Report

The police report was noted, it was commented that it is nice to see action being taken.

23. Committee and Group Reports

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee on 21 April 2021.

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting were approved.

Meeting concluded 20.25pm

Next meeting to be held 1 June 2021

6. Notices of Motion

To consider the following notice of motion:

Now that the churches have relinquished their option over the land to the rear of Elite Studios in Mynydd Isa, a community garden on that area of grass should be considered as a project by the Council.

Cllr Miriam Shepherd

7. Action Tracking

Papers sent separately, to be noted.

8. Directional Signs in New Brighton

9. Training and Development Policy

Draft policy sent separately, to be reviewed and approved.

10. Risk Assessment.

To review and approve amendments – papers sent separately.

11. Standing Orders

a) Financial Regulations

- To review and approve the proposed amendments – document sent separately, please refer to sections 4.1 and 5.
- To create a new committee in support of the amended financial regulations.

Catch-up Committee – suggested terms of reference:

1. This committee if formed in accordance with section 4 of Argoed Community Council's Standing Orders.

2. The purpose of the committee is to receive an update from the Clerk and deal with any ad hoc issues, which must then be brought to the attention of full Council at the next available meeting.
3. The committee will be made up of the Chair, Vice-chair and one other councillor, in such a way that both wards (Argoed and New Brighton) are represented.
4. The Chair and Vice-chair of the Council will be the Chair and Vice-chair of the committee also. Substitute councillors may attend should an ordinary member of the committee not be able to attend, subject to the requirement that both wards continue to be represented.
5. The committee must meet at least once per month. The committee may agree these dates and arrange such other dates to meet as necessary, either on notice or by mutual agreement.
6. The committee has authority to spend in accordance with section 4 of Argoed Community Council's Financial Regulations only.
7. The committee meetings will be held remotely and the public and press will not be able to attend.

b) Standing Orders

The new permanent arrangements for local authority meetings set out in section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, (the Act), effective from 1 May 2021, retain the minimum standard for meetings established in the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020, (the "2020 Regulations"). The minimum requirement for a meeting is that members are able to hear and be heard by others.

Whether meetings are held virtually; partially virtually; or entirely face to face, subject to prevailing public health regulations; is matter for those responsible for arranging the meetings. The Act requires that participants (i.e. other council members, members of the public and press) are able to join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically.

Councils must publish how meetings arrangements operate and for those arrangements to be clear to those inside and outside the council, for example, through publishing through standing orders. Joan Lockett (Welsh Government).

Proposed amendment to standing orders sent separately – please refer to section 3e.

- To review the standing orders and agree the amendments.

12. Planning applications/decisions

Ref: 062458

Proposal: Residential development of up to 140 dwellings, means of access, open space, sustainable drainage infrastructure and all other associated works (Outline application including access, with all other matters reserved.)

Location: Land to the North of Well Street, Buckley, Flintshire

Grid Ref: E 327064 N 363830

Is a Departure from the Development Plan	No
Affects a Right of Way	Yes
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=062458

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**.

TO: Argoed Community Council

•WARD:

•REF: JZP/062878

•CASE OFFICER: Miss J Perkins

•TEL: 01352 703327

•DATE: 19/05/2021

•PROPOSAL: Proposed new garage, proposed new en suite side extension, proposed new pitched roof to replace existing flat roof over kitchen

•LOCATION: Garston Bungalow, New Brighton, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6LQ.

NOTE: •This application departs from the Development Plan: **No**. •Affects a Right of Way: **No**. •Is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment: **No**.

Please reply within **21 days** of the date of this e-mail. If you do not respond within the specified period, I shall assume that you have no objection to the application being determined in accordance with the Council's policies.

Ref: 062365

Proposal: Listed Building application - Proposed repair and refurbishment works

Location: Argoed Hall, Argoed Hall Lane, Mynydd Isa, Mold, CH7 6SQ

Grid Ref: E 325419.3 N 364432.6

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.

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

13. Representative's Report

To receive an update – report to be cascaded if received.

14. Committee and group reports

To be circulated.

Mered Eastwood
Clerk and RFO