



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021.

Representatives:

New Brighton Ward

Councillor GK Mutch

Argoed Ward

Councillor J Holiday
 Councillor I Jolly (Chair)
 Councillor H McGuill
 Councillor F Hadfield-Jones (Vice-chair)
 Councillor M Shepherd

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr J McCarron, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr B Clarke, Assistant Clerk Janet Jones

2. Co-option of Members

The applications of two residents to be co-opted onto the Council were considered. The two applicants left the meeting after their statements were read out and were invited back to the meeting to hear the decisions that had been reached.

Resolved: To welcome Mr Jack Morris and Mr Martin Bradley and to co-opt them onto Argoed Community Council. Clerk to arrange a suitable time and date for them to meet and sign the acceptance of office.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr H McGuill advised of her personal interest in item number 18 – grants.

4. Standing Orders

No changes to consider.

5. Financial Matters

Payments for authority to pay:

| Invoice no. | Supplier | Details | Amount (£) | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----|
| Payment Voucher | Goldfields | Repair to Chair's chain of office | 25.00 | |
| 5661 | Roadware | Post for Dog Waste Bin | 113.64 | Pd |
| 14306 | Defib Store | Adult pads – x 2 packs | 91.26 | Pd |
| M12634 | BT | Telephone and internet June | 94.21 | Dd |
| E0600EY11G | Microsoft | M/soft 365 Business Standard | 11.28 | |

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| E0600EY018 | Microsoft | M/soft 365 Business Basic x 3 | 13.68 | |
| 987272095 - 2021-3870 | Euro-Agg Ltd | Concrete for dog waste bin | 19.25 | |
| 0102021 | Michelle Jones Gardening | Planters and baskets | 1864.20 | |
| 0112021 | Michelle Jones Gardening | Summer Bedding Expenses | 351.07 | |
| 3679 | Follyfield Nurseries | Basket Plants | 350.00 | |
| 3685 | Follyfield Nurseries | Summer Bedding | 735.25 | |
| | ProVision Lighting | Street lamps | 418.99 | |
| 999894 | eUKhost Ltd | Website hosting | 83.63 | Pd |
| Total | | | 4171.46 | |

Resolved: a) All payments were noted and approved for payment.

Prospective cost of new monitor for the Assistant Clerk's computer was noted and approved as it will be required before the next meeting.

b) The salary and other employment costs were noted.

c) The bank balances were noted.

d) It was noted that the audit documents have now all been sent to the external auditor and that the return for 2020-21 has not yet been received back.

e) It was noted that the new business debit card has now been received.

6. To approve the Minutes of meeting held on 1 June 2021

Resolved: Minutes of meeting dated 1 June 2021 were approved.

7. Notices of Motion

Cllr Ian Jolly expanded on his notice of motion, suggesting that a working group to help organise and coordinate celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee be established, with a view to inviting representatives from interested third party organisations.

Resolved: That a working group be formed, to include Cllr I Jolly, Cllr F Hadfield-Jones, Cllr H Mcguill, Cllr M Shepherd and the two new members, Cllr J Morris and Cllr M Bradley. Clerk to compile list of potential third party organisations.

8. Action Tracking

Clerk will distribute the document when updated.

9. Proposal for orchard and wildflower meadow on land behind Elite Studios

Clerk outlined the proposal received from North Wales Wildlife Trust, who are working in partnership with Flintshire County Council to create wildflower meadows and increase bio-diversity. There is grant funding available to develop an orchard and wildflower meadow on the green space which is behind Elite Studios – owned and maintained by Flintshire County Council. Cllr Hilary Mcguill thought there

should be a path through the flowers as residents often cut across this piece of land. Cllr Miriam Shepherd suggested that it may be appropriate to consult with the residents regarding the proposal.

Resolved: Clerk to check that Flintshire County Council will continue to maintain the area should the proposal go ahead and also create a consultation display, so that the views of the community may be ascertained. Subject to this, it was agreed that it is 'yes in principle' to the proposal.

10. New Security Cameras

Clerk advised that the new cameras have been collected by an electrician so that they may be installed in Wat's Dyke Park and Bryn Road. The camera on Bryn Road will face the road, to pick up people coming from The Square area of Mynydd Isa.

Resolved: Cllr Jon McCarron be requested to conduct regular checks on the cameras, to ensure that they continue to work effectively.

11. Electrics at New Brighton Christmas Tree

Clerk advised that since the residents had transplanted a permanent Christmas Tree into the site at New Brighton, the electrics which used to be kept safely in the hole, fenced off, are now above ground with the potential of being damaged/causing harm. Mega has been asked to evaluate what works are needed to make the area safe.

Resolved: To proceed with the works detailed by Mega at a cost of approximately £130.

12. Playscheme

Clerk advised that the playscheme that Council has previously agreed in principle, subject to final costs will now go ahead as there was no increase in costs.

Resolved: It was noted that the playscheme will run for 4 weeks across the two usual sites from 19 July to 13 August 2021.

13. Document Retention Scheme

Resolved: Clerk to resend the document, for it to be approved subject to any comments/amendments that may be needed.

14. Publication Scheme

Resolved: Clerk to resend the document, for it to be approved subject to any comments/amendments that may be needed.

15. Review of Gardening Contract

Clerk suggested that it may be timely to review the gardening contract with respect to what work was in the tender but not undertaken and what work has been needed in addition to the tender. Many of the planters have been removed with new planters and hanging baskets, which will alter the body of the tender.

Resolved: Clerk to review the gardening contract as suggested.

16. Planning Applications/Decisions

General consideration of planning application 063002.

Resolved: No objection to 063002, subject to there being sufficient parking facilities within the curtilage of the property.

The decisions were noted.

17. Representative's Report

The police report that has been received from PCSO Ryan Thomas was considered and noted.

18. Committee and Group Reports

Cllr Hilary McGuill reported on the grants committee meeting minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the grants committee meeting on 5 July 2021 were approved.

Grants were agreed as follows:

Fuchsia and Geranium Society - £250

Eco-council - £200

New Brighton Bowling Club - £300

Hope House - £250

Councillor nominated donations to be paid as detailed.

Meeting concluded 20.10 pm

Next meeting to be held 7 September 2021

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