



## **MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 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

#### **1. Apologies**

Received from Cllr J Norwood, Assistant Clerk – Janet Jones

#### **2. 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.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None received.

#### **4. Standing Orders**

It was noted that there have been recent occasions where some matters have been delayed by the requirement to bring the issue to the attention of full Council for authority. There was a general discussion surrounding delegated authority to authorise expenditure without bringing it to full Council.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair, Vice-chair and one other councillor may authorise expenditure in line with the budget up to the value of £500 subject to both wards being represented. That is the three councillors cannot be from the same ward. The expenditure to be brought to the attention of full council at the next meeting.

## 5. Financial Matters

a) The following payments and invoices were noted:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
	Pro Vision	Street Lights Upgrade	418.99	SO
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E0600DZ5ES	Microsoft Basic	Office 365 x 3	13.68	Pd
E0600DZFU8	Microsoft Standard	Office 365 x 1	11.28	Pd
122573951 - 2021-5226	Amazon	Lenovo PC for Clerk	399.98	Pd
	Insuppa Trading	Parts for notice board	16.50	Pd
M123SC	BT	Telephone and internet	84.24	DD
045367351	123-reg	Domain renewal	14.39	Pd
Cheque	HM Land Registry	Office Copy Documents	21.00	Pd
DM Payroll Services Ltd	1335	Payroll Service	70.00	Pd
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,409.05</b>	

b) The salary and other costs were noted.

c) The bank balances were noted as follows:

NatWest Current – £6,142.29

NatWest Reserves- £23,742.12

d) That the audit papers for 2020/21 have been received was noted.

**Resolved: All payments were noted and approved for payment.**

**It was noted that the second payment to Pro Vision reflects the payment that was missed earlier in the year and is not a duplicate payment.**

**The anticipated costs for anti-virus software and a new office monitor were also noted and approved.**

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

**Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 2 March 2021 were approved.**

## 7. Chairman's Report

The Assistant Clerk was thanked for her work in support of getting bulbs for the verge along Bryn Road, Bryn-y-Baal and for the donations of £100.

Cllr M Shepherd was thanked for tidying up the wildflower garden.

Cllr H McGuill was thanked for arranging with the junior school for a pod of their children to maintain the wildflower garden going forward, it was recognised as being good to engage with the children and that it ties in with the curriculum.

**Resolved: Cllr H McGuill to liaise with school to give them permission to put appropriate slogans on the trellis.**

**8. Notices of Motion**

None received.

**9. Action Tracking**

The action tracking document which had been circulated separately was noted. Whilst police cars have been seen driving around the villages during the day, it was agreed that a more visible presence of the PCSOs is needed. An electric scooter has been seen on the roads again and the CCTV will be checked. There also seems to be an increase of anti-social behaviour at the ASA and on Moelwyn Avenue, at Sainsbury's and on Chambers Lane and Hill View.

**Resolved: The budget for the planters discussed previously be increased to £1,750 plus VAT**

**To proceed with the CCTV upgrade.**

**To invite the PCSOs to attend a meeting**

**10. 20mph limited – pilot consultation**

It was noted that we were advised during the presentation from Flintshire County Council that all unclassified roads would be included in the scheme, but it appears that only half of Chambers Lane is proposed to be included, notwithstanding the speed bumps that are in situ already and the children crossing. It was also noted that the WI hut, used by a playgroup, and terraced properties that exit straight onto the road would not benefit from the scheme as proposed.

**Resolved: That Argoed Community Council whole-heartedly support the pilot scheme given the number of benefits that come with it.**

**Clerk to write and comment that the whole of Chambers Lane should be 20 mph, together with the section of Bryn Road from New Brighton lights to Chambers Lane. In addition, Rose Lane should also be included, at least up to Well Street, as there are numerous residents walking and cycling that route and there is no pavement.**

**11. Consideration of a litter-picking scheme**

Clerk advised that although not many residents have come forward to litter pick during the Easter holidays, there have been several volunteers. Clerk has also arranged with Flintshire County Council to receive our allocation of 12 litter -pickers, together with coloured bags and gloves. Argoed Community Council has been invited to become a Litter Hub, working in conjunction with Flintshire County Council and Keep Wales Tidy.

**Resolved: To go forward and become a Litter Hub**

**Request that the litter bin is re-sited in the Square so that it sits next to the bench.**

**Consider the possibility of creating graphics for the litter bins.**

**12. Dog bin for Quarry**

The different options for the dog bin were considered.

**Resolved: To purchase the Roadware bin for £109.95 plus VAT – installation to be reviewed once there has been an opportunity to see it at the Quarry entrance.**

**13. Planning Applications/Decisions**

General discussion around application no. 062634. It was noted that there has been an unauthorised development on Mold Road in that a hedge has been removed and a 6ft fence installed. In addition, on Chambers Lane some of the verge has been removed and replaced with gravel.

**Resolved: 062634– no objection subject to there being adequate off-road parking.**

**Advise the Planning Officer about the developments on Mold Road and Chambers Lane**

**14. Police Report**

That no report has yet been received for this month but will be circulated when received was noted.

**15. Committee and Group Reports**

Consideration of the minutes from the Amenities Committee on 24 March 2021.

**Resolved: Minutes of the meeting were approved.**

Meeting concluded 20.30pm

Next meeting to be held 4 May 2021